

**The BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
MINUTES EXECUTIVE SESSION
October 16, 2023**

Present: Ms. Light, Mr. Rascio, Mr. Salmon, Ms. White, Ms. Csipak, Mr. Molinari, Ms. McKeon, Mr. Amin, Ms. Hira (arrived at 6:04pm), Mr. Markarian, Mr. Siet, Ms. Fox, Mr. Rollo, Board Counsel Matthew Giacobbe

Absent: None

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernards Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss item(s) a, e, f, g and h below which falls within an exception of our open meeting policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion, since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A.10:4-12b. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule:

- a. Individual privacy
- b. Collective bargaining agreements
- c. Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected
- d. Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected
- e. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
- f. Pending or anticipated litigation
- g. Attorney – client privilege
- h. Personnel – employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee

Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practical. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. All appropriate persons, who may be discussed in private session, have been adequately notified.

On motion by Ms. Light seconded by Mr. Salmon and approved by all present, the Board recessed into executive session at 5:37 p.m

Two parents came to appeal the decision of an HIB case. Mr. Giacobbe advised the parents on the process and indicated that they had fifteen minutes to present their view. Following the parents presentation, the board discussed and determined to affirm the HIB determination.

Mr. Giacobbe discussed a legal case regarding a student that had been placed unilaterally by parents into a private school and he also updated the Board on a subpoena that requested BOE member communications. Mr. Molinari discussed negotiations and Mr. Giacobbe discussed Board of Education statements and disclaimers.

On motion by Ms. Light seconded by Mr. Salmon and approved by all present, the Board closed executive session at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Rollo, Board Secretary/ Business Administrator