

**BLACK HORSE PIKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF ACTION MEETING**  
**April 23, 2020**

Mr. Frank Rizzo called to order at 6:00 pm at the Administrative Offices (Telephonically). Everyone was invited to join in the flag salute.

The Board agreed to have a moment of silence to honor our troops and first responders.

Mr. Frank Rizzo read the Open Public Meetings Preamble.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the Public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Black Horse Pike Regional Board of Education has cause notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted by the Board Secretary in the following manner:

Posting of the official school bulletin boards located on the schoolhouse door at Triton, Highland, and Timber Creek Regional High Schools on 6/20/19. Posting on the front door of the Central Office facility on 6/20/19. Mailing written notice to the Courier Post and the South Jersey Times on 6/20/19. Filing written notice with the Municipal Clerks of Bellmawr, Gloucester Township and Runnemede on 6/20/19: Upon being read at the opening of this public meeting, this notice will be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting.

PRESENT – Mr. Kevin Bucceroni, Mr. Michael Eckmeyer, Ms. Kaitlyn Hutchison, Mrs. Dawn Leary, Mr. Jay McMullin, Mrs. Jenn Storer, Mrs. Patricia Wilson  
ALSO PRESENT - Susan Hodge Conflict Counsel, Katherine Hartman, Esq., Dr. Brian Repici, Mr. Frank Rizzo, Mrs. Julie Scully,  
ABSENT – Dr. Joyce Ellis, Mr. Kevin McElroy,

On the motion by Mrs. Jenn Storer, seconded by Mrs. Dawn Leary the Executive Session was called to order at 6:02 pm

HAND VOTE

YES - Mr. Kevin Bucceroni, Mr. Michael Eckmeyer, Ms. Kaitlyn Hutchison, Mrs. Dawn Leary, Mr. Jay McMullin, Mrs. Jenn Storer, Mrs. Patricia Wilson  
ABSENT – Dr. Joyce Ellis, Mr. Kevin McElroy

**WHEREAS**, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Black Horse Pike Regional School District (hereinafter "BHPRSD", Board of Education to be held in public, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in Executive Session," i.e. without the public being permitted to attend; and **WHEREAS**, the BHPRSD, Board of Education has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

**WHEREAS**, the nine exceptions to public meetings set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) are listed below, and next to each exception is a box within which the number of issues to be privately discussed that fall within that exception shall be written, and after each exception is a space where additional information that will disclose as much information about the decision as possible without undermining the purpose of the exception shall be written.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the BHPRSD, Board of Education will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b):

Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public

Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific

individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material

pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publically;

Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body

Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law; including, but not limited to HIB cases.

Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer;

Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting;

Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

**WHEREAS**, the length of the Executive Session is undetermined; however, the BHPRSD, Board of Education will make every attempt to estimate the time of the session prior to convening the session after which the public meeting shall reconvene at 7:00 pm and the BHPRSD, Board of Education will proceed with business.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the BHPRSD, Board of Education will go into Executive Session for only the above stated reasons;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the BHPRSD, Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the BHPRSD, Board of Education attorney advises that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the school district or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the BHPRSD, Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the board secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Secretary on the next business day following this meeting, shall furnish a copy of this resolution to any member of the public who requests one at the fees allowed by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

Dr. Ellis joined the meeting at 6:09 pm

On the motion of Mrs. Jenn Storer, seconded by Mrs. Dawn Leary, the Board of Education adjourned from Executive Session at 6:11 pm.

HAND VOTE

YES - Mr. Kevin Bucceroni, Mr. Michael Eckmeyer, Dr. Joyce Ellis, Ms. Kaitlyn Hutchison, Mrs. Dawn Leary, Mr. Jay McMullin, Mrs. Jenn Storer, Mrs. Patricia Wilson

ABSENT - Mr. Kevin McElroy

Mr. Frank Rizzo asked for public comment.

On the motion of Mrs. Jenn Storer, seconded by Mr. Jay McMullin the Board of Education adjourned at 6:40 pm.

HAND VOTE Mr. Kevin Bucceroni, Mr. Michael Eckmeyer, Mrs. Dawn Leary, Mr. Jay McMullin, Mrs. Jenn Storer, Mrs. Patricia Wilson, Mr. Kevin McElroy

ABSENT: Dr. Joyce Ellis,

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Rizzo Board Secretary / Business Administrator

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