

BLACK HORSE PIKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING
October 11, 2012 - Released to Public February 2013

PRESENT - Dr. Joyce Ellis, Mr. Kevin Bucceroni, Mr. Lou Johnston, Mr. Jay McMullin, Dr. Mark Schmitz, Mrs. Jenn Storer, Mrs. Pat Wilson, Mr. Ben Zanghi

ABSENT: Mr. Joe Baldino

On the motion of Mr. Ben Zanghi, seconded by Dr. Mark Schmitz the Executive Session was called to order at 6:05 pm.

1. John Golden presented the following
Suspension of employees - [REDACTED]
2. John Wade and Howard Long gave a legal update to the Board of Education regarding the suspensions. He also discussed the past week's activities.

Specifically,

1. John Wade & Howard Long discussed the legal implications of when employees can be suspended with and without pay; including the ramifications of a Grand Jury indictment; loss of teaching and administrative certification and what is necessary to bring forward tenure charges
2. In addition, the legal difference between charges and indictment was discussed.
3. John Wade and Howard Long then discussed the meeting of October 2, 2012, held at the Prosecutor's Office prior to the October 4 press conference. John D. Wade and Howard Long were present along with Superintendent John Golden. It was explained at that meeting that a press conference was to be held on October 4 and that the district should anticipate a significant press response and media blitz.
4. John Wade and Howard Long reported that they urged Black Horse Pike Central Administration and Board President and Vice President of the need to allow them to retain as experts a communication firm to handle the media crisis and coordinate the district's need to effectively communicate to the staff, students and parents and community the events at Triton and the measures being undertaken by the school to deal with the many concerns.

Howard Long and John Wade explained their efforts to select a communications firm and recommended Braithwaite Communications. They explained that the fees would be billed hourly ranging in fees from normal billing at \$150.00 per hour to the rate of \$250.00 per hour for the principal of the firm, Hugh Braithwaite. They indicated retention was from October 4, the date of the press conference. They also indicated that a \$5,000.00 retainer would be requested with hourly fees charged against said retainer. It was reported that the anticipated total of fees would be in the \$10-15,000.00 range. Sarah Lindsey represented the firm and appeared briefly in Executive Session with the Board.

3. H. I. B. Investigations –
2012-0001, 2012-0002, 2012-0003, 2012-0004, 2012-0005, 2012-0006,
2012-0007, 2012-0010, 2012-0011, 2012-0017
All were properly handled.
4. John Golden discussed the possibilities of hiring an interim Principal.

On the motion of Mrs. Jenn Storer, seconded by Dr. Mark Schmitz, the Board of Education adjourned from Executive Session at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Grubb
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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