

**Branchburg Township School District
SPECIAL MEETING**

December 22, 2022

Board of Education Conference Room

Executive Session - 7:30 p.m.

Public Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Branchburg Township School District and Community
is to inspire our children to learn, think, grow, and excel in life.*

VISION STATEMENT

“Excellence in Education”

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS the “Open Public Meetings Act.” (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975) authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting during which specified topics are to be discussed under circumstances where the public consideration of such topics will clearly endanger the public, or where the personal privacy or guaranteed rights of individuals whose activities or affairs are to be discussed would be clearly in danger of unwarranted invasions, and

WHEREAS the matters about to be presented for discussion clearly meet the “circumstances” test of such Act:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Branchburg now adjourns its public session to reconvene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following: Personnel, Student Matters, Contracts, Negotiations and Legal Issues.

And, be it further,

RESOLVED that the discussion in Executive Session be disclosed when the Board’s consideration of the subject matter has been closed, or when such matter does not adversely affect the rights of prospective, current, or past public officers, or personnel of the Board, unless such individuals have in writing requested the disclosures of such discussion at a public meeting and provided such a public disclosure will no longer clearly endanger the public interest.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE AND WELCOME

Welcome to a meeting of the Board of Education of Branchburg. Please be advised that this and all meetings of the Board are open to the public and media, consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act: (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975), and that advance notice required therein has been provided. This is a meeting of the Board of Education of Branchburg at which formal action may be taken. The public will have an opportunity to be heard as shown on the Agenda.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items Only

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and school matters of community interest. In support of this position, the law establishes a period of public comment at every board meeting. Individuals wishing to speak must state their name and place of residence. Comments are limited to three minutes per person for a total of 30 minutes. An individual may speak a second time after all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard.

Please understand that our public forums are not structured as question and answer sessions, but offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Board. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer and no participant may address or question Board members individually. All speakers are requested to express themselves in a civil manner with due respect for the dignity and privacy rights of others whose legal rights may be affected.

Please note: While it is not the Board’s intention to stifle comment on matters of legitimate concern to the school community, the public should be aware that if their statements violate the rights of others under the law governing defamation or invasion of privacy, they may face personal liability to the injured party. If speakers are uncertain of the legal ramifications of their comments, the Board urges them to seek guidance beforehand from their own legal advisor.

VII. BUSINESS

(ACTION) It is recommended that Item VII.A. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

A. Ratification of Agreement between the Branchburg Board of Education and Branchburg Township Education Association

It is recommended that the Board ratify the Agreement between the Board of Education of the Township of Branchburg and the Branchburg Township Education Association covering Teachers, Secretaries, Bus Drivers, Custodians, Clerks, Library/Media Assistants, and Instructional Aides effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

(ROLL CALL - ITEM VII.A.)

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

X. ADJOURNMENT