

Monday, December 11, 2023  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

FARNSWORTH TECHNOLOGY CENTER  
2072 CURRY ROAD  
SCHENECTADY, NY 12303  
BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM

## **A. EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM**

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Subject : 1. Executive Session to discuss a particular legal matter

Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Type :

## **B. PRELIMINARIES**

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Subject : 1. Call to Order

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Type : Procedural

## **B. PRELIMINARIES**

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Subject : 2. Pledge of Allegiance

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Type : Procedural

## **B. PRELIMINARIES**

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Subject : 3. Roll Call

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Type : Procedural

## **Public Content**

Wade Abbott, President

Ericka Montagino, Vice President

Patrick Ryan

Melissa Laudano

Chad McFarland

Danielle Ciampino

Julie Power

## C. COMMUNICATION - SUPERINTENDENT

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Subject : 1. Student Representatives - London Vasquez, Nicholas Cecucci, Sara Smith, and Gino Isabella

Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Type :

### File Attachments

[Student Presentation - BOE Presentation - 12.11.2023.pdf \(5,008 KB\)](#)

## C. COMMUNICATION - SUPERINTENDENT

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Subject : 2. Climate Survey Results - Laurel Logan-King

Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Type :

### File Attachments

[2023 Climate Survey Presentation.pdf \(1,727 KB\)](#)

## C. COMMUNICATION - SUPERINTENDENT

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Subject : 3. Draper Building Goals - Principal Tom O'Connor

Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Type :

### File Attachments

[Draper BOE Presentation 2023-24 \(1\).pdf \(1,957 KB\)](#)

## D. PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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Subject : 1. Public Privilege of the floor

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Type :

## Public Content

Board of Education Policy 1520 addresses Public Comment at meetings of the Board of Education stating :The Board encourages courteous and respectful public comment at Board meetings. All speakers must conduct themselves in a civil manner. Obscene language, defamatory statements, and threats of violence are prohibited. All participants are required to comply with the District Code of Conduct on School Property (Policy# 3410).Non-district residents wishing to address the Board during public comment should contact the Board Clerk ahead of the meeting with information regarding the subject of the comments.The Board will designate a specific portion of its meeting agenda for public comment.If individuals engage in disruptive or unruly behavior during the meeting, the Board President will remind

the audience of this policy and the requirement to conduct themselves in a civil manner and comply with the District Code of Conduct on School Property (Policy #3410). The Board President may call for the removal of disruptive or unruly individuals from the meeting. When appropriate, law enforcement may be called to remove disruptive or unruly individuals. In some instances, individuals engaging in disruptive or unruly behavior may be subject to criminal sanctions. These rules apply to residents and nonresidents equally.

## **F. OLD BUSINESS**

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Subject : 1. Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 3440 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the District

Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Type :

## **Public Content**

F. OLD BUSINESS #1 DECEMBER 11, 2023

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 3440 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the District

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION** A major responsibility of the Board of Education is to adopt formal policies for governing the educational practices and operations of the school district. To ensure that these policies are appropriately updated for compliance with required laws and regulations, the Board of Education has utilized the Board Policy Service offered by the Erie I BOCES.

**EVALUATION/ANALYSIS** Appropriate revised and new policies recommended by Erie 1 Policy Services have been reviewed by district administration and the District Policy Committee and forwarded to the Board of Education with a recommendation for adoption. A first reading is required at a regular or special meeting of the Board, followed by a second reading and formal adoption at a subsequent meeting of the Board in order for the policies to become effective.

**RECOMMENDATION** That the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of the following policy: 3440 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the District

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### **File Attachments**

[Copy of Policy 3440 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the District \(1\).pdf \(84 KB\)](#)  
[12-11-2023 Second Reading of Board Policy - 3440 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the District .pdf \(31 KB\)](#)

## **G. NEW BUSINESS - INSTRUCTIONAL**

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Subject : 1. Request for Approval and Arrangement for the Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements, Committee on Pre-School Special Education and Section 504 Committee

Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Type :

# Public Content

G. INSTRUCTION #1 December 11, 2023

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Shannon C. Shine., Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request for Approval and Arrangement for the Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements, Committee on Pre- School Special Education and Section 504 Committee

BACKGROUND INFORMATION Procedures and definitions pertaining to Special Education are embodied under Part 200 of Commissioners Regulations and Article 89 of New York Education Law. They mandate that Boards of Education provide appropriate education programs and services for pupils with handicapping conditions upon receipt of recommendations and student placements from the Committee on Special Education (CSE), Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) and Section 504 Committee on 09/28/2023, 10/23/2023, 10/25/2023, 11/02/2023, 11/03/2023, 11/08/2023, 11/09/2023, 11/14/2023, 11/15/2023, 11/17/2023, 11/21/2023, 11/29/2023, 11/30/2023, 12/06/2023.

EVALUATION/ANALYSIS 5581698 5580551 5582215 5583311 5579543 5586133 5582546 5585228 5584901 5585682 5585737 5585462 5585195 5585196 5585783 5585672 005580211 5583094 5586075 5584042 5581913 5586748 All students are residents of Mohonasen Central School district; all parents are in agreement with the recommendations, and all recommendations are for the least restrictive environment based on students educational needs. All mandated members were present at the CSE, CPSE and 504 meetings.

RECOMMENDATION That the Board of Education approve and arrange for the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education, Committee on Pre-School Special Education and 504 Committee on 09/28/2023, 10/23/2023, 10/25/2023, 11/02/2023, 11/03/2023, 11/08/2023, 11/09/2023, 11/14/2023, 11/15/2023, 11/17/2023, 11/21/2023, 11/29/2023, 11/30/2023, 12/06/2023.

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## File Attachments

[BOE 12-11-2023.pdf \(45 KB\)](#)

## G. NEW BUSINESS - INSTRUCTIONAL

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Subject : 2. Request Approval for the Track and Field Team to Participate in an Out of Area Trip

Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Type :

# Public Content

G. INSTRUCTION #2 DECEMBER 11, 2023

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request Approval for the Track and Field Team to Participate in an Out of Area Trip

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION** The adopted district goals speak to the need to provide students with innovative and effective instructional opportunities, as well as a wide array of quality extra-curricular activities and programs. To that end, there has been a concerted effort by clubs and advisors to plan and organize trips that will provide students true immersion opportunities that correlate and are consistent with learning standards and curriculum content.

**ANALYSIS/EVALUATION** The Director of Physical Education, Athletics and Health is requesting approval for the Girls and Boys Indoor Track Team to participate in out of area competitions listed below.  
December 16, 2023 Coaches Hall of Fame Invitational, The Armory, New York City, NY 25 Athletes, 5-6 coaches - \$0/Athlete per event - Transportation will be provided by coach bus

**RECOMMENDATION** That the Board of Education approve the request for the Girls and Boys Indoor Track teams to participate in the above listed field trips.

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## File Attachments

[12-11-23 indoor track area trips \(1\).pdf \(50 KB\)](#)

## G. NEW BUSINESS - INSTRUCTIONAL

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Subject : 3. Request Approval for the Boys and Girls' Varsity and Junior Varsity Bowling Teams to Participate in Out of Area Trips

Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Type :

## Public Content

G. INSTRUCTION #3 DECEMBER 11, 2023

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request Approval for the Boys and Girls' Varsity and Junior Varsity Bowling Teams to Participate in Out of Area Trips

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION** The adopted district goals speak to the need to provide students with innovative and effective instructional opportunities, as well as a wide array of quality extra-curricular activities and programs. To that end, there has been a concerted effort by clubs and advisors to plan and organize trips that will provide students true immersion opportunities that correlate and are consistent with learning standards and curriculum content.

**ANALYSIS/EVALUATION** The Director of Physical Education, Athletics and Health is requesting approval for the Boys and Girls' Varsity and Junior Varsity Bowling teams to participate in out of area tournaments. The competitions will be held at Fishkill Bowl in Fishkill, New York on January 7, 2024, Patels Kingston Lanes on December 17, 2023 and Broadway Lanes in Fort Edward, New York on December 27, 2023. Transportation will be provided by District buses. There is no cost for students.

RECOMMENDATION That the Board of Education approve the request for the Varsity Boys and Girls' Varsity and Junior Varsity Bowling teams to participate in the above listed out of area trips.

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## File Attachments

[12-11-23 Varsity Bowling .pdf \(32 KB\)](#)

## H. NEW BUSINESS - BUSINESS/PERSONNEL

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Subject : 1. Request for Acceptance of Uncollected Tax Report

Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Type :

## Public Content

H. BUSINESS/PERSONNEL #1 December 11, 2023

TO: Board of Education FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request for Acceptance of Uncollected Tax Report

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION** At the beginning of the tax collection period, warrants are issued by the Board of Education. These warrants contain the total tax dollars that are to be collected by the Tax Collectors during the collection period, and subsequently turned over to the school district. At the end of the collection period a comparison of the total amount collected vs. the amount contained on the warrant is made. This calculation then indicates the amount of uncollected taxes. By law, uncollected taxes are sent to the respective county treasurer, who in turn provides reimbursement in full to the school district. This reimbursement is paid on April 1, 2024.

**EVALUATION/ANALYSIS** The school district 2024 tax warrants, after adjustments, are as follows (less STAR): Rotterdam \$ 25,810,191.27 Guilderland \$ 1,276,390.80 Colonie \$1,130,908.48 At the end of the collection period, a review of our records indicates the following amount of uncollected taxes: Rotterdam \$1,018,441.87 Guilderland \$18,244.60 Colonie \$61,693.75 Uncollected tax reports must now be filed with the appropriate County Treasurer. All uncollected taxes must be paid to the school district on April 1, 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION** That the Board of Education accept the Uncollected Tax Report as follows:  
Rotterdam \$ 1,018,441.87 Guilderland \$ 18,244.60 Colonie \$61,693.75

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## File Attachments

[12-11-23 Approval of Uncollected Tax Report 2024.pdf \(33 KB\)](#)

## H. NEW BUSINESS - BUSINESS/PERSONNEL

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Subject : 2. Request for Approval of the Contract for the Superintendent

Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Type :

## Public Content

H. BUSINESS/PERSONNEL #2 DECEMBER 11, 2023

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Christopher Ruberti, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Board of Education Clerk

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of the Contract for the Superintendent BACKGROUND INFORMATION  
At a previous Board of Education meeting the Superintendent and Board of Education discussed a successor agreement.

EVALUATION/ANALYSIS Based on the parameters discussed at the meeting referenced above, and continued positive evaluations, a contract has been developed. The effective dates of the contract will be July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028.

RECOMMENDATION BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby continues the appointment and employment of Shannon Shine, as Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2028 and further approves the Employment Agreement dated December 11, 2023 setting forth the terms and conditions of such appointment and employment and authorizes the President of the Board to execute said agreement on behalf of the School District.

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### File Attachments

[12-11-23 Contract for Superintendent \(1\).pdf \(31 KB\)](#)

## H. NEW BUSINESS - BUSINESS/PERSONNEL

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Subject : 3. Request for Approval of Resolution Authorizing Participation in Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for Electricity

Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Type :

## Public Content

H. BUSINESS/PERSONNEL #3 December 11, 2023

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Resolution Authorizing Participation in Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for Electricity

BACKGROUND INFORMATION Electricity costs have fluctuated greatly over the past several years. Subsequently, the district joined a Consortium in 2006 to contain the rise in costs and provide stability and predictability for budgeting. EVALUATION/ANALYSIS Since January 2006, the District has participated in a consortium of school districts that have banded together to receive group price discounts

for electricity and natural gas. The Onondaga-Cortland-Madison (OCM) Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) manages the consortium. The current contract will expire on April 30, 2024. NYSMEC is prepared to conduct a cooperative public bid, but needs commitments from Districts that plan to participate. RECOMMENDATION That the Board of Education adopt the following

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN the Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for Electricity: WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and WHEREAS, the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May 2005 (the Agreement), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs the Assistant Superintendent for Business to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of electricity delivered to the delivery point of the local utility distribution company for the Participants facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity electricity not to exceed \$.0845 cents per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2024, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the governing body of the municipal corporation named therein at a duly convened meeting thereof, held upon due notice and in accordance with all applicable laws, charters, by-laws and ordinances, including but not limited to the Open Meetings Law, as follows:

Date of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstaining/Absent \_\_\_\_\_

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SEAL Clerk of governing body Date of municipal Participant

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## File Attachments

[12-11-23 Request Approval to Participate in a Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service - NYSMEC.pdf \(54 KB\)](#)

## I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Subject : 1. Minutes - November 20, 2023  
Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Type :

## File Attachments

[Minutes 11-20-2023.pdf \(103 KB\)](#)

## J. BIDS

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Subject : 1. Request for Approval of Transportation Contracts with Amazing Grace Transportation LLC for School Year 2023-24  
Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Type :

## Public Content

J. BIDS DECEMBER 11, 2023

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Transportation Contracts with Amazing Grace Transportation LLC for School Year 2023-24

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION** An emergency contract was implemented to transport a District student in an out of district temporary living situation covered by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act. Since their out of District placement has been extended the District needed to do an official bid for this route for the remainder of the year.

**EVALUATION/ANALYSIS** The bid was published in the Daily Gazette on November 29, 2023 and was due in the District Office no later than December 7, 2023. Only one bid was received by the deadline. The bid from Amazing Grace Transportation, LLC met the criteria for the bid and has agreed to transport the student for the remainder of the year. The daily rate is \$195.00 for a total possible amount of \$24,180.00 for the remainder of the year.

**RECOMMENDATION** That the Board of Education approve the Transportation Contract with Amazing Grace Transportation, LLC listed above for the 2023-24 school year for a total not to exceed \$24,180.00.

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## File Attachments

[12-11-2023 Approval to Award Transportation Contracts - Amazing Grace.pdf \(32 KB\)](#)

## K. PERSONNEL

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Subject : 1. Approval of Personnel Recommendations  
Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Type :

## File Attachments

[12-11-23 Personnel \(1\).pdf \(76 KB\)](#)

## L. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Subject : 1. Proposed Executive Session (only if needed)  
Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Type : Action  
Recommended Action : Motion to Go Into Executive Session for the purpose of -

## Public Content

Boards of Education in the State of New York are allowed to enter into Executive Session for specific reasons as established in Public Officers Law, Article 7, Sections 103 and 105 as follows:

§103. Open meetings and executive sessions.

(a) Every meeting of a public body shall be open to the general public, except that an executive session of such body may be called and business transacted thereat in accordance with section one hundred five of this article.

(b) Public bodies shall make or cause to be made all reasonable efforts to ensure that meetings are held in facilities that permit barrier-free physical access to the physically handicapped, as defined in subdivision five of section fifty of the public buildings law.

(c) A public body that uses videoconferencing to conduct its meetings shall provide an opportunity for the public to attend, listen and observe at any site at which a member participates. (

d) Public bodies shall make or cause to be made all reasonable efforts to ensure that meetings are held in an appropriate facility which can adequately accommodate members of the public who wish to attend such meetings.

1. Any meeting of a public body that is open to the public shall be open to being photographed, broadcast, webcast, or otherwise recorded and/or transmitted by audio or video means. As used herein the term broadcast shall also include the transmission of signals by cable.

2. A public body may adopt rules, consistent with recommendations from the committee on open government, reasonably governing the location of equipment and personnel used to photograph,

broadcast, webcast, or otherwise record a meeting so as to conduct its proceedings in an orderly manner. Such rules shall be conspicuously posted during meetings and written copies shall be provided upon request to those in attendance.

(e) Agency records available to the public pursuant to article six of this chapter, as well as any proposed resolution, law, rule, regulation, policy or any amendment thereto, that is scheduled to be the subject of discussion by a public body during an open meeting shall be made available, upon request therefor, to the extent practicable as determined by the agency or the department, prior to or at the meeting during which the records will be discussed. Copies of such records may be made available for a reasonable fee, determined in the same manner as provided therefor in article six of this chapter. If the agency in which a public body functions maintains a regularly and routinely updated website and utilizes a high speed internet connection, such records shall be posted on the website to the extent practicable as determined by the agency or the department, prior to the meeting. An agency may, but shall not be required to, expend additional moneys to implement the provisions of this subdivision.

(f) Open meetings of an agency or authority shall be, to the extent practicable and within available funds, broadcast to the public and maintained as records of the agency or authority. If the agency or authority maintains a website and utilizes a high speed internet connection, such open meeting shall be, to the extent practicable and within available funds, streamed on such website in real-time, and posted on such website within and for a reasonable time after the meeting. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term agency

shall mean only a state department, board, bureau, division, council or office and any public corporation the majority of whose members are appointed by the governor. For purposes of this subdivision, the term authority shall mean a public authority or public benefit corporation created by or existing under any state law, at least one of whose members is appointed by the governor (including any subsidiaries of such public authority or public benefit corporation), other than an interstate or international authority or public benefit corporation.

#### §105. Conduct of executive sessions.

1. Upon a majority vote of its total membership, taken in an open meeting pursuant to a motion identifying the general area or areas of the subject or subjects to be considered, a public body may conduct an executive session for the below enumerated purposes only, provided, however, that no action by formal vote shall be taken to appropriate public moneys:

a. matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;

b. any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;

c. information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;

d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;

e. collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law;

f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;

g. the preparation, grading or administration of examinations; and h. the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.

2. Attendance at an executive session shall be permitted to any member of the public body and any other persons authorized by the public body.

## **L. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Subject : 2. Return to Public Meeting  
Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Type : Action  
Recommended Action : Motion to return to Open Meeting

## **M. ADJOURNMENT**

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Subject : 1. Adjourn the Meeting  
Meeting : Dec 11, 2023 - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Type : Action  
Recommended Action : Motion to Adjourn the meeting.