



Roger León
Superintendent

Newark Board of Education

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Minutes of the Business Board Meeting Tuesday, September 24, 2024

President Council convened the meeting at 6:04 p.m. The meeting was held at Newark Board of Education, 765 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102 with video access provided to the members of the public.

1. **Call to Order** (Reading of Statement) Ms. Valerie Wilson

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by advertising in the Star-Ledger, Haiti Progress, Luso Americano and La Voz newspapers and by distribution to administrative offices of the Newark Public Schools. Electronic notice was provided by posting on the Newark Board of Education website. A copy of this meeting notice was forwarded to City Hall for posting.

2. **Flag Salute**

3. **Roll Call**

Board Members Present:

Ms. Anderson, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Santana, Ms. Vinhas, and Mr. Council

Board Members Late:

Ms. Haynes arrived at 6:06 pm

Board Members Absent:

Ms. Garcia

Ms. James-Frison

Ms. Williams

Administrative Staff Present:

Mr. Roger León, Superintendent

Ms. Valerie Wilson, Board Secretary

Ms. Nancy Deering, Director, Office of Board Relations

Ms. Brenda Liss, General Counsel

Ms. Yolonda Severe, Deputy Superintendent

4. **Committee Chairperson's Reports**

Instruction & Program Committee – Ms. Anderson

Ms. Anderson reported that the following items were discussed at the Instruction & Program meeting:

- English Language Arts Incentives
 - Foundational Knowledge
 - District Reading Initiatives
 - District Writing Initiatives
 - Monitoring Student Progress
 - Teacher Training and Professional Learning Communities

Instruction & Program Committee continued

- Strategic Plan Priorities
- Resolutions

Finance Committee – Mr. Gonzalez

Mr. Gonzalez reported that the following items were discussed at the Finance Committee meeting:

- Qualtrics Data Collection Renewal
- Award of Instructional Leadership Professional Development Contract
- Perkins Federal Grant
- Resolutions

Board Operations Committee – Mr. Council

Mr. Council reported that the following items were discussed at the Board Operations Committee meeting:

- Lunch Application Process
- Transportation
- Student Safety
- Contactless Water Fountain Installation
- Air Conditioners Installation
- Resolutions
- American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Parent Engagement & Student Life Committee– Ms. Haynes

Ms. Haynes reported that the following items were discussed at the Parent Engagement & Student Life Committee meeting:

- Strategic Plan Priorities
- Parent Engagement Tour date: October 10, 2024 at Barringer High School
- Brick City Peace Goals
- Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB)
- Parent University
- Attendance
- Truancy Task Force
- Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)
- Mentoring Services

Personnel Committee – Ms. Vinhas

Ms. Vinhas reported that the following items were discussed at the Personnel Committee meeting:

- District Goals and Action Plan for SY 2024-25
- Staffing
- Separations
- Voting Items
- Non-voting Items
- Pathway to Teaching Accelerated Program
- Labor/Negotiations
- Recruitment Efforts

Governance Committee – Mr. Council

Mr. Council reported that the following items were discussed at the Governance Committee meeting:

- Artificial intelligence
- Board Policies
- Charter Schools
- Legal Update
- American Rescue Plan (ARP)/ESSR Update
- State Audit Update

There was a motion made by Ms. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Vinhas, to approve the September Committee Reports. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Moved: Ms. Haynes

Seconded: Ms. Vinhas

Voice vote:

Yeas: Ms. Anderson, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Haynes, Ms. Santana, Ms. Vinhas,
and Mr. Council

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Nays:

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Abstention:

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Motion carried.

5. Review Agenda for Public Meeting

There was a motion made by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Haynes, to approve the agenda for September 26, 2024.

Moved: Ms. Anderson

Seconded: Ms. Haynes

Voice vote:

Yeas: Ms. Anderson, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Haynes, Ms. Santana, Ms. Vinhas,
and Mr. Council

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Nays:

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Abstentions:

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Motion carried.

6. Public Participation

Ms. Wilson reviewed the guidelines for public participation. The comments of the following speakers can be found on the Newark Board of Education's website under Board Meeting video archives:

William Beck

Lyndon Brown

7. Adjournment

There was a motion made by Mr. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Haynes, to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Mr. Gonzalez

Seconded: Ms. Haynes

Voice vote:

Yeas: Ms. Anderson, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Haynes, Ms. Santana, Ms. Vinhas,
and Mr. Council

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Nays:

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Abstentions:

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Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Submitted by:

Ms. La Shon Blake, Office of Board Relations

Reviewed by:

Ms. Valerie Wilson, Board Secretary

Approved by:

Mr. Roger León, Superintendent