



Roger León
Superintendent

Newark Board of Education

Where Passion Meets Progress

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, June 21, 2022

President Haynes convened the meeting at 6:01 p.m. The meeting was held remotely with audio and video access provided to members of the Board and the public.

I. Call to Order (Reading of Statement) Ms. Brenda Liss

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.

II. Flag Salute

III. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Mr. Council, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Norton, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Haynes.

Board Member Arrived After Roll Call:

Ms. Flohisha Johnson – 6:11 p.m.

Board Member Left Early:

Ms. Flohisha Johnson – 7:00 p.m.

Administrative Staff Present:

Mr. Roger León, Superintendent
Ms. Brenda Liss, General Counsel/Board Secretary
Ms. Valerie Wilson, School Business Administrator
Ms. Nancy Deering, Director of Board Relations

IV. Recognitions

Superintendent León presented recognitions of the following:

- **Members of the Newark Public Schools Class of 2022 Earned over \$77 Million in College Scholarships**
- **Members of the Newark Public Schools Class of 2022 Saved Parents \$12,746, 070 through dual enrollment**
- **146 Members of the Newark Public Schools Class of 2022 earned Associate's Degrees**
- **434 Members of the Newark Public Schools Class of 2022 were honored on Academic Awards Night**
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- **3 Members of the Newark Public Schools received full scholarships to attend NJIT through the Mayors Honor Scholars Program**
- **13 Members of the Newark Public Schools Class of 2022 received the Superintendent's Book Scholarships totaling \$52,000**
- **Weequahic High School Alumni Association awarded 28 scholarships to members of the Class of 2022, totaling \$56,000**
- **Senator M. Teresa Ruiz donated her Merrill Lynch Champions Award to members of the Newark Public School Class of 2022**
- **The Frederic Feind Scholarship sponsored by the Reeves & Feind Family awarded a \$15,000 scholarship to a member of the Barringer High School Class of 2022**
- **Octavio "Tave" Padilla Legacy Scholarship sponsored by the Padilla Family awarded a \$7,500 scholarship to a member of the Newark Public School Class of 2022**
- **NJSIAA SCHOLAR-ATHLETES (\$500 scholarships)**
 - Luis Martinez, American History High School
 - Jayliene Agosto, Arts High School – Silver Key Award
 - Daniel Oyasodun, Bard Early College High School
 - Kassandrah Phanor, Barringer High School
 - Za'Morian Singleton, Central High School
 - Razere Williams, Eagle Academy
 - Daphne Fancher, East Side High School
 - Oluwaseun Kutu, Malcolm X Shabazz High School
 - Paula-Marie Brown, Science Park High School
 - Diana Santos, Technology High School
 - Arun, Uthayasoorlyan, University High School
 - Michelle Ikedi, Weequahic High School
 - Ezike Raymond Nagoziem, West Side High School
- **Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce**
- **Wilnora Olmau Scholarship Scholarship**
- **Two Seniors at each high school will receive laptops at graduation on June 23, 2022**

V. Committee Reports

Program and Instruction Committee Report - Ms. Murray-Thomas

Ms. Murray-Thomas reported that the following items were discussed at the Program and Instruction Committee meeting:

1. District Wide Smart Boards
2. Revisions to Policy 6146: Graduation Requirement
3. Parent Supports
4. Student Supports
5. High School Counselor Supports
6. Promotion Intervention Program
7. Game Point Task Force
8. Grading Guidance
9. Resolutions

Parent Engagement & Student Life Committee Report – Ms. Haynes

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

1. Truancy Task Force Updates
2. HIB
3. Parent Engagement Updates
4. Student Life
5. Elementary/Middle School Guidance Highlights

Personnel Committee Report – Mr. Council

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

1. Staffing Update
2. Personnel Actions
3. Voting Items
4. Negotiation Update
5. Resolutions
6. SLC Process/Principal Selectin Day
7. Recruitment

Operations Committee Report - Ms. Garcia

Ms. Garcia reported that the following items were discussed at the Operations Committee meeting:

1. Transportation
2. Security
3. Facilities
4. Resolutions

Finance Committee Report – Mr. Gonzalez

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

1. Contracts
2. Bottled Spring Water & Cooler Rentals
3. Misa Hylton Summer Bridge Program
4. Career & Technical Education
5. University High School Repairs
6. ESSER II
7. Alyssa's Law
8. 21-22 Quarterly Forecast
9. Charter School, tuition, supplies, purchased services, equipment, and transfer schools.

Governance Committee Report – Ms. Haynes

Ms. Haynes reported that the following items were discussed at the Governance Committee meeting:

1. COVID 19 UPDATE
2. Newark Enrolls MOU

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3. Charter Schools: Reports, Requests and Leases
4. Community in Schools
5. Board Policies
6. Legal Update

There was a motion made by Mr. Council, seconded by Ms. Haynes, to approve the committee reports. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Moved:	Mr. Council	
Seconded:	Ms. Haynes	
Yeas	Mr. Council, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Norton, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Haynes.	8
Nays:	None	0

Motion carried.

VI. Approval of Minutes

There was a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Norton, to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2022, May 24, 2022 and May 26, 2022 Board Meetings.

Moved:	Ms. Garcia	
Seconded:	Ms. Norton	
Yeas:	Mr. Council, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Norton, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Haynes.	8
Nays:	None	0

Motion carried by a voice vote.

VII. Board President's Report

Board President Haynes reported to the Board on the following:

- Graduation Ceremonies
- Teacher of the Year Award
- Kindergarten Give Away at School Stadium
- Juneteenth Celebration
- Congratulations to Kimberly Gonzalez and all the graduates in the class of 2022

VIII. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported to the Board on the following:

- Juneteenth Celebrations
- COVID -19 UPDATE
- Summer Programs 2022

Ms. Rochanda Jackson, Director of Policy, Planning: Evaluation, And Testing, presented the attendance report.

Ms. Valerie Wilson, School Business Administrator presented the FY 21-22 Quarterly Forecast. Board Members' questions were answered by Ms. Wilson and Mr. León.

IX. Public Participation

Ms. Liss 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:

Chris Canik, Dr. Viva White, Denise Cole, Deborah Smith Gregory, Elizabeth Ramirez, and Yvette Jordan.

X. Board Resolutions

There was a motion made by Ms. Haynes, seconded by Mr. Council, to approve Items 11.1-11.2.

Moved: Ms. Haynes
Seconded: Mr. Council
Roll call vote:
Yeas: Council, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Murray-Thomas,
Ms. Norton, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Haynes. **8**
Nays: None **0**
Abstentions: **0**

Motion Carried

XI. Finance & Operations

There was a motion made by Mr. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Garcia, to approve Items 12.1-12.61.

Moved: Mr. Gonzalez
Seconded: Ms. Garcia
Roll call vote:
Yeas: Council, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Murray-Thomas,
Ms. Norton, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Haynes. **8**
Nays: None **0**
Abstentions: **0**

Motion Carried

XII. Personnel

There was a motion made by Mr. Council, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, to approve Personnel Items 13.1-13.20.

Moved: Mr. Council
Seconded: Mr. Gonzalez
Roll call vote:
Yeas: Mr. Council, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Murray-Thomas,
Ms. Norton, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Haynes. **8**

Nays: None **0**

Motion carried.

XIII. General Counsel - Legal

There was a motion made by Ms. Norton, seconded by Ms. Garcia, to approve Legal Items 14.1-14.3.

Moved: Ms. Norton

Seconded: Ms. Garcia

Roll call vote:

Yeas Mr. Council, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Murray-Thomas,
Ms. Norton, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Haynes. **8**

Nays: None **0**

Motion carried.

XIV. Program & Instruction

There was a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Murray-Thomas, to approve Program & Instruction Items 15.1-15.20.

Moved: Ms. Garcia

Seconded: Ms. Murray-Thomas

Roll call vote:

Yeas Mr. Council, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzales, Ms. Murray-Thomas,
Ms. Norton, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Haynes. **8**

Nays: None **0**

Motion carried.

XV. Executive Session

There was a motion made by Ms. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Santana, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Moved: Ms. Haynes

Seconded: Ms. Santana

Yeas Mr. Council, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Murray-Thomas,
Ms. Norton, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams and Ms. Haynes. **8**

Nays: None **0**

Motion carried by a voice vote.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:49 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ARE ATTACHED.

There was a motion made by Mr. Council, seconded by Ms. Santana, to reconvene in open session. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Moved:	Mr. Council	
Seconded:	Ms. Santana	
Yeas	Mr. Council, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Haynes.	6
Nays:	None	0
Abstention:	None	0

Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:18 p.m. The following Board members were present: Mr. Council, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzales, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams and Ms. Haynes.

XVI. Adjournment

Ms. Santana moved, seconded by Ms. Garcia, to adjourn. On a voice vote, all were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

The following board members were present at adjournment: Mr. Council, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzales, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams and Ms. Haynes.

Submitted by:



Renee Martinez, Board Relations

Reviewed by:



Brenda C. Liss, General Counsel

Approved by:

Mr. Roger León, Superintendent



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Executive Session called to order at 8:50 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Council
Ms. Garcia
Mr. Gonzalez
Ms. Murray-Thomas
Ms. Norton
Ms. Santana
Ms. Williams
Ms. Haynes

Board Members Absent:

Ms. Johnson

Administrative Staff Present:

Mr. Roger León, Superintendent
Mr. Javier Nazario, Chief of Staff

Personnel

Board members and the Superintendent conducted a discussion of the Superintendent's annual evaluation.

The executive session concluded at 10:17 p.m.