



Roger León
Superintendent

Newark Board of Education

Where Passion Meets Progress

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Thursday, October 27, 2022

Vice President Norton convened the meeting at 6:07 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. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams and Ms. Norton. Ms. Haynes via Webex.

Student Representative Present: Khaosara Adelakun

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:

- Superintendent's Council of Students
 - American History High School
 - Wendy Pino
 - Kerene Simeon
 - Keiry Osorio
 - Shirley Pino
 - Arts High School
 - Jordan Egerton
 - Diego Verdugo
 - Ashlee Butler
 - Ibukunoluwa Babalola
 - Bard Early College High School
 - Sydney Ekwe
 - BurhanudeenDawson

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- Esther Patrick
 - Ray'Chelle Mendez
- Barringer High School
 - Myriam Ortiz
 - Micah Charles
 - Maxis Brito Camacho
 - Ydalis Ferrer
- Central High School
 - Keisha Gesse
 - Kyla Vargas-Sykes
 - Jayden Stuckey
 - Christian Mahabir
- Eagle Academy for Young Men
 - Asan Jones
 - Maurice Moseley
 - David Paul
 - Joseph Oluokun
- East Side High School
 - Javier Lago
 - Sarah Alvarez
 - Aniya Mahfood-Shockness
 - Carmen Riveiro
- Malcolm X Shabazz High School
 - Almass Harris
 - Tariq Ellis
 - Khamaiyah Lobban
 - Khyla Bobbsemples
- Newark Vocational High School
 - Joy Ogunmiletu
 - Darius Allen
 - Alina Ortiz
 - Arianna Sin
- Newark School of Data Science & Information Technology
 - Donavon Pierre
 - Ramony Tavares-Miranda
- Newark School of Fashion & Design
 - Khaye Robertson
 - Moyosoreoluwoyin Moyin Omoade
- Newark School of Global Studies
 - Valery Guaman
 - Rachel Harnarine
 - Jamaris Velez
- Science Park High School
 - Sophia Egharevba
 - Kevin Welcome
 - Mark Perez
 - Leah James

- Technology High School
 - Esther Ojo
 - Steve Quesada
 - Jadayne King
 - Natalya Alonso-Barhona
- University High School
 - Sejada Cambell
 - Anny Batista
 - Ciasia McDougal
 - Nicholas Nascimento
- Weequahic High School
 - Merytsheena Pean
 - Chibuike Louis Obilo
 - Boaz Junior Pean
 - Scarlet Iveliz Rivera
- West Side High School
 - Lisandra Giminez
 - Tajeune Smith
 - Ravi Persuad-Byroo
 - Mariangela Florentino
- Spencer Joyner, Arts High School – Acceptance and scholarship to Boston University
- Samuel Thomas, Central High School – Dramatic Interpretation
 - 2022 NYC Bronx Invitational
 - 2022 Yale University Tournament
- Arts High School Afro-Latin Jazz Band Performance at New Jersey School Boards Association Workshop
- Khaosara Adelakun, Newark Board of Education 2022-2023 Student Representative

V. Swearing in of Student Representative

Ms. Liss administered the oath of office to Khaosara Adelakun, Student Representative to the Board of Education.

Board members congratulated Ms. Adelakun on her appointment and welcomed her to the Board.

VI. Committee Reports

Governance Committee – Ms. Santana

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

1. NJQSAC District Performance Review, including a detailed review of DPR responses and documentation
2. Legal Matters
3. Newark Enrolls
4. Title I Parent Conference
5. Charter Schools: Reports, Requests, Leases

Personnel Committee – Mr. Council

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

1. NJQSAC District Performance Review, including a detailed review of DPR responses and documentation
2. Staffing
3. Let's Go to Work Payment
4. ESSER Funds
5. 2023 Benefits Preview
6. Staff Health and Wellness Program
7. Recruitment

There was a motion made by Mr. Council, seconded by Ms. Norton, to amend the agenda to add Item 14.7, Let's Go to Work Payment, to Section 14, Personnel.

Moved:	Mr. Council	
Seconded:	Ms. Norton	
Yeas	Mr. Council, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams and Ms. Norton	6
Nays:	None	0

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Board members' questions were answered by Superintendent León.

Operations Committee - Ms. Johnson

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

1. Security
2. Facilities
3. NJQSAC District Performance Review, including a detailed review of DPR responses and documentation
4. ESSER Funds
5. Resolutions

Board members' questions were answered by Ms. Wilson and Superintendent León.

Program and Instruction Committee - Ms. Murray-Thomas

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

1. Chromebooks
2. Catapult Learning
3. NJQSAC District Performance Review, including a detailed review of DPR responses and documentation
4. Inquiry Learning
5. Amistad
6. Social Studies

7. Bilingual & ESL
8. Resolutions

Finance Committee – Mr. Council

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

1. Transportation
2. Purchasing
3. NJQSAC District Performance Review, including a detailed review of DPR responses and documentation
4. ESSER Funds
5. Resolutions

Parent Engagement & Student Life Committee – Ms. Johnson

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

1. NJQSAC District Performance Review, including a detailed review of DPR responses and documentation
2. Attendance
3. Parent Engagement
4. Office of Student Life

There was a motion made by Ms. Norton, seconded by Mr. Council, to approve the committee reports.

Moved:	Ms. Norton	
Seconded:	Mr. Council	
Yeas	Mr. Council, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams and Ms. Norton	6
Nays:	None	0

Motion carried by a voice vote.

VII. Approval of Minutes

There was a motion made by Ms. Norton, seconded by Mr. Council, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2022.

Moved:	Ms. Norton	
Seconded:	Mr. Council	
Yeas:	Mr. Council, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams and Ms. Norton	6
Nays:	None	0

Motion carried by a voice vote.

VIII. Student Representative's Report

Student Representative Khaosara Adelakun reported to the Board on the following:

- Volunteering
- College Plans
- Student Representative Goals
- College Fair
- Cross Country Members
- East Side High School Internships
- Eighth Grade Convocation

IX. Board President's Report

Vice President Norton conveyed a message from President Haynes to fellow Board Members, urging attendance at upcoming district events. She welcomed Student Representative Khaosara Adelakun and then reported on the following:

- NJQSAC District Performance Review, including opportunity for public comment and board action approving the DPRs and Declaration Page
- Schools' social media platforms
- Congratulations to Science Park High School and Technology High School for ranking in the top 100 New Jersey High Schools

X. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported to the Board on the following:

- Attendance
- NJSLA (Science): SY 2021-22
- NJQSAC
- Newark Enrolls
- ESSER Funds
- Homework Hotline
- College Fair
- Title I Parent Conference

Ms. Rochanda Jackson, Director of Policy, Planning, Evaluation, And Testing, presented the September attendance report, and NJSLA Science results.

Board Members' questions were answered by Mr. León.

XI. 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:

Brian Jasey, Munirah El Bomani, Donna Jackson, David Daughety, Cassandra Dock, Yvette Jordan, Latoya Jackson and Dashon Williams.

XII. Board Resolutions

There was a motion made by Ms. Norton, seconded by Mr. Council, to approve Item 12.1, New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum District Performance Review.

Moved: Ms. Norton

Seconded: Mr. Council

Roll call vote:

Yeas Mr. Council, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams and
Ms. Norton **6**

Nays: None **0**

Abstentions: None

Motion carried.

XIII. Finance & Operations

There was a motion made by Ms. Norton, seconded by Mr. Council, to approve Finance Items 13.1 -13.22.

Moved: Ms. Norton

Seconded: Mr. Council

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Mr. Council, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams and
Ms. Norton **6**

Nays: None **0**

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

XIV. Personnel

There was a motion made by Mr. Council, seconded by Ms. Norton, to approve Personnel Items 14.1-14.7.

Moved: Mr. Council

Seconded: Ms. Norton

Roll call vote:

Yeas Mr. Council, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams and
Ms. Norton **6**

Nays: None **0**

Abstentions: None

Motion carried.

XV. General Counsel – Legal Votes

There was a motion made by Ms. Norton, seconded by Ms. Santana, to approve General Counsel Items 15.1 – 15.5.

Moved: Ms. Norton

Seconded: Ms. Santana

Roll call vote:

Yeas Mr. Council, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams and
Ms. Norton **6**

Nays: None **0**

Abstentions: None

Motion carried.

XVI. Program & Instruction

There was a motion made by Ms. Norton, seconded by Ms. Santana, to approve Program & Instruction Items 16.1 – 16.26.

Moved: Ms. Norton

Seconded: Ms. Santana

Roll call vote:

Yeas Mr. Council, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams and
Ms. Norton **6**

Nays: None **0**

Abstentions: None

Motion carried.

XVII. Adjournment

Ms. Norton moved, seconded by Mr. Council, to adjourn. On a voice vote, all were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

The following board members were present at adjournment: Mr. Council, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams and Ms. Norton.

Submitted by:



Renee Martinez, Board Relations

Reviewed by:



Brenda C. Liss, General Counsel

Approved by:

Mr. Roger León, Superintendent