



Roger León
Superintendent

Newark Board of Education

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Minutes of the Board Business Meeting Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Board President Dawn Haynes convened the meeting at 6:02 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 the meeting notice was forwarded to City Hall for posting.

II. Flag Salute

III. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Present After Roll Call:

Ms. Johnson arrived at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Ms. Santana arrived at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Council

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. 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. Attendance
2. Achievement
3. Graduation Rate & Post-Secondary Outcome Summary
4. Resolutions

Personnel Committee Report – Mr. Gonzalez

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

1. Staffing Update
2. Employee Services Update
3. Personnel Actions/Voting Items
4. Recruitment

Board members' questions were answered by Superintendent León and Dr. Yolanda Mendez.

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

Board members' questions were answered by Ms. Wilson.

Parent Engagement & Student Life Committee Report – Ms. Williams

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

1. NJQSAC
2. Attendance
3. HIB
4. Parent Engagement
5. Office of Student Life

Finance Committee Report – Mr. Gonzalez

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

1. Leases
2. Corrective Action Plan
3. Facilities Planning
4. Advertising
5. ARP/ESSER II Funds
6. NJQSAC
7. Resolutions

Board members' questions were answered by Ms. Wilson and Ms. Nelms.

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
3. NJQSAC
4. Charter School Reports, Requests and Leases

5. NSBA CUBE Conference
6. Legal Update

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

There was a motion made by Ms. Norton, seconded by Ms. Garcia, to approve the committee reports. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

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

Motion carried.

V. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent León reported to the Board of Education on the following:

- COVID-19 Update
- The Next Decade: 2020-30 Strategic Plan
- Newark Enrolls
- American Rescue Plan/ESSER Funds
- Student Identification Cards
- School Security
- Lights On Program
- Adult Education
- At Promise
- NJQSAC

Board Members' questions were answered by Mr. León.

VI. Agenda for Public Meeting

There was a motion made by Garcia, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, to approve the agenda for the August 25, 2022 meeting. Motion carried on voice vote.

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

Motion carried.

VII. Public Participation

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

Denise Cole


VIII. Adjournment

Ms. Norton moved, seconded by Ms. Haynes to adjourn. On a voice vote, all were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

The following board members were present at adjournment: Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray – Thomas, Ms. Norton, 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
