



Roger León
Superintendent

Newark Board of Education

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Minutes of the Business Board Meeting Tuesday, January 23, 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 audio and video access provided to the members of the Board and public.

I. **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.

II. **Flag Salute**

III. **Roll Call**

Board Members Present:

Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Dawn Haynes, Ms. James-Frison, Ms. Santana Ms. Williams, and Mr. Council

Administrative Staff Present:

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

IV. **Executive Session**

There was a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Haynes, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing client attorney privilege and personnel matters. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Moved: Ms. Garcia

Seconded: Ms. Haynes

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Dawn Haynes, Ms. James-Frison, Ms. Santana, Ms. Williams, and Mr. Council 7

Nays: None 0

Abstentions: None 0

Motion carried.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:06

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ARE ATTACHED.

There was a motion made by Mr. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, to reconvene in open session at 7:25 p.m. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Moved: Ms. Garcia
Seconded: Mr. Gonzalez
Voice vote:
Yeas: Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James-Frison, Ms. Santana,
Ms. Williams, and Mr. Council 7
Nays: None 0
Abstentions: None 0

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Garcia, to nominate Kanileah Anderson, and Helena Vinhas to fill the two open seats.

Moved: Ms. Haynes
Seconded: Mr. Garcia
Voice vote:
Yeas: Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James-Frison, Ms. Santana,
Ms. Williams, and Mr. Council 7
Nays: None 0
Abstentions: None 0

Motion carried.

V. Committee Chairperson's Reports

Finance Committee Meeting – Mr. Gonzalez

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

- District Travel
- Grant Award from Warm Jacket Fund at Community Foundation of New Jersey
- Purchasing Items
- American Rescue Plan (ARP)
- Senate Bill Number 4209

Parent Engagement & Student Life Committee Meeting – Ms. Haynes

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

- Old Business
- 4th Family Resource Day
- HIB/ Title 9
- Financial Wellness
- Parenting Partners
- Office of Student Life
- Student Assistance Coordinators Update
- Attendance
- Truancy Task Force

Instruction and Program – Ms. Williams

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

- District & School Leaders
- District's Plan for Educational Technology
- Health, Physical Education (PE) and Athletics
- Leading Learning for Artistic Literacy & Fluency
- High Impact Tutoring
- Summer Programs
- Summer Reading List for 2024

Personnel Committee Report – Mr. Council

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

- Staffing Update
- Personnel Voting Items
- Resolutions
- Recruitment and Retention Efforts

Ad Hoc Legal Committee – Ms. Santana

Ms. Santana reported that the following items were discussed at the Ad Hoc Legal Committee meeting:

- Pending Matters Update

Board Operations Committee – Ms. Garcia

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

- Student Safety- Data System Reports (SSDS)
- Office of Facilities Management
- American Rescue Plan (ARP)
- Senate Bill 4029

Governance Committee Report – Ms. Santana

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

- Board Vacancies
- Recent Legislation for Type II School Districts
- Newark Enrolls (transfer process)
- Board Policy 6161.2, Complaints Regarding Instructional Materials
- Charter Schools: Reports, Requests, Leases

Superintendent León answered board members' question.

There was a motion made by Ms. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Garcia, to approve the January Committee Meeting Reports. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Moved: Ms. Haynes
Seconded: Ms. Garcia
Roll call vote:
Yeas: Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James-Frison, Ms. Santana,
Ms. Williams, and Mr. Council 7
Nays: 0
Abstention: 0

Motion carried.

VI. Board Resolution

1st Reading Amendments to Board Policy 6161.2.

VII. Review Agenda for Public Meeting

There was a motion made by Mr. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Garcia, to approve the agenda for January 25, 2024.

Moved: Mr. Gonzalez
Seconded: Ms. Garcia
Roll call vote:
Yeas: Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James-Frison, Ms. Santana,
Ms. Williams, and Mr. Council 7
Nays: None 0
Abstentions: None 0

Motion carried.

VIII. 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:

Denise Cole
Yolanda Johnson
Doug Adams II
Latoya Jackson

IX. Adjournment

There was a motion made by Ms. Garcia, seconded by Ms. James-Frison to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Ms. Garcia

Seconded: Ms. James-Frison

Voice vote:

Yeas: Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James-Frison, Ms. Santana,
Ms. Williams, and Mr. Council **7**

Nays: None **0**

Abstentions: None **0**

Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 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