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Newark Board of Education

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Minutes of the Business Board Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2024

President Council convened the meeting at 6:07 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. 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.

2. **Flag Salute**

3. **Roll Call**

Board Members Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

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

4. **Committee Reports**

Parent Engagement & Student Life Committee– Ms. Haynes

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

- Harassment Intimidation & Bullying (HIB)
- Title IX
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- College Access Research & Action (CARA)
- National Signing Day
- Training for school based support staff
- Attendance

Instruction & Program Committee – Ms. Anderson

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

- Winning the Freshmen Year: Freshmen On-Track Success
- Newark Opportunity Youth Network & My Brother's Keeper Six Key Life Milestones
- Special Education
- Resolutions

Personnel Committee – Ms. Vinhas

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

- Staffing
- Appointments, Co-curricular Activities, Renewals and Transfers
- Resignations & Retirements
- Other Voting Items
- Voluntary Benefits MOU
- Renewals/Non-renewals, Withholding of Increments, Donaldson Hearing Process, Inefficiency Tenure Charges
- Benefits
- Negotiations
- Recruitment
- Climate and Culture Grant

Finance Committee – Mr. Gonzalez

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

- Leases
- Resolutions
- Student Enrichment Services
- Expanded Learning Services
- Professional Development Contract
- American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Operations Committee – Ms. Garcia

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

- Federally qualified health care lease
- Legal Education Opportunity Program GIFT
- Purchasing Items
- Student Enrichment Services, Expanded Learning, Professional Development
- America Rescue Plan (ARP)

Governance Committee – Mr. Council

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

- Procurement Laws
- Charter Schools:
 - o Reports
 - o Requests
 - o Leases
- Legal Matters
- Other Important Matters

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

Moved: Ms. Garcia
Seconded: Ms. Vinhas
Voice vote:
Yeas: Ms. Anderson, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James-Frison
Ms. Santana, Ms. Vinhas, Ms. Williams, and Mr. Council **9**
Nays: **0**
Abstention: **0**

Motion carried.

5. Review Agenda for Public Meeting

There was a motion made by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Garcia, to approve the agenda for the May 23, 2024 Board Meeting.

Moved: Ms. Anderson
Seconded: Ms. Garcia
Voice vote:
Yeas: Ms. Anderson, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James-Frison
Ms. Santana, Ms. Vinhas, Ms. Williams, and Mr. Council **9**
Nays: **0**
Abstentions: **0**

Motion carried.

6. 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:

- Casandra Dock
- Donna Jackson

7. Adjournment

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

Moved: Ms. Williams
Seconded: Ms. James-Frison
Voice vote:
Yeas: Ms. Anderson, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Haynes, Ms. James-Frison
Ms. Santana, Ms. Vinhas, Ms. Williams and Mr. Council **9**
Nays: **0**
Abstentions: **0**

Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by:

Ms. La Shon Blake, Office of Board Relations

Reviewed by:

Ms. Brenda Liss, Acting Board Secretary

Approved by:

Mr. Roger León, Superintendent