



Roger León
Superintendent

Newark Board of Education

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Minutes of the Board Business Meeting Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Board President Dawn Haynes convened the meeting at approximately 6:06 p.m. The meeting was held virtually 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. Anderson, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Norton, Ms. Haynes and Student Representative Kimberly Gonzalez.

Mr. Gonzalez arrived at approximately 6:10 p.m.

Administrative Staff Present:

Mr. Roger León, Superintendent
Ms. Brenda Liss, General Counsel/Board Secretary
Ms. Nicole T. Johnson, Deputy Superintendent
Ms. Nancy Deering, Director of Board Relations

IV. Committee Reports

Finance Committee Report – Ms. Norton

Ms. Norton reported that the following items were discussed at the Finance Committee meeting:

1. Donations and grants
2. Purchasing self-insurance
3. District field trips
4. Professional development trips
5. State aid to non-public schools
6. Transportation bids
7. Bilingual/Bicultural program

Legal Committee Report - Ms. Norton

Ms. Norton reported that the following items were discussed at the Legal Committee meeting:

1. Pending Legal Matters
2. Recent Decisions
3. New Matters and Issues
4. Request for Board Action
5. Settlement Proposal

Operations Committee Report - Ms. Anderson

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

1. Security
2. Transportation
3. Facilities

Parent Engagement & Student Life Committee Report – Ms. Anderson

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

1. Parent Engagement Tour
2. Parent University
3. Newark Workforce and the Newark Board of Education Partnership
4. Newark Board of Education Staff Support Group
5. Newark Museum and Conflict Resolution

Personnel Committee Report – Ms. Johnson

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

1. Staffing
2. Negotiations
3. Personnel Actions
4. Separations
5. Resolutions
6. Self-Insurance
7. Wellness
8. Recruitment

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. Gifted & Talented Program
2. Reopening of Schools
3. Curriculum Overview
4. Resolutions
5. Program and Community Calendar

Governance Committee Report - Ms. Haynes

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

1. Safe Return Plan
2. Calendar for 2021-22
3. Student Governance Committee
4. ESB
5. Charter School Reports, leases, and programs
6. Pending Legal Matters
7. District Staff Convocation 2021

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

Moved:	Ms. Haynes	
Seconded:	Ms. Anderson	
Yeas	Ms. Anderson, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Norton, and Ms. Haynes.	6
Nays:	None	0

Motion carried.

V. Board Resolution

There was a motion made by Ms. Haynes, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to approve the Resolution to amend Policy 9130 to Establish a District Student Governance Committee. After discussion, the motion was approved.

Moved:	Ms. Haynes	
Seconded:	Mr. Anderson	
Roll call vote:		
Yeas	Ms. Anderson, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Norton, and Ms. Haynes.	6
Nays:	None	0

Motion carried.

VI. Superintendent's Report

Mr. León reported to the Board of Education on the following:

- COVID-19 Update
- Meal distribution
- Chrome books
- Opening of three new schools

Deputy Johnson presented on the Safe Return Plan 2021-22

- ARP Funds
- Reopening of NBOE Schools Task Force
- District Protocols

Mr. Brewster presented on the Summer 2021 Programs:

- Elementary
- High School
- Summer Curriculum Writing
- Summer AP Institutes

Ms. Jackson presented on Attendance and Student Achievement:

- Attendance
- Achievement
 - NWEA MAP report
 - SAT, PSAT and AP reports
 - High school entrance exam
 - Individualized Learning Programs
- Graduation and Post-Secondary Outcomes
 - Graduation Rate for Cohort 2021
 - Post-Secondary Outcomes Report for Cohort 2020
 - Enrollment

Board Members' questions were answered by Ms. Jackson and Mr. León.

VII. Public Participation

Ms. Liss reviewed the guidelines for public participation.

No members of the public requested an opportunity to present comment.

VIII. Review Agenda for Public Meeting

There was a motion made by Ms. Norton, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, to approve the agenda for the public meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Moved:	Ms. Norton	
Seconded:	Mr. Gonzalez	
Yeas	Ms. Anderson, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Norton, and Ms. Haynes.	6
Nays:	None	0

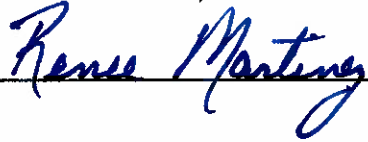
Motion carried.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Norton moved, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, to adjourn. On a voice vote, all were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

The following board members were present at adjournment: Ms. Anderson, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Norton, and Ms. Haynes.

Submitted by:
Renee Martinez, Board Relations



Reviewed by:
Brenda C. Liss, General Counsel



Resolved, that the Minutes of the Board Business Meeting of the Newark Board of Education, Tuesday, August 24, 2021 be and are hereby adopted.

Approved by:
Mr. Roger León, Superintendent
