



Roger León
Superintendent

Newark Board of Education

Where Passion Meets Progress

Minutes of the Retreat Board Meeting Saturday, January 22, 2022

Board President Dawn Haynes convened the meeting at 9:05 a.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 this meeting notice was forwarded to City Hall for posting.

II. **Flag Salute**

III. **Roll Call**

Board Members Present:

Mr. Council, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Norton, Ms. Santana, Ms. Haynes.

Board Members Absent:

Ms. Shayvonne Anderson

Administrative Staff Present:

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

IV. **Retreat Topics**

The Board President opened the meeting by leading everyone in a breathing/mindfulness exercise.

1. Superintendent León reported on the following:

- COVID-19 Update
- Safe Return Plan
- ESSER I, ESSER II, and ESSER III
- District Goals SY 2021-22

2. Deputy Superintendent Johnson reported on the following:

- The Next Decade: 2020-30 Year 2 Quarter Highlights/Deliverables

3. Charlene Peterson, New Jersey School Boards Association Field Services Representative, led a power point presentation and discussion on Ethics and Fundamentals of Board Membership. The presentation included the School Ethics Act, Code of Ethics for School Board Members, and recent decisions of the School Ethics Commission.

V. 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:

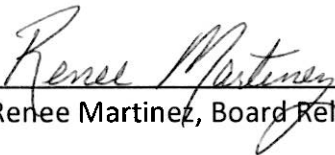
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VI. Adjournment

Ms. Garcia moved, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, to adjourn. On a voice vote, all were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

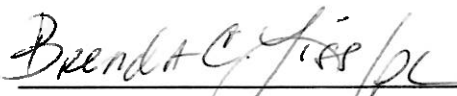
The following board members were present at adjournment: Mr. Council, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Norton, Ms. Santana, Ms. Haynes.

Submitted by:



Renee Martinez, Board Relations

Reviewed by:



Brenda C. Liss, General Counsel

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Newark Board of Education, Saturday, January 22, 2022, be and are hereby adopted.

Approved by:

Mr. Roger León, Superintendent