



Roger León
Superintendent

Newark Board of Education

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Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Thursday, August 26, 2021

President Dawn Haynes convened the meeting at approximately 6:01 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, Mr. Council, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Norton, Ms. Haynes and Student Representative Kimberly Gonzalez.

Ms. Murray-Thomas arrived at approximately 6:02 p.m.

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. Recognitions

Ms. León recognized each of the following students participating in High School Visual Arts and High School Musical Theatre Programs. Students produced and performed the musical "Annie".

Abigail Arroyabe	Latasha Garretson	Kaelan Roberts
Zoe Arroyabe	Jessica Gonzalez Serrano	Bibilari Sam-Akanbi
Taijmere Atkins	Sanai Graves	Emilia Santos
Nyana Brown	Morgan Howard	MaLe' Slater
Chelsea Chambers	Mackenzie Howard	Ashley Solano
Sanaii Chatman	Zahara Jackson	Nadine Umukoro
Deeani Colon	Elisa Lugo	Omar Vargas
Treasure Ehize	Freeda Martinez-Santiago	Zoe Williams
Azyah Fair	Rihanna Murrell	Ryan Wright

V. Approval of Minutes

There was a motion made by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Norton, to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.

Moved: Ms. Anderson

Seconded: Ms. Norton

Yeas: Ms. Anderson, Mr. Council, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Johnson,
Ms. Murray-Thomas, Ms. Norton, and Ms. Haynes.

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Nays: None

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Abstentions:

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Motion carried by a voice vote.

VI. Student Representative's Report

Student Representative Kimberly Gonzalez reported on the following items:

1. Vaccines for Teens
2. Newark/Montclair Educational Leadership Program's Cohort II
3. Advisory Council

VII. Board President's Report

President Haynes reported on the following items:

1. School begins September 7, 2021
2. Hiring of new teachers
3. Policies/Resolutions
 - Updated Graduation Requirements
 - Vacancies on the Board
 - Election and Duties of the Board President
 - Resolution in support of the Juneteenth holiday
4. Student Governance Committee
5. Board Retreat
6. Agenda items aligned to strategy
7. President Haynes also reminded Board members and the public about the upcoming 24 Hours of Peace event

VIII. Superintendent's Report

Mr. León reported to the Board on the following items:

- COVID-19 Update
- The Road Forward
- Safe Return Plan 2021-2022
- District Protocols
- COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Locations

- Vaccines for Teens

IX. 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:

Christopher Canik, Yvette Jordan, Brian Jasey, Kathleen Witcher, Nicole Sanderson, Dr. Leah Owens, and David Daughety.

X. Board Resolutions

There was a motion made by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to adopt item 10.1, Resolution to Amend Policy 9130 to Establish a District Student Governance Committee.

Moved: Ms. Anderson
Seconded: Ms. Johnson
Roll call vote:
Yeas Ms. Anderson, Mr. Council, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas,
Ms. Norton, and Ms. Haynes. **7**
Nays: None **0**

Motion carried.

XI. Finance & Operations

There was a motion made by Mr. Council, seconded by Ms. Norton, to approve Finance and Operations Items 11.1 to 11.47.

Moved: Mr. Council
Seconded: Ms. Norton
Roll call vote:
Yeas Ms. Anderson, Mr. Council, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas,
Ms. Norton, and Ms. Haynes. **7**
Nays: None **0**

Motion carried.

XII. General Counsel – Legal Votes

There was a motion made by Mr. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Norton, to approve General Counsel items 12.1 to 12.5.

Moved: Mr. Gonzalez
Seconded: Ms. Norton
Roll call vote:
Yeas Ms. Anderson, Mr. Council, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas,
Ms. Norton, and Ms. Haynes. **7**
Nays: None **0**

Motion carried.

XIII. Personnel

There was a motion made by Mr. Council, seconded by Ms. Haynes, to approve Personnel Items 13.1-13.16.

Moved: Mr. Council

Seconded: Ms. Haynes

Roll call vote:

Yeas Ms. Anderson, Mr. Council, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas,
Ms. Norton, and Ms. Haynes. **7**

Nays: None **0**

Motion carried.

XIV. Program & Instruction

There was a motion made by Ms. Murray-Thomas, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, to approve Program & Instruction Items 14.1-14.30.

Moved: Ms. Murray-Thomas

Seconded: Mr. Gonzalez

Roll call vote:

Yeas Ms. Anderson, Mr. Council, Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Murray-Thomas,
Ms. Norton, and Ms. Haynes. **7**

Nays: None **0**

Motion carried.

XV. 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 7:07 p.m.

The following board members were present at adjournment: Ms. Anderson, Mr. Council, 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 Regular Board Meeting of the Newark Board of Education, Thursday, August 26, 2021 be and are hereby adopted.

Approved by:

Mr. Roger León, Superintendent