

East Newark Board of Education, 501 North 3rd St., East Newark, N. J. 07029

The **Regular Public Meeting** of the East Newark Board of Education held on June 17, 2019, 2019 at 6:15 pm in the School Library.

MINUTES

I. Sunshine Statement/Call to Order/Flag Salute –

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*, adequate notification of this meeting has been provided by advertising in the Jersey Journal and posted at the Borough Clerk’s Office.

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Smith (Marlene)	X	
Mr. Balsam (Mark)		X
Ms. Fernandes (Carla)	X	
Ms. Goncalves (Brigite)	X	
Ms. Lopez (Johanna)	X	

II. Executive Session (as needed)

Executive Meeting was read by _____.

Be It Resolved, that the East Newark Board of Education hereby adjourns to Executive Session in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*, for the reason(s) identified below. The minutes of the discussion during Executive Session will be available to the public when such minutes have been approved by the Board of Education pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 and the need for confidentiality no longer exists.*

- a. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule
- b. Individual privacy
- c. Collective bargaining agreements
- d. Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected
- e. Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected
- f. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
- g. Pending or anticipated litigation
- h. Attorney-client privilege
- i. Personnel – employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee

III. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment

IV. Superintendent’s Report & QSAC Interim Placement

- Students took the third and final i-Ready assessment. Keeping with our theme “*Progress, not Perfection*” I am pleased to report that our students made significant academic progress this year as measured by i-Ready. I have provided a school-wide diagnostic summary for both math and reading. In math, our “progress to annual

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typical growth” is 119 %. This indicates that as a school the median annual percent increase was 119%. The current placement distribution in math is also good news since Tier 1 (i.e., students on grade level or above) increased from 0% to 27%. Tier 2 (one grade level below) decreased from 70% to 63%. In addition, Tier 3 (two or more grade levels below) decreased from 30% to 10%. The school-wide diagnostic summary for reading indicates “progress to annual typical growth” is 135 %. This indicates that as a school the medium annual percent increase was 135%. The current placement distribution in reading is also good news since Tier 1 increased from 10% to 30%. Tier 2 decreased from 51% to 44%. Moreover, Tier 3 decreased from 39% to 26%. A letter will be sent home to parents indicating their child’s progress and final grade placement for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

- The district was last audited by QSAC in the 2016 – 2017 school year. At that time, we scored 76% in the “Instruction and Program” DRP. Since we scored below 80%, a district improvement plan was required and should have been submitted to the county office in the fall of 2017. Since this was not completed, I developed the district improvement plan, which was approved by this board and the Hudson County Superintendent of Schools this past November. Our administrative team followed and successfully completed the approved district improvement plan. This included a plan to revise the curriculum this summer and align it with the newly promulgated *New Jersey Student Learning Standards*. Although this planned revision and summer timeline was approved by the county superintendent of schools, points were still deducted during the interim visit bringing our score in the “Instruction and Program” DPR to 47%. By following the approved plan, which includes a summer curriculum alignment, we will regain the lost points. However, I have indicated to the County Superintendent of Schools my frustration that we were assessed by criteria other than the district improvement plan that had been approved by the county office. Her letter (6.14.2019) explains why points were lost and also highlights progress made by the district.
- On a happier note, our annual Field Day, held on May 24, was a great success and students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After the field day activities in West Hudson Park, students enjoyed a delicious barbeque provided by Maschio’s Food Service. The day concluded with a dance featuring our own D.J., Mr. Carvalho.
- As you know, eighth grade graduation is scheduled for June 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Newark Recreation Center. All board members are encouraged to attend.
- Hiring has been a challenge and we are still seeking to hire a part-time music and Spanish teacher, LDTC, basic skills, and I anticipate a vacancy for school psychologist. I will continue to advertise until a qualified candidate is found.
- As with every year, this school year came and went in a flash. While I am pleased with what was accomplished I realize that more work needs to be done. I am grateful to the Board of Education and the Mayor for their

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continued support of our school and for always putting students first. Thank you for all your efforts to provide a quality education for the children of East Newark.

Dr. Corbett reviewed a letter received from Melissa Pearce, Interim Executive County Superintendent concerning East Newark's Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) score.

V. I-Ready Presentation

Dr. Corbett reviewed the I-Ready results for 2018-19 with the Board of Education.

VI. HIB report by Dr. Corbett

There was no HIB incidents to report

VII. Resolutions (Consent agenda)

- 06-452-19** Approval of Minutes
- 06-453-19** Approve Bills and Claims from Current Account and Cafeteria Account June 2019
- 06-454-19** Approve May 2019 payroll
- 06-455-19** Approve financial reports – April 2019
- 06-456-19** Approve certification of funds – April 2019
- 06-457-19** Approve of transfers – April 2019
- 06-458-19** Accept \$3,817.50 donation from Robert Half Company
- 06-459-19** Approve transfer to Capital Reserve Account
- 06-460-19** Approve purchase of Chrome Books and Cart from Robert Half Grant
- 06-461-19** Authorize payment of 2018-19 bills
- 06-462-19** Approve Imperial Flooring Terrazzo Step Tread Replacement (Phase #1)
- 06-463-19** Approve Imperial Flooring Terrazzo Step Tread Replacement (Phase #2)
- 06-464-19** Approve Mr. Bryan Jablonsky and Ms. Margaret Jackson as teachers for Title I summer school
- 06-465-19** Retroactively approve Isabella Luniewski, Derris Brown and Odemaris Herskovitz as yearbook advisers.
- 06-466-19** Acknowledge the rescission of the employment of Lizzette Morales.
- 06-467-19** Approve the revised contract for Robert Clark, School Business Administrator / Board Secretary
- 06-468-19** Approve the purchase Go Math grade K to grade eight, \$23,795.86.
- 06-469-19** Approve the hiring of Nadine Y St Pierre, school nurse for the 2019 – 2020 school year.
- 06-470-19** Approve submission of IDEA Basic and Preschool FY 20 Grant Application
- 06-471-19** Approve submission of ESEA FY 20 Grant Application
- 06-472-19** Approve 2019-20 school year meal prices
- 06-473-19** Approve Network Administration Contract with Peggnet Computers, Inc.
- 06-474-19** Approve Addendum 1 to the Network Administration Contract with Peggnet Computers, Inc.
- 06-475-19** Approve summer hours for Sharon Smith, LDTC
- 06-476-19** Approve summer hours for Alain Mollinedo, School Social Worker
- 06-477-19** Approve summer hours for Frank Nascimento, School Psychologist
- 06-478-19** Acknowledge the resignation of Sharon Smith, LDTC effective September 1, 2019
- 06-479-19** Acknowledges the QSAC interim placement
- 06-480-19** Accepts Superintendent evaluation for the 2018-19 school year
- 06-481-19** Approve amended Share Services Agreement

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- 06-482-19** Approve Parental Contract for Student Transportation
- 06-483-19** Approve Joint Transportation Agreement with Kearny Board of Education
- 06-452-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting and Executive Session held on May 205, 2019 as submitted.
- 06-453-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the payment of Bills and Claims, from the Current Account and Cafeteria Account dated May 21, 2019 thru June 17, 2019 in the amount of \$200,651.89.
- 06-454-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the payment of May 15, 2019 and May 30, 2019 payrolls as follows:
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| May 15, 2019 | \$ 82,919.47 |
| May 30, 2019 | <u>\$ 92,208.99</u> |
| Total | \$ 175,128.46 |
- 06-455-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Board Secretary's (A148) Report and Treasurer's (A149 Report), for the month ending April 30, 2019.
- 06-456-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the certification of funds, Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, that as of April 30, 2019 no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A16.10(a).
- 06-457-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the attached budget transfers for the month of April 30, 2019.
- 06-458-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept a donation of \$3,817.50 from Robert Half Company effective March 26, 2019.
- 06-459-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, adopt the following resolution
- WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-14.4 et seq** permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and
- WHEREAS**, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and
- WHEREAS**, the East Newark Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Capital Reserve account at year end, and

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WHEREAS, the East Newark Board of Education has determined that up to \$400,000 beyond the legal unreserved fund balance of \$250,000 is available for such purpose of transfer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the East Newark Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

- 06-460-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the purchase of 20 Chromebooks and Cart in the amount of \$7,626.99 funded from the Robert Half Grant (\$6,817.50) and local funds (\$809.49).
- 06-461-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to process payments for all end of year bills due prior to June 30, 2019 and report at the next regular meeting.
- 06-462-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Imperial Flooring Systems, Inc. to replace 24 terrazzo step treads at a cost of \$28,500 from the 2018-19 school budget.
- 06-463-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Imperial Flooring Systems, Inc. to replace 23 terrazzo step treads at a cost of \$27,500 from the 2019-20 school budget.
- 06-464-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Ms. Margaret Jackson and Mr. Bryan Jablonsky for employment during Summer School, July 2019 at a rate of \$45 per hour, four hours per day.
- 06-465-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, retroactively approves the following teachers as yearbook advisors for the 2019 – 2020 school year at a rate of \$45 per hour, not to exceed \$2600:
Isabella Luniewski, Derris Brown, Odemaris Herskovitz.
- 06-466-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, acknowledges Lizzette Morales' rescission of acceptance for employment.
- 06-467-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the revised contract for Robert Clark, School Business Administrator / Board Secretary, effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.
- 06-468-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the purchase of Go Math (Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt) grades K to 8, \$23,795.86 (attachment).
- 06-469-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the employment of Nadine Y St Pierre as school nurse for the 2019 – 2020 school year pending receipt of emergency certification.

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06-470-19 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves submission of the IDEA Basic and Preschool FY 20 Grant Application from July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020 as follows:

IDEA Basic	\$ 64,734
IDEA Preschool	<u>\$ 2,757</u>
Total	\$ 70,491

06-471-19 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves submission of the ESEA FY 20 Grant Application from July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020 as follows:

Title I Part A	\$ 253,017
Title II Part A	\$ 23,200
Title III	<u>\$ 1,500</u>
Total	\$ 277,717

Note the following are reallocated to Title I (Title III \$4,602; Title III Immigrant; \$1,874 and Title IV \$14,471)

06-472-19 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2019-20 school year meal prices as attached.

06-473-19 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Network Administration Contract with Peggnet Computers, Inc. in the amount of \$20,084.68 from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

04-474-19 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Addendum 1 to the Network Administration Contract with Peggnet Computers, Inc. for \$1,573.99 from September 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

06-475-19 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves summer hours for Sharon Smith, LDTC for eight days at a rate of \$300 per day, not to exceed \$2400.

06-476-19 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves summer hours for Alain Mollinedo, School Social Worker for eight days at a rate of \$300 per day, not to exceed \$2400.

06-477-19 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves summer hours for Frank Nascimento, School Psychologist for eight days at a rate of \$300 per day, not to exceed \$2400.

06-478-19 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent acknowledges the resignation of Sharon Smith, LDTC effective September 1, 2019.

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- 06-479-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, acknowledges the QSAC interim placement.
- 06-480-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, accepts the Superintendent evaluation for the 2018 – 2019 school year as agreed to by the majority.
- 06-481-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the amended Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of East Newark in the amount of \$125,900 from July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019.
- 06-482-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Parental Contract for Student Transportation (Student #7104712865) for \$1,100 from July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020.
- 06-483-19** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a Joint Transportation Agreement with Kearny Board of Education to Deron School, Union, NJ at a jointer cost of \$20,000 from July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020.

Consent Agenda: Resolution 06-452-19 thru 06-483-19				
Motion: Mrs. Smith		Second: Ms. Lopez		
	Yea	Ney	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Smith (Marlene)	X			
Mr. Balsam Jr. (Mark)				X
Ms. Fernandes (Carla)	X			
Ms. Goncalves (Brigite)	X			
Ms. Lopez (Johanna)	X			

VIII Old Business

There was no Old Business

IX. New Business

There was no New Business

X. Public Comment/Questions

There was no Public Comment

XI. Board Comments

There was no Board Comments

XII. Adjournment

Mrs. Smith made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm motion was seconded by Ms. Fernandes and carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Regards

**Robert T. Clark
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary**