

**East Newark Board of Education, 501 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., East Newark, N. J. 07029**

The **Regular Public Meeting** of the East Newark Board of Education was held on March 23, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. on Google Zoom.

**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.

<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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) None**

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 employers

Enter Executive Session: Motion \_\_\_\_\_; Second \_\_\_\_\_; Voice Vote \_\_\_\_\_.

Exit Executive Session: Motion \_\_\_\_\_; Second \_\_\_\_\_; Voice Vote \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Public Comment**

Enter: Motion Ms. Fernandes ; Second Ms. Lopez ; Voice Vote aye .

No public comment.

Exit: Motion Ms. Goncalves ; Second Mr. Balsam ; Voice Vote aye.

**IV. Superintendent’s Report**

- Thank you for attending this evening. Under these circumstances, it certainly demonstrates your strong commitment to education. Our district will remain closed until directed otherwise.
- I have tried to keep you and our community updated regarding the coronavirus and our plans to provide education and nutrition to our students. All letters and communications are posted on the school website. This includes our school closure plan. I also recommend that you follow me on Twitter where I will continue to post the latest news. You should know that our teachers and staff have been outstanding. They have demonstrated commitment, imagination, and genuine concern for all our students. We are very fortunate to have them on our team.
- We are providing breakfast and lunch to all students, Monday to Friday at the Recreational Center from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Prior to the outbreak of the coronavirus, Ms. Rugani approached me on behalf of the ENEA and requested that we begin negotiations. This evening I am asking the Board to elect two members to represent the Board and steer the negotiations with the ENEA. This will require meeting with the union representatives on a regular basis. Of course, until the coronavirus passes, we will postpone negotiations.
- On the agenda is a resolution to accept Billy Contracting and Restoration’s lowest bid of \$286,000 for the bathroom renovations. Once again, we are hoping that the coronavirus does not delay this project.

<b>Consent Agenda:</b> Resolution 03-714-20 thru 03-724-20				
<b>Motion:</b> Ms. Lopez	<b>Second:</b> Ms. Goncalves			
	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			

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**VII. Old Business**

None

**VIII. New Business**

None

**IX. Public Comment/Questions**

None

**X. Board Comments**

Ms. Goncalves thanked Dr. Corbett and the school staff and students for their hard work and dedication.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion: Ms. Lopez ; Second Ms. Goncalves ; Voice Vote aye .

Meeting adjourned at 6:25PM.