

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 was held on July 20, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. Via Zoom.

Agenda

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
Ms. Goncalves (Brigite)	X	
Mr. Balsam (Mark)	X	
Ms. Lopez (Johanna)	X	
Ms. Fernandes (Carla)	X	
Ms. Slattery (Valeria)	X	

II. Executive Session (as needed)

Executive Meeting was read by Ms. Goncalves.

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 Ms. Fernandes ; Second Ms. Lopez ; Voice Vote aye.

Exit Executive Session: Motion Ms. Fernandes ; Second Ms. Slattery ; Voice Vote aye.

III. Public Comment, Policy read by Ms. Goncalves

None

IV. Superintendent’s Report & QSAC Placement Report (Official)

☐ Both graduation events, virtual and in-person, went extremely well. I was very proud of our students who endured a very difficult year. Our teachers too, did an awesome job guiding our students to the finish line. I am grateful to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Luniewski for their efforts to make the event a success.

☐ The official QSAC results have arrive, and as announced previously, for the first time ever, we have

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been officially designated as a “High Performing District.” I encourage you to review the scores (backups: 07-803-20) and do not hesitate to call Dr. Pantoliano or me with questions. The few points deducted can be attributed to DPRs we had little control over, such as not having a media specialist on staff, or NJSMART data entered erroneously before 2018.

- ☐ Not long after school closed in mid-March, we began a thorough cleaning and began summer maintenance. That head start has allowed us to go beyond what we normally do during the summer (e.g. classroom sanitizing, floors stripped and waxed) and address projects such as painting the stairwells and organizing the attic. We still have much work to do but I am sure we will be in great shape for September.
- ☐ Accu-Scan LLC, (resolution 07-781-20) will be assisting in our goal of digitizing records and identifying files that can legally be destroyed and those that must be retained. A look at the attic will show how desperate we are for organization and space. My goal is that by the fall of this year, the attic will be free of superfluous documents and junk, and the space will be used more efficiently.
- ☐ Recently on twitter (@EastNewarkCSA), I posted two current pictures of the bathroom renovation project. It illustrates the excavation of both bathroom floors and the removal of the galvanized iron, probably dating back 120 years. Although supply chains for materials have been slow, the project manager has assured me that we are on schedule and I anticipate completion by the end of August.
- ☐ Following the graduation on July 8, I (virtually) attended the East Newark Town Council Meeting. On the agenda was the first reading and approval of the bond ordinance regarding the renovation projects. The Council passed the ordinance and I anticipate that the second reading (August 12) will also receive approval.
- ☐ Our Reopening Committee met on July 7 to provide a framework to bring students back to school in September. Our plan is informed by the New Jersey Department of Education’s guidance entitled The Road Back. Our intention is to minimize disruptions to students and families, and as much as safely possible, return our students to a normal

V. HIB report by Dr. Corbett – No HIB to report.

VI. Resolutions (Consent agenda)

- 07-772-20** Approval of Minutes June 15, 2020
- 07-773-20** Approve Bills and Claims from Current Account and Cafeteria Account June 2020
- 07-774-20** Approve June 2020 payroll
- 07-775-20** Approve financial reports February, 2020 – June, 2020
- 07-776-20** Approve certification of funds
- 07-777-20** Approve budget transfers June 2020
- 07-778-20** Approve hiring of William Cochran and Bryan Hernandez
- 07-779-20** Approve second reading of policies
- 07-780-20** Approve disability for Maribel Pinto
- 07-781-20** Approve Accu Scan contract
- 07-782-20** Approve Shared Services Agreement
- 07-783-20** Approve submission of IDEA grant: The Board approves the submission of the FY21 IDEA grant on June 26, 2020

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- 07-784-20** Approve first reading of policies
- 07-785-20** Approve Jorge Castro, middle school social studies, maternity leave, BA Step 1 (\$40,260)
- 07-786-20** Approve the *East Newark School Reopening Plan*
- 07-787-20** Approve Marissa Kane, grade 1 maternity leave, BA Step 1 (\$40,260)
- 07-788-20** Approve submission of ESEA grant: The Board approves the submission of the FY21 ESEA grant submission on June 29, 2020
- 07-789-20** Approve transfer to Capital Reserve Account
- 07-790-20** Authorize payment of 2019-2020 bills
- 07-791-20** Approve 2020-2021 school year meal prices
- 07-792-20** Maschio’s Contract Modification
- 07-793-20** Contract modification student NGA337956
- 07-794-20** Approve ESY Program and Tuition Contract for 2020/2021 with Deron School of NJ
- 07-795-20** Approve ESY Program and Tuition Contract for 2020/2021 with Deron School of NJ
- 07-796-20** Approve Tuition Contract for 2020/2021 with Westbridge Academy
- 07-797-20** Approve Tuition Contract for 2020/2021 with YCS – Sawtelle Learning Center
- 07-798-20** Approve Tuition Contract for 2020/2021 with YCS – Sawtelle Learning Center
- 07-799-20** Approve Tuition Contract for 2020/2021 with 1st Cerebral Palsy f NJ
- 07-800-20** Approve contract with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc.
- 07-801-20** SAIF Commissioner
- 07-802-20** Approve 2 part-time custodian position
- 07-803-20** Acknowledge QSAC placement as per Superintendent’s report
- 07-772-20** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting held on June 15, 2020 as submitted.
- 07-773-20** **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 June 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$481,774.13.
- 07-774-20** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the payment of June 14, 2019 and June 21, 2019 payrolls as follows:
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| June 15,2020 | \$ 79,729.47 |
| June 30,2020 | <u>\$ 83,025.60</u> |
| Total | \$ 162,755.07 |
- 07-775-20** **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) as attached.
- 07-776-20** **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 June 30, 2020 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).
- 07-777-20** **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 June 30, 2020.

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07-778-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, retroactively approves hiring of William Cochran and Bryan Hernandez for part-time summer custodial help, effective July 8, 2020 until August 31, 2020 for 25 hours a week (each) at \$11.00 per hour.

07-779-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, acknowledges the second reading and approves the following board policies:

Second Reading			
Policy	Regulation	Title	Summary
2442 (M)	N.A.	Health and Physical Education	Now includes: History of disabled and LGBT persons
5330 (M)		Administration of Medication	Includes hydrocortisone sodium succinate (for adrenal insufficiency (self – administration))
	5330 (M)		
7243 (M)		Supervision of Construction (M)	Criminal history required for employees who have regular contact with students.
8210		School Year	Explicitly states that 180 is the minimum required days.
8220 (M)		School Day	The BOE will annually approve starting and ending time of a shortened day.
	8220	School Closing	
8462 (M)		Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children	Require posting of toll-free hotline for reporting abuse.
1581 (M)		Domestic Violence Outlines requirements of the NJ Safe Act.	
	1581		

07-780-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves disability for Maribel Pinto.

07-781-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves *Accu-Scan* contract

07-782-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Shared Services Agreement.

07-783-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves submission of IDEA grant: The Board approves the submission of the FY21 IDEA grant on June 26, 2020.

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07-784-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, acknowledges the first reading of the following policies & regulations:

First Reading			
Policy	Regulation	Title	Summary
1649 (M) (New)		Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19)	FMLA applied to care due to pandemic response
2270 (Revised)		Religion in Schools	Last 3 paragraphs removed.
2431.3 (M) (Revised)		Heat Participation Policy for Student – Athlete Safety	Requires compliance with NJSIAS’s “current” heat participation policy
2622 (M) (Revised)		Student Assessment	Science assessment through grade 5.
5111 (M) (Revised)	5111(M) (Revised)	Eligibility of Resident / Nonresident Students	NJMVC data may not be used to determine residency
5200 (M) (Revised)	5200 (M) (Revised)	Attendance	Clarity regarding attendance
5320 (Revised)	5320 (Revised)	Immunization	Additional guidance regarding the NJAC
5610 (M) (Revised)		Suspension	Requires consideration of student health.
	5610 (M) (Revised)	Suspension Procedures	
5620 (M) (Revised)		Expulsion	Requires consideration of student health.
8320 (M) (Revised)	8320 (M) (Revised)	Personnel Records	Regards pubic access to personnel records.

07-785-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Jorge Castro, middle school social studies, maternity leave, BA Step 1 (\$40,260), no benefits.

07-786-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the *East Newark School Reopening Plan*

07-787-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Marissa Kane, grade 1 maternity leave, BA Step 1 (\$40,260) with no benefits.

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07-788-20 **Be It Resolved** that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves submission of the ESEA FY 21 Grant Application on June 29, 2020 as follows with \$3,489 being reallocated from Title II to Title I:

Title I Part A	\$ 236,661
Title I Reallocated	\$ 6,337
Title II Part A	\$ 20,000
Title III	\$ 2,127
Title IV	<u>\$ 17,138</u>
Total	\$ 282,263

07-789-20 **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

WHEREAS, the East Newark Board of Education has determined that up to \$1,000,000 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.

07-790-20 **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, 2020 and report at the next regular meeting.

07-791-20 **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.

07-792-20 **Be It Resolved** that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves retroactively an Emergency Contract Modification due to the Novel Coronavirus with Maschio's Food Service, LLC commencing March 17, 2020, as attached.

07-793-20 **Be It Resolved** that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves retroactively a change in tuition amount for NGA337956, as attached.

07-794-20 **Be It Resolved** that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves July-August 2020 ESY Program Tuition Contract for Student # NP with Deron School of New Jersey 30 days, including 1 aide in the amount of \$15,028.80.

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Be It Further Resolved that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves 2020/2021 school term Tuition Contract for Student #NP with Deron School of New Jersey in the amount of \$62,272.80.

- 07-795-20** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves July-August 2020 ESY Program Tuition Contract for Student # KS with Deron School of New Jersey for 30 days in the amount of \$9,536.70.
Be It Further Resolved that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves 2020/2021 school term Tuition Contract for Student #KS with Deron School of New Jersey in the amount of \$57,220.20.
- 07-796-20** **Be It Resolved** that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the 2020/2021 school term Tuition Contract for Student #SA with Westbridge Academy in the amount of \$85,564.
- 07-797-20** **Be It Resolved** that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the 2020/2021 school term, July 2020 through June 2021, Tuition Contract for Student #EF with YCS – Sawtelle Learning Center in the amount of \$67,673.93.
- 07-798-20** **Be It Resolved** that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the 2020/2021 school term, July 2020 through June 2021, Tuition Contract for Student #NL with YCS – Sawtelle Learning Center in the amount of \$67,673.93.
- 07-799-20** **Be It Resolved** that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the 2020/2021 school term, July 2020 through June 2021, Tuition Contract for Student #EF with 1st Cerebral Palsy f NJ n in the amount of \$72,412.20.
- 07-800-20** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves retroactively a contract with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. for Nursing Services at a rate of \$55.00 per hour for RN and \$45.00 for LPN from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, inclusive of terms in attached contract.
- 07-801-20** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, with upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby appoints Dr. Letizia Pantoliano as the School Alliance Insurance Fund Commissioner.
- 07-802-20** **Be It Resolved** that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves 2 part-time custodians. The position will pay the State minimum wage, 25 hours per week, with no benefits.
- 07-803-20** **Be It Resolved** that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent acknowledges QSAC placement as per the Superintendent's report.

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Consent Agenda: Resolution 07-772-20 thru 07-803-20				
Motion: Ms. Slattery		Second: Ms. Lopez		
	Yea	Ney	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Balsam Jr. (Mark)	X			
Ms. Fernandes (Carla)	X			
Ms. Goncalves (Brigite)	X			
Ms. Lopez (Johanna)	X			
Ms. Slattery (Valeria)	X			

Ms. Goncalves called for comments or questions from Board members. There were none.

VII. Old Business

Dr. Pantoliano advised the Board that the state release state aid numbers on July 10, 2020.

VIII. New Business

None

IX. Public Comment/Questions

None

X. Board Comments

None

XI. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.