

Board of Education of East Newark, Hudson County, NJ
October 19, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Board President Brigitte Goncalves called the Regular Virtual (Zoom) Meeting of the East Newark Board of Education to order on Monday October 19, 2020 at 6:15 p.m., led the Board in the Salute to the Flag and read the following Opening Statement:

OPENING STATEMENT

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Ms. Goncalves, Ms. Slattery, Ms. Fernandes

Absent: Mr. Balsam, Jr., Ms. Lopez

Also Present: Dr. Richard Corbett, Superintendent
Paul Vizzuso, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- Our students in grades pre-kindergarten to fifth returned to school (smiling) on October 12. They were greeted by our very enthusiastic teachers who were thrilled to have at least some of our students return. Our gradual reopening is four days per week, Monday to Thursday from 8:25 until 12:20 p.m. We look forward to our middle school students joining us on November 9.
- So far, thirty-five students have opted for all virtual instruction. Teachers are providing instruction synchronously, i.e., providing in-person and on-line instruction at the same time. We are making the best out of a difficult situation and I am grateful to our parents, students, faculty and staff for their patience.
- You will see a copy of the *East Newark School District Hybrid Reopening Plan* in the attachments for this meeting. It is also posted on the website. This is the fourth edition and I can almost guarantee that there will be a fifth edition too!
- The agenda also includes approval for renovations to Holy Cross. In consultation with our architect, my intention is to ensure the space is suitable for students while minimizing expenses. This is particularly important since these projects were not foreseen when the board approved the 2020 – 2021 budget. We will be focusing on electric, HVAC, Communication & Wi-Fi.
- The move to Holy Cross will also require us to have an additional building administrator. I am recommending Dr. Rosaura Bagolie to serve as Principal for the East Newark School (Pre-kindergarten to grade 4) and CST Supervisor. I will serve as Superintendent and Principal of the middle school (grades 5 to 8) located at Holy Cross.
- Finally, I would like to provide you with a brief update regarding our District Goals. Part of the fourth district goal involves organizing, digitizing, and/or shredding all attic stored documents (as allowed by law) thereby using space efficiently and making more space available. While this is certainly not the most important goal for this year, it should be noted that the project is almost complete and the attic is cleaner and more organized than it has been in almost 120 years!

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RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE (R 10-838-853-20)

Motion by: Ms. Fernandes
Seconded by: Ms. Slattery

ROLL CALL: YES 3 NO 0 RECUSE 0

10-838-20 Be It Resolved, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the payment of applications #3 in the amount of \$129,571.45 (as per attachment 10-838-20).

10-839-20 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 September 21, 2020 and the Special Meeting held on September 30, as submitted.

10-840-20 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 September 22, 2020 through October 19, 2020 in the amount of \$237,289.46.

10-841-20 Be It Resolved, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the payment of September 15, 2020 and September 30, 2020 payrolls as follows:

September 15, 2020	\$ 84,289.19
September 30, 2020	<u>\$ 90,571.48</u>
Total	\$ 174,860.67

10-842-20 Be It Resolved, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves district PDP for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

10-843-20 Be It Resolved, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves maternity leave for Isabella Luniewski (attachment).

10-844-20 Be It Resolved, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves revised maternity leave for Stephany Fardin (attachment).

10-845-20 Be It Resolved, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the first reading of the following policies:

First Reading			
Policy	Regulation	Title	Summary
1620 (M) (Revised)		Administrative Employment Contracts	Public notice and hearing are required.
2431 (M) (Revised)	2431.1 (M) (Revised)	Athletic Competition	Requires emergency action plan.
2462 (M) (Revised)		Gifted and Talented	Development of G&T programs
5330.05 (M) (New)	5330.05 (M) (New)	Seizure Action Plan	Parents required to submit seizure action plan.
6440 (M) (Revised)		Cooperative Purchasing	Definitions updated

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This resolution shall become effective immediately.

10-848-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves internet and phones upgrades for the third floor of Holy Cross School as per the attachments.

10-849-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Holy Cross electrical upgrades only as it pertains to the replacement of fluorescent bulbs (third floor) with safety sleeves for a total of \$8,200.

10-850-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the position of East Newark School (Pre-kindergarten to grade 4) Principal/CST Supervisor.

10-851-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves contract with Rosaura Bagolie, Ed. D. as Principal / CST Supervisor, \$85,000 annually (pro-rated) with benefits (attachment).

10-852-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the *East Newark School District Hybrid Reopening Plan, 4th Edition*.

10-853-20 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Holy Cross univent inspections and cleaning as quoted

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Fernandes stated that the teachers are doing a wonderful job teaching from home. Dr. Corbett and Ms. Goncalves thanked Ms. Fernandes for the positive comments and recognition.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Ms. Fernandes

Seconded by: Ms. Goncalves

BE IT RESOLVED, that with no further business to come before the East Newark Board of Education, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m., all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



R. Paul Vizzuso
Business Administrator/Board Secretary