

**Board of Education of East Newark, Hudson County, NJ**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes April 19, 2021**

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**Board President** Brigitte Goncalves called the Regular Meeting (Virtual) of the East Newark Board of Education to order on Monday April 19, 2021 6:18 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, President  
Mr. Balsam, Jr., Vice President – joined meeting at 6:20 pm  
Ms. Fernandes  
Ms. Lopez  
Ms. Slattery

**Absent:** None

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

**INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:20 p.m.**

Ms. Goncalves read the following statement:

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.

- Personnel – employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employees

Motion by: Ms. Lopez  
Seconded by: Ms. Slattery

***All in favor***

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION BACK INTO PUBLIC SESSION – 6:26 p.m.**

Motion by: Ms. Fernandes  
Seconded by: Ms. Lopez

***All in favor***

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**School Reopening**

Today students in pre-kindergarten to grade 8 were welcomed back to school for in-person learning. It truly was an exciting day and I believe our students were as happy to see us as we were to see them. Upon arrival, students had their temperatures checked, and underwent a health screening. All students received hand sanitizer and were wearing masks.

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It was also an historic day since, for the first time our middle school students attended in-person learning at our new middle school (Figure 1). We began the day with a brief assembly in the cafeteria. I explained our safety protocols, focusing on the building layout and areas that students must avoid. All learning was asynchronous, so students not attending in person are receiving the same instruction as those attending school.

**NJSLA**

The U.S. Department of Education has determined that New Jersey’s proposal to replace this spring’s NJSLA with a series of alternative assessment tools is in compliance with federal requirements under ESSA. Districts and the state will be able to use alternative forms of assessment to gather useful data that will help identify and support student needs. This fall, as part of the N.J. Department of Education’s “*Strong Start Initiative*” assessments will be administered in ELA, math and science.

**Summer Camp 2021**

To focus on the fun and engaging aspects of the summer experience, we will refer to the summer session as “*Summer Camp*” and not “*Summer School*.”

With the use of ESSER II funds, summer camp will be expanded this year to provide supplemental instruction and make up for potential learning loss that might have occurred during the extended school closure. Specifically, the summer camp day will be expanded from four to six hours; the week will be extended from four days to five days; and summer camp will go from four weeks to six weeks, beginning July 6 and ending August 13.

While the morning session (8:00 am. to 12:00 p.m.) will focus on academics, the afternoon (12:00 to 3:00 p.m.) will focus on social, emotional, physical and integrating these components through mixed martial arts. Although we intend to make the entire day engaging and fun, Fridays will be “Fun Days” and our goal is to plan an outdoor experience each Friday.

**Talent Show and Art Show**

In an effort to re-establish our school community with extra-curricular activities, last week students performed in our talent show on April 14 (Figure 2) and displayed their art work at the April 15 Art Show (Figure 3). In both shows, students demonstrated their fine talents and extraordinary heart. We are proud of their accomplishments.

**Basketball**

Congratulations to all our basketball players for participating in a very competitive and fun-filled season. I am grateful to Mr. Fronjian for organizing and supervising these games, which for the first time, included co-ed teams. (Figure 4)

**Superintendent Evaluation**

You should have been notified that I have completed my portion of the evaluation. In order for the current board to complete the evaluation as mandated, I am requesting that the board meet briefly on May 4 at 6:30 p.m. to finalize my evaluation.

**Dr. Corbett also reported on the School Performance Report 2019-2020**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD COMMENT R 04-923-21 – 04-940-21**

Motion by: Mr. Balsam

Seconded by: Ms. Lopez

**ROLL CALL: All in Favor**

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**BOARD COMMENT**

None

**RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE R 04-923-21 – 04-940-21**

Motion by: Ms. Slattery

Seconded by: Mr. Balsam

**ROLL CALL: YES 4 NO 0 ABSTAIN: Ms. Fernandes**

**04-923-21 Be It Resolved,** that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following paraprofessionals for Summer School 2021, from July 6 to August 12, at a rate their contractual rate, for five days per week, up to six hours per day (no benefits). The for staffing summer school will be \$130,000, supplemented by ESSR II funds.

Summer School July 6 to August 12, 2021 (June orientation day TBD)	
Name:	Assignment:
Evelyn Garcia	TBD
Matthew Kazdin	TBD
Elsie Ubilla	TBD
Maria Aliaga	TBD
Tamara Rivadeneira	TBD

**04-924-21 Be It Resolved,** that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the renewal of the following teaching faculty for 2021 -2022 school year:

Name	Step	Status	Tenure Date	Position*
Marixa Acuna	BA + 15 / 4	NT	9.3.2023	Grade 3
Maria Borisuk	MA 5	NT	9.3.2023	Preschool
JiannaMarie Padilla	BA 4	NT	9.3.2023	Grade 4
John Colaiacovo III	BA 3	NT	9.3.2023	Music
Odemaris Herskovitz	MA 5	NT	9.2.2021	Grade 5
Derris Brown	BA + 30 / 7	T	NA	Middle School S.S. / Science
Ingrid Fullerton	MA 12	NT	9.3.2024	Middle School Math
Carol Costanzo	MA 12	NT	9.3.2024	Middle School Math
Isabella Luniewski	BA 9	T	NA	Middle School Language Arts
Jeanine Rugani	BA 23	T	NA	BSI / Title I Math Grades K - 5
Jennifer Perkins	BA+30/20	T	NA	Grade 2
Joyce Machcinski	MA 18	T	NA	Reading Specialist
Margaret Jackson	MA 4	NT	9.18.2022	Art

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Marlene Hinostrroza	MA 8	NT	3.14.2023	English as a Second Language (ESL)
Brandon Fronjian	BA 10	NT	9.3.2023	Physical Education / Health
Nicole Costeira	BA 18	T	NA	Testing Coordinator / HIB Specialist
Nocilja Acuna (Nurse)	BA 24	NT	9.28.2023	Nurse
Vanessa Jablonsky	BA+15/ 12	T	NA	Kindergarten
Wendy Busanich	MA+30/ 0	T	NA	Reading Specialist K-2
Nathaly Vera	MA 3	NT	NA	Social Worker

\* The “Position” listed may be changed by the Superintendent and is listed above for informational purposes only

**04-925-21**      **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following minutes as submitted.

- March 29, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- March 29, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes

**04-926-21**      **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the financial reports as submitted, which include the monthly Board Secretary’s report and the Treasurer of School Monies report for the month ended March 31, 2021. The Board notes that the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports are in balance for the cash receipts and disbursements for the month ended March 31, 2021 and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c), I, R. Paul Vizzuso, Board Secretary, certify that as of March 31, 2021 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1, and that the District financial accounts have been reconciled and are in balance, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that through the adoption of this resolution, we, the East Newark Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10, certify that as of March 31, 2021 after review of the Board Secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriation section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**04-927-21**      **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Monthly Transfer Reports as submitted for the month ended March 31, 2021.

**04-928-21**      **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Bill List as submitted in the amount of \$413,722.30 for April 19, 2021 is hereby approved and payment authorized as funds of the board are made available following this meeting.

**04-929-21**      **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Holy Cross lease extension.

**04-930-21**      **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves contract with Eagle Martial Arts from July 6 to August 12, 2021 Monday to Thursday for 30 students in the amount of \$23,040, supplemented by ESSR II funds.

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**04-931-21**     **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves JiannaMaria Padilla as coordinator, effective immediately and until June 30, 2022 for with a stipend of \$1800.

**04-932-21**     **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoints Allan Roth, Esq. Special Counsel to the East Newark Board of Education effective April 20, 2021 through April 19, 2022, not to exceed \$10,000.

**04-933-21**     **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent acknowledges the first reading of the following policies:

<b>First Reading</b>			
<b>Policy</b>	<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Summary</b>
0141.1		BOARD MEMBER AND TERM - SENDING DISTRICT	The Board of Education shall consist of 7 members.
0153		ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS	Board Secretary, public school accountant, A medical inspector, A psychological examiner, A member to serve as delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association, An attendance officer(s), An attorney;
0163		QUORUM	Consists of four members

**04-934-21**     **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves John Colaiacovo as long term substitute three days a week at his per diem salary \$216.74.

**04-935-21**     **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the 2021- 2022 para-professional contracts for the following employees:

Name	Hours	Assignment*
Sofia Medina	7:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.	Classroom Aide Pre-K A.M.
Margarita Martillo	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Classroom Aide Pre-K P.M.
Nora DiMatteo	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Classroom Aide Kindergarten A.M. / Bus P.M.

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Elsie Ubilla	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Classroom Aide Kindergarten P.M.
Tamara Rivadeneira	7:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.	1:1 Aide First Grade A.M.
Cristina Dos Santos	7:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.	Classroom Aide 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade A.M.
Evelyn Garcia	7:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.	Classroom Aide 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade A.M.
Matthew Kazdin	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Classroom Aide 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade P.M.
Maria Aliaga	7:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.	Classroom Aide 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade A.M.
Patricia Rios	7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Classroom Aide 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade / Bus A.M.

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**04-936-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves 2020 – 2021 staff contracts for the following employees:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Rosaura Bagolie	Elementary School Principal / CST Supervisor
Veronique Pereira	Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction
Paul Vizzuso	Business Administrator
Karen Rivadeneira	Confidential School Secretary
Michael Cedano	School Psychologist
Maribel Pinto	Custodian
William Cochran	Part-time custodian
Evelyn Lassalle	Middle School Admin Assist. / Grants Facilitator

**04-937-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Stephany Fardin to assist at parent – teacher conferences on April 22 & 23 at her per diem rate of \$244.78.

**04-938-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the contract with Pascack Data, effective April 20, 2021 through March 2022.

**04-939-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves firewall / server upgrade at a cost of \$30,488.02 supplemented by ESSR II funds.

**04-940-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the speech contract with Dr. L. Hanes and Associates for the 2021 – 2021 school year.

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<b>Consent Agenda:</b> Resolutions 04-923-21 – 04-940-21				
<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Second:</b>			
	Yea	Ney	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Goncalves (Brigite)				
Mr. Balsam Jr. (Mark)				
Ms. Lopez (Johanna)				
Ms. Slattery (Valeria)				
Ms. Fernandes (Carla)				

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS**

None

**BOARD COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by: Mr. Balsam

Seconded by: Ms. Slattery

BE IT RESOLVED, that with no further business to come before the East Newark Board of Education, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m., all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



R. Paul Vizzuso  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary