

**Board of Education of East Newark, Hudson County, NJ**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes June 22, 2021**

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**Board President** Carla Fernandes called the Regular Meeting (Virtual) of the East Newark Board of Education to order on Monday Tuesday June 22, 2021 at 6:17 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

**Oath of Office for New Board Members**

Mr. Vizzuso, Board Secretary sworn in the following appointed Board members

- Laura Ditchkus
- Danielle Sarro
- Lucinda Pinto

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Ms. Fernandes, President  
Ms. Slattery, Vice President  
Ms. Ditchkus, joined meeting at 6:44  
Ms. Goncalves  
Ms. Lopez  
Ms. Pinto  
Ms. Sarro

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Dr. Richard Corbett, Superintendent  
R. Paul Vizzuso, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Peter Campisano, USA Architects  
Stephanie Platt, Board Attorney

**PRESCHOOL OPTIONS**

Mr. Campisano illustrated to the Board three (3) options for Preschool expansion

- Modular unit in the parking lot adjacent to the East Newark School
- Alterations within the East Newark School building
- Alterations at Holy Cross School

**RECOGNATION – MARK MARKOWSKI**

Dr. Corbett thanked Mark Markowski for his eight (8) years of service to the East Newark School and wished him well in his retirement.

**INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:44 p.m.**

Ms. Fernandes 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.

- Pending or Anticipated Litigation

Motion by: Ms. Slattery

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Seconded by: Ms. Lopez

***All in favor***

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION BACK INTO PUBLIC SESSION – 6:51 p.m.**

Motion by: Ms. Slattery

Seconded by: Ms. Sarro

***All in favor***

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**SAFER RETURN PLAN: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Corbett outlined the Safer Return Plan

**THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Summer Camp**

Summer Camp is scheduled to begin on July 6<sup>th</sup> and will end on August 13<sup>th</sup> with a trip to Dorney Park. Our camp theme is “Engage, Excite, Educate” because we believe that education should be engaging and exciting. Our summer camp will provide each student with 180 hours of educational and recreational services over six weeks. It will include educational excursions along with opportunities for academic remediation. Details are provided in the Summer Camp Plan.

**ESSER II / ARP Grants**

An unprecedented amount of supplemental funds from federal grants make our summer camp possible. For example, the *American Rescue Plan* is providing up to \$1.7 million. This is in addition to the \$854,000 from *ESSER II* and the \$228,000 from *ESEA*.

<b>2020 - 2021</b>	
<b>Grant:</b>	Amount awarded:
<b>IDEA</b>	69,257
<b>ESSA</b>	282,739
<b>ESSER I</b>	186,592
<b>ESSER II</b>	858,211
<b>Total</b>	\$1,396,799
<b>2021 – 2022</b>	
<b>IDEA</b>	\$64,766
<b>ESSA</b>	\$278,521
<b>ESSER III</b>	\$1,716,200
<b>Total</b>	\$2,059,487
<b>Grand Total (2020 – 2022)</b>	<u>\$3,456,286</u>

These funds have very specific allowable uses and will certainly be audited to ensure compliance. Since writing the grants will require significant time and human resources, up to \$57,000 of the grants are dedicated to these essential administrative costs.

**Graduation**

On June 17, we celebrated the accomplishments of the Class of 2021 with our first graduation held at the middle school. The middle school gym was moderately occupied, due to social distancing

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requirements. However, the enthusiasm was overwhelming. We are proud of our graduates who faced the challenges of the pandemic and achieved their goal of middle school graduation.

**Last Day / First Day of School**

June 21, 2021 was the last day of school, and we hope the last day of an infamous 15 months wrought with numerous educational challenges. When we reopen in September, we will be guided by our *Safe Return Plan*, as posted on the website. This *Plan* will be revised and informed by CDC and Department of Education Guidelines and so is likely to contain updated protocols as September approached. For example, currently it requires the use of masks and social distancing. As September approached, these mandates may be changed.

**Board Goals / District Goals**

Over the next month, I will be working on district goals which I will bring to the board for approval at the August meeting. At the same time, the board will be developing their own goals for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

**Teaching Vacancies**

With teachers resigning, filling teaching vacancies has become a major concern. Currently, we have the following openings:

ESL / World Languages / (2) Elementary Teachers; grades 1 and 3 / Media Specialist.

**Pre-Kindergarten**

To provide the board with an update regarding options for Pre-Kindergarten, I have asked Mr. Peter Campisano to attend our next board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD COMMENT R 06-961-21 – 06-988-21**

Motion by: Mr. Lopez

Seconded by: Ms. Slattery

**ROLL CALL: YES 7 NO 0**

**BOARD COMMENT**

None

**RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE R 06-961-21 – 06-988-21**

Motion by: Ms. Slattery

Seconded by: Ms. Sarro

**ROLL CALL: YES 7 NO 0**

**06-961-21 Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following minutes as submitted.

- May 19, 2021 Reorganization / Regular Meeting Minutes

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- 06-962-21** **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 May 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 May 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 May 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 May 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.
- 06-963-21** **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 May 31, 2021.
- 06-964-21** **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 \$316,152.09 for June 22, 2021 is hereby approved and payment authorized as funds of the board are made available following this meeting.
- 06-965-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Transportation Services Agreement for the 2021-2022 academic year with the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission, as submitted.
- 06-966-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Professional Legal Services agreement with Ruderman & Roth for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 06-967-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Professional Legal Services agreement with Cecilia Lindenfelser for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 06-968-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the retro salary payment for Marixma Acuna in the amount of \$1,607.

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**06-969-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the safe return plan as submitted.

**06-970-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following teaching staff for the East Newark Summer Camp.

Name	Position
N. Acuna	Nurse
M. Borisuk	Pre-K
L. Gonnella	Kdg.
A. Concha	First Grade
J. Pizzano	Second Grade
M. Acuna	Third Grade
J. Kennedy	Third Grade
T. Mora	Fourth Grade
J. Padilla	Fourth Grade
L. Jenkins	Fifth Grade ELA
L. Cordona	Fifth Grade Math
J. Castro	6-8 Grade ELA
S. Feliciano	6-8 Grade ELA
C. Costanzo	6-8 Grade Math
I. Fullerton	6-8 Grade Math
M. Hinostrza	Bilingual
B. Fronjian	ELA app. To PE
M. Jackson	ELA app. To Art
J. Colaiacovo	ELA app. To Music
N. Vera	School Social Worker
E. Garcia	TBD
M. Kazdin	TBD
E. Ubilla	TBD

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M. Aliaga	TBD
T. Rivadeneira	TBD

**06-971-21 Be It Resolved,** that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the East Newark Summer Camp to run from July 6, 2021 thru August 13, 2021 from 8:30am to 3:00pm as well as the listed field trips with a total cost of \$228,140, as per the Summer Camp Plan (attached).

<b>Trips</b>		<b>Teachers</b>	\$45 hour	Hours	Total		
I -Fly	\$2,250	Maria Borisuk	\$45	180	\$8,100	Total Trip Expense	\$37,032
Team Makers	\$1,140	Laura Gonnella	\$45	180	\$8,100	Total Transp. Exp.	\$16,509
Randolf Climbing (7.16)	\$653	Ana Concha	\$45	180	\$8,100	Teacher Comp.	\$163,000
Lego Land and Aquarium	\$1,400	Joseph Pizzano	\$45	180	\$8,100	Para -Pro. Comp.	\$12,600
Spirit of New Jersey Liberty Science Center	\$3,200 \$1,265	Marixza Acuna Janelle Kennedy	\$45 \$45	180 180	\$8,100 \$8,100	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$229,140</b>
Randolf Climbing (7.30)	\$653	Tania Mora	\$45	180	\$8,100		
Bowlero Bowling	\$1,350	JiannaMarie Padilla	\$45	180	\$8,100		
Lakehouse Studios	\$1,000	Lamar Jenkins	\$45	180	\$8,100		
Field Day (West Hud. Pk.)	\$0	Lizzette Cordona	\$45	180	\$8,100		
Sesame Place	\$1,500	Jorge Castro	\$45	180	\$8,100		
EMA	\$20,000	Sheila Feliciano	\$45	180	\$8,100		
Dorney Park	\$1,525	Carol Costanzo	\$45	180	\$8,100		
T-Shirts for F/Trips	\$1,096	Ingrid Fullerton	\$45	180	\$8,100		
<b>Total Trip Expenses</b>	<b>\$35,936</b>	Marlene Hinostroza	\$45	180	\$8,100		
Transportation for:		Brandon Fronjian	\$45	202	\$9,100		
Eagle Martial Arts	\$8,050	Margaret Jackson	\$45	180	\$8,100		
I -Fly	\$438	John Colaiacovo	\$45	180	\$8,100		
Team Makers	\$1,050	Nathaly Vera	\$45	180	\$8,100		
Randolf Climbing (7.16)	\$350	Acuna	\$45	180	\$8,100		
Lego Land and Aquarium	\$963	<b>Total Teachers Comp.</b>			<b>\$163,000</b>		
Spirit of New Jersey	\$394						
Liberty Science Center	\$963	<b>Paraprofessionals</b>	\$14 hour	Hours	Total		
Randolf Climbing	\$350	Evelyn Garcia	\$14	180	\$2,520		

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Bowlero Bowling	\$700	Matthew Kazdin	\$14	180	\$2,520		
Lakehouse Studios	\$569	Elsie Ubilla	\$14	180	\$2,520		
Field Day (West Hud. Pk.)	\$0	Maria Aliaga	\$14	180	\$2,520		
Sesame Place	\$732	Tamara Rivadeneira	\$14	180	\$2,520		
Dorney Park	\$1,450	<b>Total Para Comp.</b>			<b>\$12,600</b>		
Tolls & Parking	\$500						
<b>Total Trip Expenses</b>	<b>\$16,509</b>						

**06-972-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the resignation of Marlene Hinostroza, ESL teacher effective June 21, 2021.

**06-973-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the submission of the ESSER II grant to the State for the following.

- CRRSA ESSER II - \$764,162
- Learning Acceleration – \$49,040
- Mental Health – \$49,040

**06-974-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Chief School Administrator Professional Development Plan as attached.

**06-975-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Maria Cuenca as P/T Custodian effective June 14, 2021 at a rate of \$12 per hour (No Health Benefits), not to exceed 29 hours per week.

**06-976-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, approves the following delegates/representatives be appointed for the 2021-22 school year.

Appointment of Carla Fernandes as delegate to Hudson County School Boards Association

Appointment of Danielle Sarro as sending district representative to Town of Harrison Board of Education

**06-977-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the amendment of board resolution 12-869-20 to read as follows:

**Be It resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Preschool Operation Plan for 2021–2022 with a Budget of \$44,390, prior year carry over of \$14,315 and \$17,657 from local funds.

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- 06-978-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves July – August 2021 ESY Program Tuition Contract for Student #SA with the Kearny Board of Education in the amount of \$2,548.
- 06-979-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves July – August 2021 ESY Program Tuition Contract for Student #DC with the Kearny Board of Education in the amount of \$2,548.
- 06-980-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves July – August 2021 ESY Program Tuition Contract for Student #EV with the Kearny Board of Education in the amount of \$2,548.
- 06-981-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves July-August 2021 ESY Program Tuition Contract for Student # KS with Deron School of New Jersey for 30 days in the amount of \$10,167.00.  
**Be It Further Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves 2021/2022 school term Tuition Contract for Student #KS with Deron School of New Jersey in the amount of \$61,002.00.
- 06-982-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves July-August 2021 ESY Program Tuition Contract for Student # NP with Deron School of New Jersey 30 days, including 1 aide in the amount of \$10,479.00  
**Be It Further Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves 2021/2022 school term Tuition Contract for Student #NP with Deron School of New Jersey in the amount of \$62,874.00.
- 06-983-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the 2021/2022 school term, July 2021 through June 2022, Tuition Contract for Student #EF with YCS – Sawtelle Learning Center in the amount of \$70,857.93.
- 06-984-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Dr. Rosaura Bagolie to write grants with a stipend of \$10,000 paid with grant monies.
- 06-985-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the ESL Teacher job description as attached.
- 06-986-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the World Language Teacher job description as attached.
- 06-987-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the LDTC Contract, as attached.



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**06-988-21**     **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Brandon Fronjian as Summer Camp Coordinator, \$1000 stipend to be paid from the ESSERS II grant.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS**

None

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Dr. Corbett welcomed the three (3) new Board members

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by:     Mr. Goncalves

Seconded by:   Ms. Sarro

BE IT RESOLVED, that with no further business to come before the East Newark Board of Education, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m., all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



R. Paul Vizzuso  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary