

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

Board President Carla Fernandes called the Regular Meeting (Virtual) of the East Newark Board of Education to order on Monday July 19, 2021 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. Fernandes, President
Ms. Slattery, Vice President
Ms. Pinto
Ms. Sarro

Absent: Ms. Goncalves, Ms. Lopez, Ms. Ditchkus

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Opened 6:19 pm – Closed 6:19 pm

No comments from the public

THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Summer Camp

Summer camp began July 6th and will continue until August 13, as scheduled. A total of 112 students registered and the attendance rate is 89 per cent. As explained, to qualify for Friday's "educational excursion" students must attend 3 of the 4 days prior.

Teaching Vacancies

Although most teaching positions have been filled, we are still seeking teachers for World Languages and a Media Specialist. In addition, I am asking the board to approve an additional K – 5 teacher who would serve to reduce the student teacher ratio in the fifth grade class. Currently 27 students are enrolled.

Pre-Kindergarten

One of our district goals is to implement full day pre-kindergarten for 3 and 4 year olds. As discussed previously, housing an additional pre-kindergarten class in the elementary school is possible if we convert the superintendent's office into a bathroom. The other option is using the first floor of Holy Cross. A third option is to send our children to Head Start. At this time, the Head Start option is most feasible and we are in contact with the Kearny Head Start to determine whether they are able to accommodate our students. A grant is available to support full day prekindergarten. However, with the grant due August 9 and notification provided early September, there is very little time to plan and execute a proposal.

District Goals

I am currently working on the District Goals and plan to present them to the Board for approval next month. There are typically four goals; 1) Academic 2) School climate and culture 3) Community engagement and 4) Building maintenance and upgrades. Identifying these goals should be a collaborative effort so I encourage our board members and community to offer their suggestions.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD COMMENT R 07-989-21 – 07-1002-21

Motion by: Mr. Slattery

Seconded by: Ms. Sarro

ROLL CALL: YES 4 NO 0

- 07-989-21** Approval of Minutes – June 22, 2021 Executive Session and Regular Meeting Minutes
- 07-990-21** Approve Bill List for July 19, 2021
- 07-991-21** Approve IDEA 2021-2022 Submission
- 07-992-21** Approve IDEA 2021-2022 Grant Acceptance
- 07-993-21** Acknowledge First Reading of Policies
- 07-994-21** Approve Negotiations Committee
- 07-995-21** Approve Employment of Adriana Gomez
- 07-996-21** Approve Employment of Katherine D’Elia
- 07-997-21** Approve Employment of Eliana DeLaMata
- 07-998-21** Approve Resignation of M. Acuna
- 07-999-21** Approve Kid Clan Services OT Agreement
- 07-1000-21** Approve Summer Camp Field Trip
- 07-1001-21** Approve Full Time K-5 Teaching Position
- 07-1002-21** Approve Derron Munn Special Education Teacher

BOARD COMMENT

None

RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE R 07-989-21 – 07-1002-21

Motion by: Ms. Slattery

Seconded by: Ms. Sarro

ROLL CALL: YES 4 NO 0

- 07-989-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following minutes, as submitted.
 - June 22, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
 - June 22, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

- 07-990-21** **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 \$567,811.44 for July 19, 2021 is hereby approved and payment authorized as funds of the board are made available following this meeting.

- 07-991-21** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the IDEA 2021-2022 submission application for the following amounts:
 - IDEA Basic \$62,043
 - IDEA Preschool \$ 2,723

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07-992-21 Be It Resolved, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the IDEA 2021-2022 grant acceptance final approval from the NJ Department of Education for the following amounts:

- IDEA Basic \$62,043
- IDEA Preschool \$ 2,723

07-993-21 **Be It Resolved,** that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, acknowledges the first reading of the following policies:

First Reading				
Policy	Status	Regulation	Title	Summary
0131	Revised		Bylaws, Policies and Regulations (Revised)	“Regulations” defined. Allows abolishment at one meeting
3134	Revised		Assignment of Extra Duties	Clearly defines the board’s right to assign extra duties
3142	Revised	3142	Nonrenewal of Nontenured Teaching Staff Member	“Days” to be “calendar days.”
3221	Mandated – Revised	3221	Evaluation of Teachers	Requires evaluation rubric to be submitted to the Commissioner of Education by August 1 and approved by August 15, annually.
3222	Mandated – Revised	3222	Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators	
3223	Mandated – Revised	3223	Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals and Assistant Principals.	
3224	Mandated – Revised	3224	Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals and Assistant Principals	
4146	Revised	4146	Nonrenewal of Nontenured Support Staff Members	May 15 date for non-renewal does not apply to support staff members.
6471	Mandated – Revised	6471	School District Travel	Options: 1. Maximum amount not requiring board approval

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				2. Prior approval excluded if covered by an existing contract
8561	Mandated – Revised		Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Program	Form 358 updated

07-994-21 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, approves the following negotiation committee as appointed by the Board President:

- 1) Carla Fernandes
- 2) Valeria Slattery
- 3) Laura Ditchkus

07-995-21 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves hiring Adriana Gomez, Elementary Teacher (BA – 1, \$43,993) effective September 1, 2021. Single benefits, as per CBA.

07-996-21 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves hiring Katherine D’Elia, Elementary Teacher (BA – 10, \$51,855) effective, September 1, 2021. Single benefits, as per CBA.

07-997-21 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves hiring Eliana DeLaMata, English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher (BA – 7, \$48,512) effective, September 1, 2021. Single benefits, as per CBA.

07-998-21 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the resignation of Marixza Acuna, Elementary Teacher effective June 21, 2021.

07-999-21 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Agreement with Kid Clan Services for Occupational Therapy Services as attached.

07-1000-21 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Summer Camp Field trip in lieu of Sesame Place.

Date	Grades	Venue	Cost
August 13 th	K-4	Nickelodeon Universe Theme Park East Rutherford, NJ	\$3,612 (includes 2 buses and tickets)

7-1001-21 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves an additional full time, K- 5 teaching position to be funded with ESSER 2 grant.

7-1002-21 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves hiring Derron Munn, Special Education Teacher (MA Step 10, \$57,254.00) effective, September 1, 2021. Single benefits as per CBA.

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OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Corbett asked the Board when they would like to go back to in person Board meetings, Ms. Fernandes suggested to go back to in person meetings starting with the August 2021 Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Mr. Slattery

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 6:29 p.m., all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



R. Paul Vizzuso
Business Administrator/Board Secretary