

Board of Education of East Newark, Hudson County, NJ
Regular Meeting Minutes May 5, 2022

Board President Carla Fernandes called the Regular Meeting of the East Newark Board of Education to order on Monday May 5, 2022 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. Ditchkus
Ms. Perez
Ms. Pinto
Ms. Sarro

Absent: Ms. Lopez

Also Present: Dr. Rosaura Bagolie, Acting Superintendent/Principal
R. Paul Vizzuso, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Frances Febres, Board Attorney

Oath of Office for New Board Member

- Heather Leone was sworn in by Board Secretary Paul Vizzuso

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:19 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.

- Attorney-client Privilege

Motion by: Ms. Sarro
Seconded by: Ms. Perez

All in favor

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION BACK INTO PUBLIC SESSION – 6:21 p.m.

Motion by: Ms. Sarro
Seconded by: Ms. Perez

All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments from the public

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THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Bagolie read the following statement written by Dr. Corbett.

- This year, our **I-Ready** incentive will include a trip to Funplex.
- **Preschool Planning** continues. I met with Fr. John and representatives from the Archdiocese on Tuesday April 19 to review plans for our expanded preschool at Holy Cross. We can anticipate a renewed lease that reflects the additional space for preschool ready for approval for the May 16 board meeting. Renovation of the space will begin shortly thereafter and be completed with sufficient time for our expanded preschool to begin September 2022.
- On April 14, Servpro Inc. began the containment process to prepare for mold remediation in the designated areas of the elementary school. Once the containment was complete, Garden State began the process of mold remediation. The outdoor and indoor air quality was tested by Garden State on April 19. Fortunately, all testing was negative for mold. The containment was removed and the affected spaces were made ready for normal operations. School began as scheduled today, April 25.
- This remediation, costing thousands of dollars, is only a superficial solution to the underlying problem which is the building envelope. As moisture penetrates the exterior, paint will continue to peel, the interior walls will protrude and mold will always be a concern. The problems will mount, ultimately making the school a hazard to occupants. I remind the board and the public, the project is ready. The State of New Jersey will pay 70% of the cost. The borough's failure to sell the bonds is putting our children and school community at risk.
- **Dates to Remember:**
 - Field Day will be held on June 7 (Rain date: June 8). Maschio's will be providing students with a delicious bar-b-cue.
 - The PTO plans to host a graduation party on June 10.
 - A trip are being planned to Medieval Times and FunPlex more details to follow
 - Our Preschool and Kindergarten moving up ceremonies will be held on tentatively on June 15
 - June 16 is our tentative date for Graduation.

CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD COMMENT R4-1200-22 – 4-1220-22

Motion by: Mr. Ditchkus

Seconded by: Ms. Perez

ROLL CALL: YES 6 NO 0 ABSTAIN: Ms. Leone 4-1200-22

4-1200-22 Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2022 Executive & Regular Meeting Minutes
4-1201-22 Approve March 31, 2022 Board Secretary & Treasurer of School Monies Reports
4-1202-22 Approve March Budget Transfers

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- 4-1203-22 Approve March 13, 2022 Bill List
- 4-1204-22 Approve Refusal of Funds for the ARP-HCY II Grant
- 4-1205-22 Approve Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance

- 4-1206-22 Rescind Resolution# 09-824-20
- 4-1207-22 Approve Renewal of Teaching Faculty for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 4-1208-22 Approve Paraprofessional Staff and Contracts for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 4-1209-22 Approve Renewal of Staff Contracts for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 4-1210-22 Approve Nydia Guerrero as Paraprofessional
- 4-1211-22 Approve 2022 Summer School teaching Staff
- 4-1212-22 Approve 2022 Summer School Paraprofessional Staff
- 4-1213-22 Approve Resignation of Brooke Oliveras, Reading Interventionist Teacher
- 4-1214-22 Approve Resignation of Evelyn Lassalle, Administrative Asst. to the Supt. of Schools
- 4-1215-22 Approve Field Trips
- 4-1216-22 Approve Increase in Substitute Pay
- 4-1217-22 Approve Curriculum Writing Staff
- 4-1218-22 Approve Resignation of R. Paul Vizzuso, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- 4-1219-22 Approve Reassignment of Diana Betancourth
- 4-1220-22 Approve placement of Dr. Richard Corbett on administrative leave

BOARD COMMENT

None

RESOLUTION BY BLOCK VOTE R4-1200-22 – 4-1220-22

Motion by: Ms. Ditchkus

Seconded by: Ms. Sarro

ROLL CALL: YES 6 NO 0 ABSTAIN: Ms. Leone 4-1200-22

4-1200-22 Be It Resolved, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the following minutes, as submitted.

- March 28, 2022 Executive Meeting Minutes
- March 28, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

4-1201-22 Be It Resolved, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting 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, 2022. 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, 2022 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, 2022 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, 2022 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.

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- 4-1202-22** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the Monthly Budget Transfer Reports as submitted for the month ended March 31, 2022.
- 4-1203-22** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the Bill List as submitted in the amount of \$1,205,267.43 for May 6, 2022 is hereby approved and payment authorized as funds of the board are made available following this meeting.
- 4-1204-22** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, acknowledges the refusal of funds for the ARP-HCY II Grant.
- 4-1205-22** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2022-2023p school year.
- 4-1206-22** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, hereby rescinds resolution 09-824-20, which would authorize the submission of the decision to reclassify as a Type II school district to the voters.
- 4-1207-22** **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the renewal of the following teaching faculty for 2022 - 2023 school year:

| Name | Step | Status | Tenure Date | Position* |
|---------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Joyce Machcinski | MA 19 | T | NA | Preschool |
| Evelyn Garcia | BA 2 | NT | 2.2.2026 | Preschool |
| Vanessa Jablonsky | BA+15/ 13 | T | NA | Kindergarten |
| Bethzaida Lugo | BA 2 | NT | 10.2.2025 | Kindergarten |
| Maria Borisuk | MA 5 | NT | 9.3.2023 | Grade 1 |
| Jennifer Perkins | BA+30/21 | T | NA | Grade 2 |
| Odemaris Herskovitz | MA 6 | T | 9.2.2021 | Grade 3 |
| JiannaMarie Padilla | BA+15/4 | NT | 9.3.2023 | Grade 4 |
| Victoria Georges | MA 12 | NT | 12.14.2025 | Grade 5 |
| Derris Brown | MA 9 | T | NA | Middle School Science |
| Jorge Castro | BA 2 | NT | 9.2.2025 | Middle School S.S. |
| Ingrid Fullerton | MA 13 | NT | 9.3.2024 | Middle School Math |

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| Carol Costanzo | MA 13 | NT | 9.3.2024 | Middle School Math |
| Isabella Luniewski | BA 10 | T | NA | Middle School Language Arts |
| Sheila Feliciano | BA 16 | NT | 9.2.2025 | Middle School Language Arts |
| Nicole Costeira | BA 19 | T | NA | Testing Coordinator / HIB Specialist |
| Jeanine Rugani | BA 23 | T | NA | BSI / Title I Math Grades K - 5 |
| John Colaiacovo III | BA 4 | NT | 9.3.2023 | Music/Tech |
| Margaret Jackson | MA 5 | NT | 9.18.2022 | Art/Technology |
| Brandon Fronjian | BA 10 | NT | 9.3.2023 | Physical Education / Health |
| Nocilja Acuna (Nurse) | BA 23 | NT | 9.28.2023 | Nurse |
| Nathaly Vera | MA 4 | NT | 2.2.2025 | Social Worker |
| Eliana DeLaMata | BA 8 | NT | 9.2.2025 | ESL |
| Jane Fazio-Villeda | MA 16 | NT | 11.4.2025 | Special Education |
| Libna Artieda | MA 12 | NT | 10.23.2025 | Master Teacher and PIRT Facilitator |

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

4-1208-22 **Be It Resolved,** that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the following Paraprofessional staff and contracts for the 2022-2023 school year:

| Name | Hours | Assignment* |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sofia Medina | 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Classroom Aide 1 st Grade |
| Margarita Martillo | 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Classroom Aide Kindergarten |
| Nora DiMatteo | 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. | 1:1 Aide First Grade |
| Elsie Ubilla | 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Classroom Aide Pre-K |

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| Tamara Rivadeneira | 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Classroom Aide Pre-K |
| Cristina Dos Santos | 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Classroom Aide 5 th Grade |
| Matthew Kazdin | 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Classroom Aide 2 nd Grade |
| Nydia Yllescas | 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. | Classroom Aide 3 rd Grade |
| Gina Soto | 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. | Classroom Aide Pre-K |
| Elida Rueda | 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. | Classroom Aide Pre-K |

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4-1209-22 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the following staff and contracts for the 2022-2023 school year:

| Name | Position |
|-------------------|--|
| Rosaura Bagolie | Elementary School Principal / CST Supervisor |
| Veronique Pereira | Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction |
| Karen Rivadeneira | Confidential School Secretary |
| Diana Betancourth | Confidential School Secretary |
| Michael Cedano | School Psychologist |
| Maribel Pinto | Custodian |
| Maria Cuenca | Custodian |

4-1210-22 **Be It Resolved**, which the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves Nydia Guerrero as Full Time Paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year, effective May 2, 2022 at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, with single health benefits to be paid by ARP ESSERS funds.

4-1211-22 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the following teaching staff for Summer School 2022, from July 5 to July 28, at a rate of \$45 per hour, four days per week, five hours per day. The Staffing for summer school will be supplemented by ESSER II funds.

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| Name: |
| M. Borisuk |
| D. Brown |
| J. Castro |
| J. Colaiacovo |
| C. Costanzo |
| N. Costeira |
| E. DeLaMata |
| S. Feliciano |
| B. Fronjian |
| I. Fullerton |
| E. Garcia |
| O. Herskovitz |
| M. Jackson |
| B. Lugo |
| J. Machcinski |
| J. Padilla |
| N. Vera |
| J. Fazio-Villeda |
| S. Fardin |

4-1212-22

Be It Resolved, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the following paraprofessionals for Summer School 2022, from July 5 to July 28, at their contractual rate, for four days per week, up to five hours per day. The staffing for summer school will be supplemented by ESSER II funds.

| Name: | Assignment: |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Cristina Dos Santos | TBD |
| Matthew Kazdin | TBD |
| Sofia Medina | TBD |
| Tamara Rivadeneira | TBD |

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| Elsie Ubilla | TBD |
| Nydia Yllescas | TBD |

4-1213-22 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, accepts the resignation of Brooke Oliveras, Reading Interventionist Teacher effective June 10, 2022.

4-1214-22 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, accepts the resignation of Evelyn Lassalle, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools effective May 27, 2022.

4-1215-22 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the following field trips:

| Destination | Date | Cost |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| Bowlero, Wallington, NJ | May 13th | \$696 |
| Tenafly Nature Center, Tenafly, NJ | March 20 th | \$1,380 |
| Camp Mason, Hardwick, NJ | June 13 th | \$2,305 |

4-1216-22 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the increase in substitute pay from \$100 per day to \$125 per day, effective immediately.

4-1217-22 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves the following staff to assist with the writing of the Science 6-8, Social Studies 6-8, PE/Health K-8, Visual & Performing Arts, and World Languages Curriculum at a rate of \$45 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours to be paid ARP ESSERS funds.

- Derris Brown
- Ingrid Fullerton
- Brandon Fronjian
- JiannaMarie Padilla
- Odemaris Herskovitz
- John Colaiacovo

4-1218-22 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, accepts the resignation of R. Paul Vizzuso, Business Administrator/Board Secretary effective June 30, 2022.

4-1219-22 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, approves Diana Betancourth as Confidential Administrative Secretary reassigned from part time assistant/part time clerk at an annual salary of \$30,000, effective May 16, 2022.

4-1220-22 **Be It Resolved**, that the East Newark Board of Education approve the placement of Dr. Richard Corbett on administrative leave effective May 4, 2022.

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OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

NONE

BOARD COMMENTS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Mr. Sarro
Seconded by: Ms. Ditchkus

BE IT RESOLVED, that with no further business to come before the East Newark Board of Education, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m., all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



R. Paul Vizzuso
Business Administrator/Board Secretary