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(Approved June 27, 2024
Board Meeting)

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
(Official Minutes)

June 17, 2024
Elizabeth, New Jersey

The members of the Board of Education met in a Special Meeting on June 17, 2024.

Board President Charlene Bathelus Dorgely read the following statement at 5:35 p.m.
Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, this is a special meeting of the Board of Education. Pursuant to New Jersey Statutes and the rules adopted by the Board of Education, notice of this meeting was sent to The Star Ledger and Cablevision of Elizabeth on June 11, 2024. In addition, this notice is posted in the lobby of 500 North Broad Street and has been filed with the City Clerk of Elizabeth.

“We want to welcome everyone present here at School No. 51, and to our television viewers to this June 17, 2024, meeting of the Board of Education. We are here to govern, provide management oversight, and make policy for the district. The Superintendent manages the district. This is a meeting of the Board in public, not a meeting of the public.

“This meeting is being recorded and will become part of the Elizabeth Board of Education permanent record. In order for the recording to adequately reflect the proceedings, please refrain from talking while others are speaking.

We ask that you silence the sound on your electronic devices. Since it is legally mandated that these proceedings be accurately recorded, we may have to ask for order periodically should noise begin to interfere with our recording capabilities.

“There will be a public portion for citizens to address the Board. Participants for the public portion must personally sign in prior to the start of the public comment portion so that they may have the opportunity to speak. The sign-in sheet states the name, address, telephone number and reason that the person wants to comment, whether it is an agenda item or a general education comment.”

We are pleased that you have taken time this evening to join us for our Board of Education meeting. Thank you for your interest in the Elizabeth Public Schools.

Present: Mmes. Barbosa, Carvalho, Chevres, (arrived 5:37) Mr. Jacobs, (arrived at 5:39 p.m.) Mrs. Goncalves Pestana, Mr. Rivera, Mrs. Bathelus Dorgely – 7
Absent: Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Olga Hugelmeyer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Deputy Counsel, Heather Savage Ford, and Co-General Counsel Edward Kologi Esq. of Kologi Simitz Law Office were in attendance.

Mr. Rivera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Dorgely read the following public participation statement. Citizens may address the Board.

“At this time, the microphones are open for public comment to those who have signed in prior to this session. I shall call individuals to the microphone based on the order of the sign-in. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes in duration. The total time of public comment shall be limited to 60 minutes. No individual is able to yield their time to another individual. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board Members individually. Each speaker shall comply in all respects with Board Policy 9322 (copies were provided next to the sign in sheet)”.

The following rules shall apply:

1. Time limits will be strictly enforced.
2. No personal attacks on individuals or naming of individuals.
3. No vulgar or indecent language.
4. A person may address the Board no more than once during a single meeting.
5. Comments will not be debated.

Any person in violation of the Policy will be warned, and their comments terminated if needed. If such violation continues, this individual may be escorted from the meeting.”

Mrs. Bathelus Dorgely called upon the first participant, Maria Lorenz, to address the Board.

Mrs. Lorenz spoke about the lack of an Eight Grade graduation trip for her child’s school.

Mrs. Bathelus Dorgely thanked her for her comments.

Since there were no other citizens to address the Board, Mrs. Bathelus Dorgely declared this portion of the public meeting closed.

The President requests a motion to go into Private Session to consider matters exempt under the Open Public Meetings Act, specifically for discussion of:

- Personnel Matters – specifically, Non-Renewal Reemployment Hearings

The Board will reconvene in public and may take formal action.

A motion was made by Mrs. Goncalves Pestana and seconded by Mrs. Chevres to go into Private Session at 5:40 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Barbosa, Carvalho, Chevres, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Goncalves Pestana, Mr. Rivera, Mrs. Bathelus Dorgely– 7

Negative: None

A motion was made by Mrs. Goncalves Pestana and seconded by Mrs. Chevres to return to Public Session at 10:05 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Barbosa, Carvalho, Chevres, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Goncalves Pestana, Mr. Rivera, Mrs. Bathelus Dorgely– 7

Negative: None

A motion was made by Mrs. Goncalves Pestana and Seconded by Mrs. Chevres to approve a Resolution to rescind the non-renewal of the contract of Anderson Marin and offering him a contract for the 2024-2025 School Year.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Barbosa, Carvalho, Chevres, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Goncalves Pestana, Mr. Rivera, Mrs. Bathelus Dorgely– 7

Negative: None

On a motion by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Barbosa, Carvalho, Chevres, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Goncalves Pestana, Mr. Rivera, Mrs. Bathelus Dorgely – 7

Negative: None

Harold E. Kennedy Jr.

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary