

BOARD OF EDUCATION
(Official)

March 5, 2022
Elizabeth, New Jersey

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called on March 5, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the iLeap Center at John E. Dwyer Technology Academy, 123 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Board President Rosa Moreno-Ortega welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega called for School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr. to read the following statement at 8:45 a.m.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good morning. 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 February 28, 2022. In addition, this notice is posted on the Bulletin Board in the lobby of 500 North Broad Street, and pursuant to this act, a copy has been filed with the City Clerk of Elizabeth.”

“I wish to extend a warm welcome to everyone present to this March 5, 2022 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 that the recording will adequately reflect the proceedings, please refrain from talking while others are speaking. I also ask that you silence the sound on your electronic devices. Since it is legally mandated that these proceedings be accurately recorded, I may have to ask for order periodically should noise begin to interfere with our recording capabilities. I am pleased that you have taken time this morning to join us. Thank you for your interest in the Elizabeth Public Schools.”

“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 meeting 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.”

Present: Diane Barbosa, Maria Carvalho, Iliana Chevres, Charlene B. Dorgely, Jerry Jacobs, Stanley Neron, Rosa Moreno-Ortega – 7

Absent: Nathalie Alcaide-Hernandez, Stephanie Goncalves Pestana – 2

Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr. were present. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega called for School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr. to read the following public participation statement.

“At this time, the microphones are open for public comment to those who have personally signed in prior to the start of public participation. 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 sixty 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. The following rules for public participants shall apply: time limits will be strictly enforced, no personal attacks on individuals, no vulgar or indecent language, a person may address the Board no more than once during a single meeting, speakers should refrain from naming individuals, and comments or questions posed during public participation will not be debated. As a reminder, this is a meeting of the Board in public, not a meeting of the public.”

Since there were no public participants, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega closed the public portion of the meeting.

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, contracts, and legal matters. The Board will reconvene in public and may take formal action.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dorgely, seconded by Mr. Neron, to go into private session at 8:55 a.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Barbosa, Carvalho, Chevres, Dorgely, Messrs. Jacobs, Neron, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega – 7

Negative: None

A motion was made by Mrs. Dorgely, seconded by Mrs. Chevres, to reconvene in public session at 1:10 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Barbosa, Carvalho, Chevres, Dorgely, Messrs. Jacobs, Neron, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega – 7

Negative: None

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega asked if there were any Board member questions or comments.

On a motion by Mrs. Dorgely, seconded by Mrs. Carvalho, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Barbosa, Carvalho, Chevres, Dorgely, Messrs. Jacobs, Neron, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega – 7

Negative: None

Harold E. Kennedy, Jr.
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary