

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 (5:30 PM)

THE FOLLOWING ACTION IS HEREBY RECORDED OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2020 AT 11:00 A.M.

In adherence with social distancing requirements and Governor Cuomo's Executive Order, the Board of Education Special Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2020 was held via video conference via Zoom. The meeting was streamed live at www.yonkerspublicschools.org

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ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Rev. Steve Lopez

Judith Ramos Meier

Andrea Brown

Kevin Cacace

Dr. John Castanaro

Lakisha Collins-Bellamy

Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio

Abdool H. Jamal

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Superintendent Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Andrea Coddett, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Luis Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent Roseanne Collins-Judon, Assistant Superintendent Lissette Colon-Collins, John Liszewski, John Jacobson, Joanna Topping and various staff.

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by President Rev. Steve Lopez at 5:32 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio.

1.2 PRAYER

“Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee and ask Thy blessing upon us and Thy guidance in our deliberations. May Thy blessing rest upon all those who serve in our schools, upon our students, and upon our city and our country.”

The Prayer was led by Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio.

1.3 MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL AND QUORUM CHECK

2.1 ROLL CALL AND QUORUM CHECK

ROLL CALL

REVEREND STEVE LOPEZ

JUDITH RAMOS MEIER

ANDREA BROWN

KEVIN CACACE

DR. JOHN CASTANARO

LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY

DR. ROSALBA CORRADO DEL VECCHIO

ABDOOL H. JAMAL

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

3.1 CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR MATTERS OF PERSONNEL

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Resolution: CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR MATTERS OF PERSONNEL

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Andrea Brown**) Moved, Member (**Judith Ramos Meier**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR MATTERS OF PERSONNEL'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Abdool H. Jamal	Yes
Andrea Brown	Yes
Dr. John Castanaro	Yes
Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio	Yes
Judith Ramos Meier	Yes
Kevin Cacace	Yes
Lakisha Collins-Bellamy	Yes
Rev. Steve Lopez	Yes

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

4.1 ADOPTION OF SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS - 4.2 - 4.3

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Resolution: ADOPTION OF SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS - 4.2 - 4.3

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Lakisha Collins Bellamy**) Moved, Member (**Kevin Cacace**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'ADOPTION OF SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS - 4.2 - 4.3'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Abdool H. Jamal	Yes
Andrea Brown	Yes
Dr. John Castanaro	Yes
Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio	Yes
Judith Ramos Meier	Yes
Kevin Cacace	Yes
Lakisha Collins-Bellamy	Yes
Rev. Steve Lopez	Yes

4.2 Amendment to the 2020-2021 School Calendar for the Yonkers Public Schools

Amendment to the 2020-2021 School Calendar for the Yonkers Public Schools

Resolution: WHEREAS the 2020-2021 School Calendar was adopted by the Trustees of the Yonkers Public Schools on April 22, 2020 Board Report 11.3, and WHEREAS the attached amended calendar for the Yonkers Public Schools for the school year 2020-2021, now indicates 10-Month CSEA staff will report to work on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves and adopts the amended attached school calendar for the Yonkers Public Schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Lakisha Collins Bellamy**) Moved, Member (**Kevin Cacace**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS the 2020-2021 School Calendar was adopted by the Trustees of the Yonkers Public Schools on April 22, 2020 Board Report 11.3, and WHEREAS the attached amended calendar for the Yonkers Public Schools for the school year 2020-2021, now indicates 10-Month CSEA staff will report to work on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves and adopts the amended attached school calendar for the Yonkers Public Schools for the 2020-2021 school year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Abdool H. Jamal	Yes
Andrea Brown	Yes
Dr. John Castanaro	Yes

Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio	Yes
Judith Ramos Meier	Yes
Kevin Cacace	Yes
Lakisha Collins-Bellamy	Yes
Rev. Steve Lopez	Yes

4.3 Agreement with CSEA Local 860 for release time for CSEA Local 860 President and reimbursement to Yonkers Public Schools for related costs

Agreement between Yonkers Public Schools (“YPS”) and CSEA Local 860

Resolution: WHEREAS, the President of CSEA Local 860 is employed by YPS; and WHEREAS, YPS and CSEA desire to reach an agreement wherein the CSEA President will have full union release time from his regular duties at the School District and CSEA Local 860 will reimburse YPS for all related costs of the CSEA Local 860 President’s employment with YPS; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between YPS and CSEA Local 860 attached hereto.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Lakisha Collins Bellamy**) Moved, Member (**Kevin Cacace**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, the President of CSEA Local 860 is employed by YPS; and WHEREAS, YPS and CSEA desire to reach an agreement wherein the CSEA President will have full union release time from his regular duties at the School District and CSEA Local 860 will reimburse YPS for all related costs of the CSEA Local 860 President’s employment with YPS; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between YPS and CSEA Local 860 attached hereto'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Abdool H. Jamal	Yes
Andrea Brown	Yes
Dr. John Castanaro	Yes
Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio	Yes
Judith Ramos Meier	Yes
Kevin Cacace	Yes
Lakisha Collins-Bellamy	Yes
Rev. Steve Lopez	Yes

PERSONNEL

5.1 ADOPTION OF PERSONNEL REPORTS - 5.2 - 5.3

May I have a motion to vote on the Adoption of the Personnel Reports - 5.2 - 5.3?

Resolution: ADOPTION OF PERSONNEL REPORTS - 5.2 - 5.3

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Dr. John Castanaro**) Moved, Member (**Abdool H. Jamal**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'ADOPTION OF PERSONNEL REPORTS - 5.2 - 5.3'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Abdool H. Jamal	Yes
Andrea Brown	Yes
Dr. John Castanaro	Yes
Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio	Yes
Judith Ramos Meier	Yes
Kevin Cacace	Yes
Lakisha Collins-Bellamy	Yes
Rev. Steve Lopez	Yes

5.2 Abolishment of Certificated and Non-Certificated Positions

Approval of Abolishment of Certificated and Non-Certificated Positions

Resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education must reduce expenditures to meet its recommended budget, and WHEREAS, such reduction requires the elimination of staff in conjunction with other actions; and WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of those items as listed on the attached sheets covering certificated personnel. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education hereby abolishes these positions listed on the scheduled attached hereto, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the positions set forth on such schedule will hereby be abolished as of the end of business on August 31, 2020. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that all personnel action as listed on the attached sheets is hereby confirmed.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Dr. John Castanaro**) Moved, Member (**Abdool H. Jamal**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, the Board of Education must reduce expenditures to meet its recommended budget, and WHEREAS, such reduction requires the elimination of staff in conjunction with other actions; and WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of those items as listed on the attached sheets covering certificated personnel. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education hereby abolishes these positions listed on the scheduled attached hereto, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the positions set forth on such schedule will hereby be abolished as of the end of business on August 31, 2020. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that all personnel action as listed on the attached sheets is hereby confirmed'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Abdool H. Jamal	Yes
Andrea Brown	Yes
Dr. John Castanaro	Yes
Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio	Yes
Judith Ramos Meier	Yes

Kevin Cacace	Yes
Lakisha Collins-Bellamy	Yes
Rev. Steve Lopez	Yes

5.3 Abolishment and Furlough of Non-Certified Personnel Resolution

Approval of Abolishment and Furlough of Non-Certified Personnel

Resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education must reduce expenditures to meet its recommended budget, and WHEREAS, such reduction requires the elimination of staff in conjunction with other actions; and WHEREAS, As the result of the COVID 19 pandemic school buildings will be closed to all students who will be participating in online remote instruction until October 5, 2020 or a date thereafter as determined by the Board of Education; and WHEREAS, during the school closure in district bus routes and certain out of district bus routes will not be operating; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the in district bus monitor positions and out of district bus monitor positions listed on the scheduled attached hereto will be furloughed effective August 31, 2020 until October 5, 2020 or a date thereafter to be determined by the Board of Education, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that all personnel action as listed on the attached sheets is hereby confirmed.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Dr. John Castanaro**) Moved, Member (**Abdool H. Jamal**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, the Board of Education must reduce expenditures to meet its recommended budget, and WHEREAS, such reduction requires the elimination of staff in conjunction with other actions; and WHEREAS, As the result of the COVID 19 pandemic school buildings will be closed to all students who will be participating in online remote instruction until October 5, 2020 or a date thereafter as determined by the Board of Education; and WHEREAS, during the school closure in district bus routes and certain out of district bus routes will not be operating; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the in district bus monitor positions and out of district bus monitor positions listed on the scheduled attached hereto will be furloughed effective August 31, 2020 until October 5, 2020 or a date thereafter to be determined by the Board of Education, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that all personnel action as listed on the attached sheets is hereby confirmed'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

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Andrea Brown	Yes
Dr. John Castanaro	Yes
Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio	Yes
Judith Ramos Meier	Yes
Kevin Cacace	Yes
Lakisha Collins-Bellamy	Yes
Rev. Steve Lopez	Yes

ADJOURNMENT

6.1 ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn meeting.

Resolution: Motion to adjourn.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Judith Ramos Meier**) Moved, Member (**Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Motion to adjourn'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Abdool H. Jamal	Yes
Andrea Brown	Yes
Dr. John Castanaro	Yes
Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio	Yes
Judith Ramos Meier	Yes
Kevin Cacace	Yes
Lakisha Collins-Bellamy	Yes
Rev. Steve Lopez	Yes