

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION STATED MEETING YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS Friday, May 29, 2020 (5:00 PM)

THE FOLLOWING ACTION IS HEREBY RECORDED OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MAY 29, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M.

In adherence with social distancing requirements and Governor Cuomo's Executive Order, the Board of Education Special Meeting scheduled for Friday, May 29, 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 *

Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio

Dr. Edward Fergus

Abdool H. Jamal

*Dr. John Castanaro lost connection during roll call. He rejoined the meeting immediately, prior to any votes taken.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Andrea Coddett, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Corey Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Luis Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent Rose Collins Judon, Assistant Superintendent Lissette Colon Collins, Commissioner John Liszewski, John Jacobson, Michael Brown, Joanna Topping and various staff.

CALL TO ORDER

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by President Rev. Steve Lopez at 5:02 P.M.

1.2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by Vice President Judith Ramos Meier.

1.3 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 Vice President Judith Ramos

1.4 MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL AND QUORUM CHECK

2.1 ROLL CALL AND QUORUM CHECK

ROLL CALL

REVEREND STEVE LOPEZ - Yes

JUDITH RAMOS MEIER - Yes

ANDREA BROWN - Yes

KEVIN CACACE - Yes

DR. JOHN CASTANARO - Yes

DR. ROSALBA CORRADO DEL VECCHIO - Yes

DR. EDWARD FERGUS - Yes

ABDOOL H. JAMAL - Yes

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

3.1 SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Communication from the Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Edwin M. Quezada reviewed the two resolutions on the May 29, 2020 Special Meeting agenda.

Revision of the 2019-2020 School Calendar to reflect the changes as per Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Executive Order due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, closing all schools in New York State, effective March 18, 2020, implementing Distance Learning for staff and students and cancelling Spring Recess throughout New York State.

As a result of the Governor’s orders to close schools, the New York State Education Department cancelled all State Assessments and Regents.

The final day of Distance Learning for students is Thursday, June 18, 2020. From June 19 – 23, students will have opportunity for enriching activities available on the Yonkers Public Schools Distance Learning Website such as virtual field trips and to participate in the ongoing Yonkers History Project.

Dr. Edwin M. Quezada gave an update on the 2020-2021 Yonkers Public Schools Budget - Sustainable Solutions for Student Success - Leading in Unprecedented Times.

Thank you to Mayor Spano and the Yonkers City Council for adding an additional \$2 Million to the Yonkers Public Schools Budget. Thank you to our State Delegation for bringing additional funding to our schools during a very difficult time.

The presentation included our Accomplishments, Projected Enrollment, Teacher-Pupil Ratio, Projected 2020-2021 New York State Aid before and after COVID-19, Expenditures, Revenues, positions restored from the additional \$2 Million provided by the City of Yonkers, positions restored from District savings and the position reductions and impact for the Yonkers Public Schools.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

4.1 ADOPTION OF SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - 4.2 - 4.3

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Resolution: ADOPTION OF SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - 4.2 - 4.3

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Abdool H. Jamal**) Moved, Member (**Judith Ramos Meier**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'ADOPTION OF SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - 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. Edward Fergus	Yes
Dr. John Castanaro	Yes
Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio	Yes
Judith Ramos Meier	Yes
Kevin Cacace	Yes
Steve Lopez	Yes

4.2 2020-2021 Yonkers City School District Adopted Budget

2020-2021 Yonkers City School District Adopted Budget

Resolution: WHEREAS this adopted budget contains an authorized appropriation for the Yonkers City School District in the amount of \$639,247,726; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Yonkers City School District hereby approves the authorized appropriation of the Yonkers City Council in the amount of \$639,247,726, which includes no capital component, as its adopted budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

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as its adopted budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

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Dr. Edward Fergus	Yes
Dr. John Castanaro	Yes
Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio	Yes
Judith Ramos Meier	Yes
Kevin Cacace	Yes
Steve Lopez	Yes

4.3 Amendment to the 2019-2020 School Calendar

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Resolution: WHEREAS the 2019-2020 School Calendar was adopted by the Trustees of the Yonkers Public Schools on April 24, 2019, and WHEREAS due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Andrew Cuomo, closed all schools in the state of New York, effective March 18, 2020, implementing Distance Learning for staff and students and cancelling Spring Recess throughout the State, and WHEREAS as a result of the Governor's orders to close schools, the New York State Education Department cancelled all State Assessments and Regents. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the 2019-2020 School Calendar be amended to reflect these changes.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Abdool H. Jamal**) Moved, Member (**Judith Ramos Meier**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS the 2019-2020 School Calendar was adopted by the Trustees of the Yonkers Public Schools on April 24, 2019, and WHEREAS due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Andrew Cuomo, closed all schools in the state of New York, effective March 18, 2020, implementing Distance Learning for staff and students and cancelling Spring Recess throughout the State, and WHEREAS as a result of the Governor's orders to close schools, the New York State Education Department cancelled all State Assessments and Regents. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the 2019-2020 School Calendar be amended to reflect these changes'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

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Dr. Edward Fergus	Yes
Dr. John Castanaro	Yes
Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio	Yes
Judith Ramos Meier	Yes
Kevin Cacace	Yes
Steve Lopez	Yes

ADJOURNMENT

5.1 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. Edward Fergus	Yes
Dr. John Castanaro	Yes
Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio	Yes
Judith Ramos Meier	Yes
Kevin Cacace	Yes
Steve Lopez	Yes