Union County Educational Services Commission REORGANIZATION MEETING of the Representative Assembly June 7, 2023 MINUTES

The Reorganization Meeting of the Representative Assembly of the Union County Educational Services Commission was held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. The Business Administrator read the following statement:

This meeting was posted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings act PL 1975 Chapter 231. The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call by sign in sheet. There were present:

Berkeley Heights

Clark

Ms. Lorraine j. Aklonis

Cranford

Mr. Brett Dryer

Elizabeth

Garwood

Ms. Linda Koenig

Hillside

Ms. Laquana Best

Kenilworth Linden

Mountainside

New Providence

Ms. Stacey Gunderman

Plainfield

Rahway

Ms. Jennifer Moteiro

Roselle

Roselle Park

Mr. Chris Monroe

Scotch Plains/Fanwood

Ms. Debora Brody

Springfield

Summit

Union

Ms. Chastity Santana

U. C. Vo-Tech

Ms. Gwen Ryan

Westfield

Ms. Leila Morrelli

Winfield

Superintendent

Ms. Carrie Dattilo

Board Secretary

Mr. Eric Larson

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEM

It was moved by Ms. Aklonis, seconded by Ms. Brody, and carried by unanimous voice vote, to approve the following:

Motion to appoint Eric Larson, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary as Chairman pro tem

4. OATH OF OFFICE

The Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to all members of the Representative Assembly.

5. <u>SET NUMBER OF MEMBERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u>

The Board Secretary entertained a motion to set the number of members of the Board of Directors. It was moved by Ms. Motiero, seconded by Ms. Aklonis and carried by voice vote, to set the number of Board of Directors at 15, for the period June 7, 2023 until the next Reorganization Meeting.

Ayes: Aklonis, Dreyer, Koenig, Best, Gunderman, Moteiro, Monroe, Brody, Santana, Ryan & Morrelli

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

6. It was moved by Ms. Koenig, seconded by Ms. Ryan and carried by voice vote, to elect the following districts and their representatives to the Board of Directors until the next Reorganization Meeting:

(Att. 1)

Clark
Cranford
Garwood
Hillside
Kenilworth
Mountainside
New Providence
Plainfield

Scotch Plains/Fanwood Springfield

Union U. C. Vo-Tech

Westfield

Rahway

Roselle

Ms. Lorraine j. Aklonis

Mr. Brett Dreyer Ms. Linda Koenig

Ms. Laquana Best

Dr. Michelle Panichi Dr. Dana Guidicipietro

Ms. Stacey Gunderman

Ms. Carmencita Pile

Ms. Jennifer Moteiro

Dr. Courtney Washington

Ms. Debora Brody Mr. Hector Munoz

Ms. Chastity Santana

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Ms. Gwen Ryan Mr. Leila Morrelli

Motion to set the number of members of Board of Directors at fifteen (15) members

Ayes: Aklonis, Dreyer, Koenig, Best, Gunderman, Moteiro, Monroe, Brody, Santana, Ryan & Morrelli

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

7. NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

It was moved by Ms. Ryan to nominate Ms. Lorraine j. Aklonis as President.

Ms. Aklonis was elected President

Ayes: Aklonis, Dreyer, Koenig, Best, Gunderman, Moteiro, Monroe, Brody, Santana, Ryan & Morrelli

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Meeting was turned over to Board President.

It was moved by Ms. Gunderman to nominate Ms. Gwen Ryan for Vice President.

Ms. Ryan was elected Vice President.

Ayes: Aklonis, Dreyer, Koenig, Best, Gunderman, Moteiro, Monroe, Brody, Santana, Ryan & Morrelli

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

It was moved by Ms. Best to nominate Dr. Michelle Panichi as a member of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee member along with the President and Vice President shall serve as an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Board of Directors between regularly convened meetings.

Dr. Michelle Panichi was elected Executive Committee Member.

Ayes: Aklonis, Dreyer, Koenig, Best, Gunderman, Moteiro, Monroe, Brody, Santana, Ryan & Morrelli

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

ALTERNATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

It was moved by Ms. Motiero to nominate Ms. Best as a member of the Board of Directors who, alongwith the President and Vice President, shall serve as an Alternate Executive Committee Member to administer the affairs of the Board of Directors between regularly convened meetings.

Ms. Laquana Best was elected Alternate Executive Committee Member.

Ayes: Aklonis, Dreyer, Koenig, Best, Gunderman, Moteiro, Monroe, Brody, Santana, Ryan & Morrelli

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

8. RECOGNIZE THE PUBLIC

Ms. Aklonis recognized the public and ask for comments on agenda items only – None

FINANCE AND ORGANIZATION

It was moved by Ms. Gunderman, seconded by Ms. Morrelli, and carried by roll call vote, to approve items 9-39:

9. Motion to designate the following official depositories for Commission funds and Special Banking Accounts:

Columbia Bank, NA
The Bank of New York
The Provident Bank

N.J. Cash Management Fund Capital One Public Funding, LLC

10. Motion to designate the following as signatories for Commission funds:

President, Vice President, and Board Secretary

11. Motion to designate the following Special Banking Account and authorized signatures:

Account
Schools' Activity Account

Approved Signatures
President, Vice President, and Board Secretary

12. Motion to designate the following as official newspapers for publications of the Commission:

STAR LEDGER, Newark
THE WESTFIELD LEADER, Westfield

13. Motion to approve the schedule of meetings for the Board of Directors as presented in Att. 2.

(Att. 2)

14. Motion to approve the following amounts for the Commission programs petty cash account for the purchase of supplies that are urgently needed, the amount of which is too small to warrant a purchase order for the 2023-2024 school year:

School Business Administrator	\$3,000.	
Superintendent's Office	\$	250.
Westlake School	\$	500.
Crossroads School	\$	350.
Lamberts Mill Academy	\$	250.
Hillcrest Academy/North Campus	\$	250.
Hillcrest Academy/South Campus	\$	250.
Transition	\$	250.

15. Motion to approve the following curriculum guides for the 2023-2024 school year:

Art:	Business Education:
Drawing and Painting 1, 2	Business Organization and Management
	Success Seminar 1, 2, 3, 4
	Introduction to Computer Applications
	Career Education and Technology 1, 2
	Personal Finance
English:	Health & Physical Education:
English Language Arts 1, 2, 3, 4	Health and Physical Education 1, 2, 3, 4
Creative Writing	Strength and Fitness
Edmark Reading Program	
Edmark Functional Word Series	
Reading Milestones Program	
SRA Reading Mastery	
The Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment	, 20
Assessment of Language & Learning Skills	
Mathematics:	Social Skills:
Algebra 1, 2	
Geometry	Social Boundaries: The Circles
Trigonometry	Curriculum
Probability and Statistics	Second Step Social Emotional Curriculum
Consumer Math	Assessment of Functional Living Skills
Math Strategies	
Touch Math	
Touch Money	
Menu Math	
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Social Studies:	Science:
World History	Earth Science
United States History 1, 2	Environmental Science
Economics	Biology
Sociology	Chemistry
20th Century History	Forensics
20th Century Civil Liberties	Marine Biology
Echoes and Reflections: Teaching the	Attainment Explore Science Curriculum
Holocaust and Inspiring the Classroom	Full Option Science System
Social Studies Leveled Daily Curriculum	Criminal Justice
Attainment Explore Social Studies	*
Curriculum	
Art History	
World Language:	
Spanish 1, 2, 3	
Dpullion 1, 2, 3	

16. Motion to approve the job descriptions for the following positions:

Assistant Superintendent	School Custodian (FT & PT)
Accounts Payable Clerk	School Guidance Counselor
Accounts Receivable Coordinator	School Nurse
Adm Ass't./Ass't. Bd. Sec.	School Physical Therapist
Adm Ass't for Nonpublic	School Psychologist NP
Bedside Tutor	School Occupational Therapist
Behavior Specialist	School Safety/Security Monitor
Board Certified Behavior Analyst	School Secretary
Buildings & Grounds Supervisor	School Social Worker
Child Study Team Consultant NP	Secretary/Data Entry Clerk (FT & PT)
Compensatory Ed/Supplemental Instructor	Secretary/Data Entry Clerk/NP Svs
Database Manager	Speech Language Specialist
Director of Curriculum & Instruction	Student Assistance Coordinator/Social Worker
Director of Pupil Personnel Services	Superintendent
Director of Special Projects	Supervisor of Instruction (Spec Ed & Alt Schs)
Director of Nonpublic Services	Supervisor of Instruction
Supervisor of Planning/Research & Evaluation	Supervisor of Nonpublic Services
Executive Secretary/Personnel/Policy	Supervisor of Planning, Research & Evaluation
Executive Secretary to Superintendent	Teacher/Alternative High School
Executive Secretary to Asst. Superintendent	Teacher of Art
Head School Bus Driver	Teacher of Chemistry
Inpatient Teacher- Trinitas	Teacher of English
Inpatient Teacher- CSH	Teacher of the Handicapped
Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant PT	Teacher of Hand. for IDEA-B NP
Mail Courier/Delivery Driver (PT)	Teacher of Mathematics
Network Admin/Webmaster	Teacher of Science
Nonpublic School Nurse	Teacher of Social Studies
Paraprofessional (FT & PT)	Teacher of Spanish
Secretary to Business Administrator	Teacher of Students w/Disabilities
Payroll/Data Entry Clerk	Teacher of Health/Physical Education
Principal	Technology Manager (PT)
Registered Behavior Technician	Technology Support (PT)
Safety Care Coordinator	Title I Teacher/Nonpublic Schools
School Bus Aide	Transportation Coordinator
School Bus Driver	Transportation Specialist I & II

- 17. Motion to authorize those <u>permitted student records</u> enumerated in Policy & Regulation (File Code 8330) which are not mandated student records as those permitted pupil records to be collected and maintained in order to promote the educational welfare of pupils in Commission schools
- 18. Motion to affirm the Commission's present policies, regulations, and bylaws for the period June 7, 2023 until the next reorganization meeting

- 19. Motion to appoint Eric Larson as Board Secretary for the period commencing June 7, 2023 until the next reorganization meeting
- 20. Motion to designate Suplee, Clooney and Company, 308 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ, 07090, as the Official Auditor for the Commission for the period beginning June 7, 2023 until the next reorganization meeting not to exceed \$37,000
- 21. Motion to designate Eric Harrison of the firm Methfessel & Werbel, Lincoln Highway, Suite 200, Edison, NJ 08818 as Board Attorney for the period June 7, 2023 until the next reorganization meeting not to exceed \$50,000
- 22. Motion to appoint Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors as our health benefits broker-of-record effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- 23. Motion to approve Dr. Ronald M. Frank to provide school physician services directed by the NJDOE Administrative Code Title 6A Chapter 16, at an annual fee of \$3,000 for Commission schools and \$1,500 annually to provide Standing Nursing Orders for Nonpublic School Nurses for the period of June 7, 2023 until the next reorganization meeting
- 24. Motion to approve the following for the provision of therapy and nursing services for the June 7, 2023 until the next reorganization meeting:

Name
Trinitas Therapy Services
Interim Healthcare of Northwest NJ
Therapy Sources Staffing Solutions
United Therapy Solutions

Therapy & Nursing Services
Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Counseling
Nursing Services
Physical Therapy
Speech

- 25. Motion to appoint Willis Towers Watson of New Jersey, Inc., 150 John F. Kennedy Pkwy, Suite 520, Short Hills, NJ 07078, as the Commission's Insurance Risk Manager for the period June 7, 2023 until the next reorganization meeting
- 26. Motion to appoint Solutions Architecture, 96 Pompton Avenue, Second Floor, Verona, NJ 07044 as the Architect of Record to perform needed services throughout the school year beginning June 7, 2023 until the next reorganization meeting not to exceed \$75,000
- 27. Motion to appoint Eric Larson as the District Qualified Purchasing Agent for matters relating to awarding of contracts as prescribed by the local public contracts law with a bid threshold of \$44,000 and a quotation threshold of \$6,600 at no additional salary for the period beginning June 7, 2023 until the next reorganization meeting
- 28. Motion to appoint Eric Larson as the District Public Agency Compliance Officer at no additional salary for the period beginning June 7, 2023 until the next reorganization meeting
- 29. Motion to appoint Eric Larson as the District Right to Know Officer, Integrated Pest Management Coordinator and Indoor Air Quality Officer at no additional salary for the period beginning June 7, 2023 until the next reorganization meeting

- 30. Motion to appoint Eric Larson as Custodian of Public Records at no additional salary for the period beginning June 7, 2023 until the next reorganization meeting
- 31. Motion to appoint John Marquet as the District Affirmative Action Officer, District Affirmative Action Officer for Contracts. Appoint William Graulich as the District Anti-Bullying Coordinator and 504 Officer at no additional salary for the period June 7, 2023 until the next reorganization meeting
- 32. Motion to authorize the Superintendent and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, jointly, to provide approval of demands to be paid prior to presentation to the Board of Directors, subject to ratification at the next meeting, in accordance with 18A:19-4.1
- 33. Motion that as provided by N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 amended, the Superintendent or designee, be designated to approve such line-item budget transfers as are necessary between Board of Director Meetings, and such transfers shall be reported to the Board of Directors, ratified and duly recorded in the minutes of next regular meeting.
- 34. Motion that emergency procedures described in the official Union County Educational Services Commission Emergency Management Plan be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.
- 35. Motion that the Representative Assembly authorize the Superintendent and Business Administrator to implement the 2023-2024 budget, once authorized and finalized, pursuant to local and state policies and regulations.
- 36. Motion to approve the use of Educational Services Commission of New Jersey's Cooperative Pricing System MCESCCPS for cooperative pricing for school supplies, equipment, and services for the 2023-2024 school year
- 37. Motion to approve the use of Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission's Cooperative Pricing System HCESCCPS for cooperative pricing for school supplies, equipment, and services for the 2023-2024 school year
- 38. Motion to approve the following service vendors for the 2023-2024 school year:

AES Fire

Allied Universal

All County Sewer & Drain Service

American Water Co. AM School Associates Atlantic Business Systems

Comcast Business
Comcast Cablevision
Confires Fire Protection
Diploma Joint Insurance Fund
DLL Document Solutions
East Coast Combustion

Edumet

Entel Systems

Maschio's Food Services, Inc McIntyre's Lawnmowers Inc.

NEC Financial

Partner Engineering & Science Inc.

Power School

PSE&G

Republic Services

Ridge Secure Technology

Saunders Roofing Staples Advantage Stonegate Associates

Strauss Esmay

Survivor Fire & Safety

T-Mobile

Elizabethtown Gas

ESS (Substitute Staffing)

Frontline Technologies Home Depot Hydra Neumatic

Jay Hill Repairs

Light Path

Trane

Tompkin Company

Township of Clark

U.S. Bancorp

Verizon Wireless

Waste Management of New Jersey

Westfield Lumber

39. Motion to approve the continuation of the .25 per resident pupil membership fee in support of Commission expenses for 2023-2024 school year

Ayes: Aklonis, Dreyer, Koenig, Best, Gunderman, Moteiro, Monroe, Brody, Santana, Ryan & Morrelli

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

40. It was moved by Ms. Ryan and seconded by Ms. Brody and carried by roll call vote, to approve items 40-52:

Motion to authorize entering into transportation jointures with the following school districts for the 2023-2024 school year:

Barnegat Township Bergenfield Berkeley Heights Bernards Twp.

Black Horse Pike Regional

Bradley Beach

Bridgewater-Raritan
Caldwell-West Caldwell

Clark
Clifton
Cranford
Dunellen

East Brunswick East Hanover

East Newark

East Orange

Edison Elizabeth

Franklin Township Garwood

Gateway Regional

Jefferson Twp.

Jersey City Kenilworth

Linden

Livingston Logan Twp.

Logan Twp Long Hill

Manasquan Millburn

Monroe Township

Montgomery Mountainside

> Neptune Newark

New Providence

Northern Burlington County Regional

North Plainfield

Old Bridge Township
Orange

Parsippany-Troy Hills

Passaic

Rahway Roselle

Roselle

Roselle Park

Sayreville

Scotch Plains/Fanwood

Somerset Hills

South Amboy South Bound Brook

South Orange-Maplewood

South Plainfield Springfield

State of New Jersey

Summit

Sussex County Regional Co-op

Teaneck

Toms River Regional

Trenton

Union Township

Warren Township

Watchung

Watchung Hills

Green Brook Hamilton Township Hanover Township Highland Park Hillside Hillsborough Irvington

Paterson Penn's Grove Perth Amboy Pinelands Regional Piscataway Plainfield Plumsted Township

West Essex Regional West Morris Regional West Orange Westfield Winfield Woodbridge

Ayes: Aklonis, Dreyer, Koenig, Best, Gunderman, Moteiro, Monroe, Brody, Santana, Ryan & Morrelli

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

41. It was moved by Ms. Ryan and seconded by Ms. Brody and carried by roll call vote, to approve the following:

Motion to authorize entering into transportation contracts with the following school bus companies in order to provide transportation services for all public, nonpublic, special education and vocational school students serviced by the Commission on behalf of the above listed school districts for the 2023-2024 school year:

8 Transportation A&M Transportation Amaker & Porterfield Transportation Angel Transit BRCK Transport, LLC Barker Bus Company, Inc. Belair Transport Best Trans Group, Inc. **Bright Start Transport** Busy Bee Transportation By Faith Transportation Cerebral Palsy League Transportation Jawa Invalid Coach, Inc. Cross Transportation

Durham School Services EZ Bell Transit Euphrates Transportation, LLC F.S. Transportation, Inc. First Care Medical Transportation First Student George Dapper, Inc. Golden Arrow Transportation **H&A** Transportation J&J Transportation/Lun & Run Jaris Transportation Co.

K&D Bus Service LLC **K&S** Transportation Kensington Bus Company Madison Coach Nelvi Transit, Inc.

OTD2 Inc. On The Dot Transportation Prestige Bus Services Corp. Road to Success LLC Shore Vans

Student Transportation of America, Inc.

Villani Bus Company

Ayes: Aklonis, Dreyer, Koenig, Best, Gunderman, Moteiro, Monroe, Brody, Santana, Ryan & Morrelli

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

42. It was moved by Ms. Ryan and seconded by Ms. Brody and carried by roll call vote, to approve items 42-52:

Authorization to enter into contracts with the following school districts in order for the Commission to provide services under Chapters 192/193 for the 2023-2024 school year

a. Belleville
b. Cedar Grove
c. Clark
d. Cranford
e. Elizabeth
f. Hillside
g. Kenilworth
l. Roselle
m. Scotch Plains/Fanwood
n. Union
o. Westfield

43. Authorization to enter into contracts with the following school districts in order for the Commission to provide nonpublic school services under Title I for the 2023-2024 school year:

a. Elizabethb. Hillsidec. Lindend. Plainfielde. Rosellef. Union

44. Authorization to enter into contracts with the following school districts/Charter Schools in order that they may participate in the Commission's Environmental Safety Program for the 2023-2024 school year:

a. Cranford d. Kenilworth g. Roselle b. Elizabeth e. Morris Union Jointure Comm. c. Hillside f. Queen City Academy i. Winfield

45. Authorization to enter into contracts with the following districts in order that the Commission may administer their nonpublic school textbook program for the 2023-2024 school year:

a. Cranford
b. Elizabeth
c. Hillside
d. Kenilworth
e. Linden
f. New Providence
g. Plainfield
h. Union

46. Authorization to enter into contracts with the following districts in order that the Commission may administer their nonpublic school technology program for the 2023-2024 school year:

a. Clark
b. Cranford
c. Elizabeth
d. Hillside
e. New Providence
i. Scotch Plains/Fanwood
j. Union
k. Westfield
h. Roselle

i. Scotch Plains/Fanwood

j. Union

k. Westfield

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a. Belleville

d. Cranford

c. Clark

b. Cedar Grove

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48. Authorization to enter into contracts with the following school districts/Charter Schools in order for the Commission to provide child study team evaluations for public school students during the 2023-2024 school year:				
a. Berkeley Heightsb. Cedar Grovec. Clarkd. Cranforde. Elizabethf. Hillside	g. Kenilworthh. Lindeni. New Providencej. Plainfieldk. Rahway	 Roselle Scotch Plains/Fanwood Union Union County Vo-Tech Westfield 		
49. Authorization to enter into contracts with the following school districts in order for the Commission to provide services under IDEA Part B Basic for the 2023-2024 school year:				
a. Bellevilleb. Cedar Grovec. Clarkd. Cranforde. Elizabeth	f. Hillsideg. Kenilworthh. Lindeni. New Providencej. Plainfieldk. Rahway	l. Rosellem. Scotch Plains/Fanwoodn. Uniono. Westfield		
50. Authorization to enter into contracts with the following districts in order that the Commission may administer their nonpublic school Security Aid program for the 2023-2024 school year:				
a. Cranfordb. Elizabethc. Hillsided. New Providence	e. Plainfield f. Roselle g. Scotch Plains/Fanwood h. Union			

51. Motion to authorize the provision of home instruction to all New Jersey public-school pupils upon receipt

of requests from their authorized representatives for the 2023-2024 school year.

47. Authorization to enter into contracts with the following districts in order that the Commission may provide nursing services to nonpublic schools within their boundaries for the 2023-2024 school year:

e. Hillside

h. Roselle

f. Kenilworth

g. New Providence

52. Motion to make the effective date of Board approvals of Executive Committee Actions align with the effective date as stated in the Executive Committee Action.

Ayes: Aklonis, Dreyer, Koenig, Best, Gunderman, Moteiro, Monroe, Brody, Santana, Ryan & Morrelli

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

RECOGNIZE THE PUBLIC: None

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Ms. Gunderman, seconded by Ms. Monteiro and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Eric Larson, Board Secretary