

Union County Educational Services Commission

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 5, 2020

MINUTES

A meeting of the Union County Educational Services Commission Representative Assembly was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 in the 2nd floor conference room of the Commission Offices at 45 Cardinal Drive, Westfield, NJ.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Ms. Helen Kirsch read the following statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meetings Act was provided by the posting, filing and mailing of a notice for posting on the bulletin boards at Westlake School, Lamberts Mill Academy and Hillcrest Academy South, 1571 Lamberts Mill Road, Westfield, Crossroads School and Nonpublic School Services, 45 Cardinal Drive, Westfield, Hillcrest Academy North, 2630 Plainfield Avenue, Scotch Plains; and the County Superintendent of Schools, 300 North Avenue, East, Westfield, and to the STAR LEDGER, Newark; and filed with the County Clerk of Union County, Elizabeth, all in New Jersey.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was by sign in sheet. There were present:

Berkeley Heights	Ms. Helen Kirsch
Clark	Ms. Lorraine Aklonis
Cranford	Mr. Brett Dreyer
Elizabeth	Ms. Nathalie Hernandez
Garwood	Ms. Linda Koenig
Hillside	Ms. Laquana Best
Kenilworth	Dr. Michelle Panichi
Linden	Ms. Sheenaidar Guillaume
Mountainside	
New Providence	
Plainfield	
Rahway	Ms. Deborah Bridges
Roselle	Ms. Delia Ware-Tibbs
Roselle Park	
Scotch Plains/Fanwood	Ms. Tonya Williams
Springfield	Mr. Hector Munoz
Summit	
Union	Ms. Mary Lynn Williams
U. C. Vo-Tech	Ms. Gwen Ryan
Westfield	Mr. Brian Morrissey
Winfield	Ms. Maureen Byrne
Superintendent	Ms. Terry Foppert
Assistant Superintendent	Mr. Michael Kowalski
Board Secretary	Mr. Eric Larson

SALUTE TO FLAG:

PRESENTATION:

Presentation by Pablo Samuel, Principal, Lamberts Mill Academy

RECOGNIZE THE PUBLIC:

MINUTES:

It was moved by Ms. Byrne, seconded by Dr. Panichi and carried by a majority vote, to approve the following:

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of January 8, 2020

(Att. 1)

Ayes:	Kirsch	Abstain:	Dreyer
	Aklonis		Hernandez
	Panichi		Koenig
	Bridges		Best
	Ware-Tibbs		Guillaume
	Ryan		Williams, T
			Munoz
			Williams, ML
			Morrissey
			Byrne

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

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

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the Report of the Superintendent for February 2020

(Att. 2)

FINANCE:

It was moved by Ms. Byrne, seconded by Ms. Ryan and carried by roll call vote, to approve the following Agenda items:

- A. Motion to approve the Secretary's Financial Reports:
Board Secretary's Report dated December 2019 (Att. 3)
Detailed Budget Report & Summary Budget Report dated 1/31/20 (Att. 4)
Check Register for the month ended in 1/31/20 the amount of \$ 6,708,020.67 (Att. 5)
Budget adjustments and line item transfers for January 2019 (Att. 6)
- B. Motion to approve the attached check register for the School Lunch Account
January 2019 with a total of \$ 25,455.62 (Att. 7)
- C. WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 6:30-213, over expenditure of funds requires certification from the Board Secretary on the status of account and fund balances
- BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Board of Directors does hereby acknowledge that there are no line item accounts showing a deficit balance for the month of January 2020
- AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby acknowledges that a deficit balance does not exist in any major category
- D. Motion to approve the revised substitute rates to the contract with vendor ESS (Att. 8)

Ayes: Mesdames; Kirsch, Aklonis, Hernandez, Koenig, Best, Panichi, Guillaume, Bridges, Ware-Tibbs, Williams, T., Williams, M.L., Ryan, Byrne; Messr: Dreyer, Munoz, Morrissey

Nays: None

Abstain: None

PROGRAMS:

It was moved by Ms. Byrne, seconded by Ms. Aklonis and carried by roll call vote, to approve the following Agenda items:

- A. Motion to affirm the HIB Report of Investigations 20-9, 20-10, and 20-11 as presented by the Superintendent in Executive Session on January 8, 2020
- B. Motion to approve operation of Extended School Year Programs at Crossroads School, Lamberts Mill Academy, Westlake School and the Work Readiness Academy for 30-days from July 1, 2020 to August 12, 2020 (School will be closed on July 3, 2020)
- C. Motion to enter into a contract with the Elizabeth Board of Education to provide a suitable specialized alternative education program for the 2020-2021 school year through the 2024-2025 school year for up to 204 students. The tuition for the 2020-2021 school year shall be \$21,866 per student for 204 students, totaling of \$4,460,664. The tuition rate is subject to negotiation in years 2-5

Ayes: Mesdames; Kirsch, Aklonis, Hernandez, Koenig, Best, Panichi, Guillaume, Bridges, Ware-Tibbs, Williams, T., Williams, M.L., Ryan, Byrne; Messr: Dreyer, Munoz, Morrissey

Nays: None

Abstain: Dreyer (A)
Hernandez (A)
Koenig (A)
Best (A)
Panichi (C)
Guillaume (A)
Williams, T (A)
Munoz (A, C)
Williams, ML (A)
Morrissey (A)
Byrne (A)

TRANSPORTATION:

It was moved by Ms. Byrne, seconded by Ms. Ware-Tibbs and carried by roll call vote, to approve the following Agenda items:

- A. Motion to approve Amendments to Existing Transportation Contracts dated February 5, 2020, in accordance with the contractual provisions relative to adjusted mileage and the contractor's bid for adjusted miles **(Att. 9)**
- B. Motion to approve the attached penalty deductions **(Att.10)**
- C. Motion to approve the attached Emergency/Negotiated contracts **(Att. 11)**

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- D. Motion to approve Emergency Contract payments for the month of January to the listed contractors at the costs indicated **(Att. 12)**
- E. Motion to approve the results of the Special Education & Vocational School Transportation Bid Opening dated January 29, 2020 and award contracts to the lowest responsible bidders denoted by an asterisk **(Att. 13)**

Ayes: Mesdames; Kirsch, Aklonis, Hernandez, Koenig, Best, Panichi, Guillaume, Bridges, Ware-Tibbs, Williams, T., Williams, M.L., Ryan, Byrne; Messr: Dreyer, Munoz, Morrissey

Nays: None Abstain: None

Board members abstain from any contracts involving their districts

TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES:

It was moved by Ms. Byrne, seconded by Ms. Aklonis and carried by roll call vote, to approve the following Agenda item:

- A. Motion to authorize in advance, as required by statute and Commission policies and regulations, attendance at the specified professional development conferences/workshops/programs by the employees listed for the dates and costs indicated on the attached Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Form **(Att. 15)**

Ayes: Mesdames; Kirsch, Aklonis, Hernandez, Koenig, Best, Panichi, Guillaume, Bridges, Ware-Tibbs, Williams, T., Williams, M.L., Ryan, Byrne; Messr: Dreyer, Munoz, Morrissey

Nays: None Abstain: None

CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Ms. Byrne, seconded by Dr. Panichi and carried by roll call vote, to move into executive session at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing HIB investigations, personnel and legal matters. Any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as practicable.

The Board of Directors meeting returned to open session at 8:10 p.m. on motion of Ms. Byrne seconded by Dr. Panichi and carried by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL:

It was moved by Ms. Byrne seconded by Ms. Aklonis and carried by roll call vote, to approve the following Agenda item:

- F. Motion to approve the personnel agenda dated February 5, 2020 as recommended by the Superintendent **(Att. 15)**
- G. Motion to approve the letter of resignation and general release provided by Employee No. 102543. The employee's resignation will be effective June 30, 2020

Ayes: Mesdames; Kirsch, Aklonis, Hernandez, Koenig, Best, Panichi, Guillaume, Bridges, Ware-Tibbs, Williams, T., Williams, M.L., Ryan, Byrne; Messr: Dreyer, Munoz, Morrissey

Nays: None

Abstain: None

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

RECOGNIZE THE PUBLIC:

Patricia Convery offered candies for sale prepared by the students of Westlake School. Ms. Convery explained how well the reading program works which Lamberts Mill Academy does for her students.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2020, in the second floor conference room at 45 Cardinal Drive, Westfield, NJ.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Ms Byrne, seconded by Dr. Panichi and carried voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.