

Union County Educational Services Commission

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 1, 2020

MINUTES

A meeting of the Union County Educational Services Commission Representative Assembly was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. It should be noted that this meeting was held remotely using a call-in number.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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 on the front entrances 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; by filing with the County Superintendent of Schools, 300 North Avenue, East, Westfield and the County Clerk of Union County, Elizabeth, and advertising in the STAR LEDGER, Newark, all in New Jersey.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call by verbal roll call. There were present:

Berkeley Heights	Ms. Helen Kirsch
Clark	Ms. Lorraine Aklonis
Cranford	Ms. Nicole Sherrin-Kessler
Elizabeth	Ms. Nathalie Hernadez
Garwood	Ms. Christine Guerriero
Hillside	Ms. Laquana Best
Kenilworth	Dr. Michelle Panichi
Linden	Ms. Doris Johnson
Mountainside	Dr. Dana Guidicipietro
New Providence	Ms. Mary Misiukiewicz
Plainfield	
Rahway	Ms. Deborah Bridges
Roselle	Ms. Delia Ware-Tibbs
Roselle Park	
Scotch Plains/Fanwood	Ms. Deb Brody
Springfield	Mr. Hector Munoz
Summit	
Union	
U. C. Vo-Tech	Ms. Gwen Ryan
Westfield	Mr. Brian Morrissey
Winfield	
Superintendent	Ms. Terry Foppert
Assistant Superintendent	Mr. Michael Kowalski
Board Secretary	Mr. Eric Larson

SALUTE TO FLAG:

RECOGNIZE THE PUBLIC:

MINUTES:

It was moved by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Guidici Pietro and carried by a majority vote, to approve the following:

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of March 4, 2020

(Att. 1)

Ayes: Mesdames; Kirsch, Aklonis, Sherrin-Kessler, Best, Panichi, Guidici Pietro, Ware-Tibbs, Brody, Ryan; Messr: Morrissey

Nays: None

Abstain: Hernandez
Guerrero
Johnson
Misiukiewicz
Bridges
Munoz

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

It was moved by Mr. Munoz, seconded by Ms. Johnson and carried by unanimous voice vote, to approve the following:

- A. Motion to approve the Report of the Superintendent for April 2020 **(Att. 2)**

FINANCE:

It was moved by Ms. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Hernandez 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 February 29, 2020 **(Att. 3)**
Detailed Budget Report dated March 2020 **(Att. 4)**
Check Register for the month ended in March 2020 in the amount of \$4,030,143.22 **(Att. 5)**
Budget adjustments and line item transfers for March 2020 **(Att. 6)**

FINANCE: (cont'd)

- B. 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 March 2020

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby acknowledges that a deficit balance does not exist in any major category

- C. Motion to approve the attached March 2020 check register for the School Lunch Account with a total of \$ 21,632.63 **(Att. 7)**

Ayes: Mesdames; Kirsch, Aklonis, Sherrin-Kessler, Hernandez, Guerriero, Best, Panichi, Johnson, Guidicipietro, Misiukiewicz, Ware-Tibbs, Bridges, Brody, Ryan; Messr: Munoz, Morrissey

Nays: None

Abstain: None

PROGRAMS:

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

- A. Motion to affirm the HIB Report of Investigation 20-14 and 20-15 as presented by the Superintendent in Executive Session on March 4, 2020

Ayes: Mesdames; Kirsch, Aklonis, Sherrin-Kessler, Best, Panichi, Guidicipietro, Ware-Tibbs, Brody, Ryan; Messr: Morrissey

Nays: None

Abstain: Hernandez
Guerriero
Johnson
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Munoz

TRANSPORTATION:

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

- A. Motion to approve Amendments to Existing Transportation Contracts dated April 1, 2020, in accordance with the contractual provisions relative to adjusted mileage and the contractor's bid for adjusted miles **(Att. 8)**
- B. Motion to approve the attached penalty deductions **(Att. 9)**
- C. Motion to approve Emergency Contract payments for the month of February to the listed contractors at the costs indicated **(Att. 10)**
- D. Motion to approve the attached Emergency/Negotiated contracts **(Att. 11)**
- E. Motion for authorization to remit payments on behalf of the member districts at their direction to maintain the existing transportation contracts

Ayes: Mesdames; Kirsch, Aklonis, Sherrin-Kessler, Hernandez, Guerriero, Best, Panichi, Johnson, Guidici Pietro, Misiukiewicz, Ware-Tibbs, Bridges, Brody, Ryan; Messr: Munoz, Morrissey

Nays: None Abstain: None

Board members abstain from any contracts involving their districts

PERSONNEL:

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

- A. Motion to approve the personnel agenda dated April 1, 2020, as recommended by the Superintendent **(Att. 12)**

Ayes: Mesdames; Kirsch, Aklonis, Sherrin-Kessler, Hernandez, Best, Panichi, Johnson, Guidici Pietro, Misiukiewicz, Ware-Tibbs, Bridges, Brody, Ryan; Messr: Munoz, Morrissey

Nays: None Abstain: Guerriero

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Kirsch asked board members what their districts were doing about Spring Break.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECOGNIZE THE PUBLIC:

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2020. It should be noted that this meeting was held remotely using a call-in number.

CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Ware-Tibbs and carried by roll call vote, to move into executive session at 7:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing HIB investigations. 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 7:32 p.m. on motion of Ms. Ryan seconded by Dr. Guidici Pietro and carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Ms. Guerriero, seconded by Ms. Ryan and carried voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Eric Larson, Board Secretary