

**MINUTES OF THE PATERSON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING**

June 24, 2019 – 5:14 p.m.
Administrative Offices

Presiding: Comm. Oshin Castillo, President

Present:

Ms. Eileen F. Shafer, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Luis Rojas, Assistant Superintendent
Robert Murray, Esq., General Counsel+

Comm. Jonathan Hodges
Comm. Manuel Martinez
Comm. Eddy Olivares

Comm. Nakima Redmon, Vice President
Comm. Robinson Rondon

Absent:

Comm. Emanuel Capers
Comm. Joel Ramirez
Comm. Kenneth Simmons

The Salute to the Flag was led by Comm. Castillo.

Comm. Redmon read the Open Public Meetings Act:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of, and to attend the meetings of the Paterson Public School District, as well as other public bodies at which any business affecting the interest of the public is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this law, the Paterson Public School District has caused notice of this meeting:

**Special Meeting
June 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
Administrative Offices
90 Delaware Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey**

to be published by having the date, time and place posted in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Paterson, at the entrance of the Paterson Public School offices, on the district's website, and by sending notice of the meeting to the Arab Voice, El Diario, the Italian Voice, the North Jersey Herald & News, and The Record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

It was moved by Comm. Redmon, seconded by Comm. Martinez that the Public Comments portion of the meeting be opened. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Ms. Erica Santiago-Escarfuleri: My name is Erica Santiago-Escarfuleri. I'm here by accident. I didn't know what this meeting was about or why I'm here, but since I'm here I figured I'd say something. One of the things I want everyone to know, whether there are teachers here or not, this is something I advocated in Newark and Trenton for the budget and I'll do it again. I will continue to fight on behalf of the teachers for better allocation of funds and better books and things like that. This year is not over. My daughter is going into 10th grade now so there are three more years of you seeing my beautiful face here. I will not be afraid to speak up. I know there's supposed to be something about a Superintendent evaluation today. I know we can't sit in for that, but I want it to be known that Ms. Shafer is doing the best that she can, given the circumstances. Whether people like it or not, I will be her cheerleader because she shows me respect and she shows respect to all the parents who come up here, respectfully and disrespectfully, to give their comments. She's always been a gracious host and I just want everyone to know that I'm here to support the district and I will be here. When my daughter's three years of high school are over, I have a whole other baby coming so I look forward to the ride. Thank you.

It was moved by Comm. Redmon, seconded by Comm. Olivares that the Public Comments portion of the meeting be closed. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONDUCT DONALDSON HEARINGS

It was moved by Comm. Redmon, seconded by Comm. Martinez that the Board goes into executive session to conduct Donaldson Hearings. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 5:20 p.m.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Shafer: I sent everybody an email about the situation at School No. 24 with the glycol spill. It's a hazardous chemical. We had to shut down three classrooms. They're supposed to get there at night and start cleanup. As long as you keep it contained in the three classrooms, we should be okay. I'll keep you posted if anything else changes tomorrow.

Comm. Castillo: Madam Superintendent, I know we can have this conversation with you in here, but usually we have it without you and then we bring you in.

Mr. Murray: We need to talk about Sanders.

Comm. Castillo: Comm. Hodges had the idea to have a conversation with these principals, especially this last one.

Ms. Shafer: We'll have it on for the August institute. This can't continue. This is ridiculous.

Comm. Castillo: Especially the last one.

Ms. Shafer: All of them. They're all ridiculous. It's like giving a kid passing grades, but by the way, you can't graduate. You can't have it.

The Board reconvened in executive session at 8:32 p.m. to discuss litigation and the conduct a Summary Conference with the Superintendent on her evaluation.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

It was moved by Comm. Redmon, seconded by Comm. Martinez that the meeting be adjourned. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.