

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

January 20, 2015 - 6:37 p.m.
Administrative Offices

Presiding: Comm. Jonathan Hodges, President

Present:

Dr. Donnie Evans, State District Superintendent
Ms. Eileen Shafer, Deputy Superintendent
Sidney Sayovitz, Esq., General Counsel

Comm. Chrystal Cleaves
Comm. Christopher Irving
Comm. Errol Kerr
President
Comm. Manuel Martinez

Comm. Lilisa Mimms
Comm. Flavio Rivera
Comm. Kenneth Simmons, Vice
Comm. Corey Teague

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

Comm. Martinez 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
January 20, 2015 at 6:30 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.

RESOLUTIONS FOR A VOTE:

Resolution No. 1

BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of bills and claims dated January 15, 2015, beginning with vendor number 515 and ending with vendor number 799496, in the amount of \$2,795,460.55, and beginning with check number 190392 and ending with check number 190580, in the amount of \$11,819,809.84 which were approved on January 7, 2015; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that each claim or demand has been fully itemized verified, has been duly audited as required by law in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2.

It was moved by Comm. Irving, seconded by Comm. Martinez that Resolution No. 1 be adopted. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative, except Comm. Hodges who abstained. The motion carried.

Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS, the intention of the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) is to assure compliance with the statutes and regulations that govern schools and districts in New Jersey and to lead the school community into reflection on the performance of its students and revisions of its practices; and

WHEREAS, the vision and mission of the Paterson Public School District is to be a leader in educating New Jersey's urban youth, and to prepare each student to be successful in the institution of higher education of their choosing and in their chosen career; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJQSAC, the advisory board's annual review of the Chief School Administrator is based on the adoption of goals and performance measurement that reflect that highest priority is given to student achievement and attention to subgroup achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education met with the Superintendent and the New Jersey School Boards Association Field Representative to discuss goal-setting as aligned with the Strategic Plan, at the December 2, 2014 Board Retreat; and

WHEREAS, the five major district goals formulated in collaboration with the Board of Education were:

- Goal 1: Significant Improvement of Student Mastery of Curriculum Materials.
- Goal 2: Improve Community Engagement.
- Goal 3: Improve Attendance Throughout the District in an Effort to Improve Student Achievement.
- Goal 4: Secure an Alternative Location for Academy for Health & Related Professions (H.A.R.P.).
- Goal 5: Create a Safe and Secure Learning Environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts District Goals for the 2014-2015 school year which include goals/strategies, the person(s) accountable to complete the goal, and indicators of success in completing the goals as outlined in the attached chart.

It was moved by Comm. Simmons, seconded by Comm. Irving that Resolution No. 2 be adopted. On roll call all members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

No speakers.

It was moved by Comm. Cleaves, seconded by Comm. Martinez 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 CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

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

The Board went into executive session at 6:44 p.m.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

It was moved by Comm. Cleaves, 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 8:39 p.m.