

**MINUTES OF THE PATERSON BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD RETREAT**

July 21, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Remote - Zoom

Presiding: Comm. Kenneth Simmons, President

Present:

Ms. Eileen F. Shafer, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Susana Peron, Deputy Superintendent
Khalifah Shabazz-Charles, Esq., General Counsel
Boris Zaydel, Esq., Board Counsel

Comm. Vincent Arrington
Comm. Emanuel Capers
Comm. Oshin Castillo-Cruz
Comm. Jonathan Hodges

Comm. Dania Martinez
Comm. Nakima Redmon
Comm. Corey Teague

Absent:

Comm. Manuel Martinez, Vice President

Comm. Simmons 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:

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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.

PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**Joseph Taub Middle School Update by
Schools Development Authority (SDA)**

Ms. Shafer: Good evening Board members and Paterson community. Yesterday, I had the privilege of walking the new Joseph A. Taub Middle School on Union Avenue with Manny DaSilva, Neil Mapp, Tracy, Leon Matthews, and Joseph Lucarelli. It is state-of-

number 227475, in the amount of \$1,377,306.68, and wire in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, for a total of \$6,377,306.68;

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

Resolution No. 19

Recommendation/Resolution: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF PATERSON IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, MUNICIPAL ADVISOR AND BOND COUNSEL TO INITIATE A REQUEST TO PCIA FOR ASSISTANCE IN FINANCING THE ALEKSANDER HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACQUISITION AND FIELD TURF AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES UPGRADE AT DON BOSCO MIDDLE SCHOOL

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the City of Paterson in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the "School District") is a political subdivision created by law, and the Board of Education (the "Board of Education") of the School District is charged by law with the responsibility of providing a system of public education within the School District over which it has jurisdiction and has the authority to provide and improve school facilities within the school district as permitted and authorized by law, and

WHEREAS, the School District currently rents the ALEKSander Hamilton school facilities (the "AHA School Facilities") and now has the opportunity to acquire the AHA School Facilities in fee simple at a significant annual cost reduction that can be fixed over time and no longer subject to escalation; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education would like to acquire the AHA School Facilities and also provide for field turf and athletic facilities upgrades at Don Bosco School (Old Paterson Catholic) (hereinafter together referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education believes it to be the most cost effective and in the best interest of the School District to seek financing of the Project, including costs related to financing and implementing the Project, in an amount not to exceed \$10,500,000; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF PATERSON IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY as follows: Section 1. The Business Administrator, Phoenix Advisors, LLC as Municipal Advisor, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC as Bond Counsel and other appropriate representatives of the Board (the "Board Representatives") are hereby authorized to contact representatives of the Passaic County Improvement Authority on behalf of this Board of Education to request their assistance in financing the Project in an amount not to exceed \$10,500,000.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 20

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education requirements, school districts are required to amend their Long-Range Facility Plan (LRFP) at least once every five years, the Paterson Public schools retained DMR Architects and,

WHEREAS, the Paterson Public Schools' consultant completed a demography report that include Paterson Planning Board approved new housing, and

WHEREAS, the Paterson Public Schools' consultant completed a redistricting plan for the students in the neighborhood attendance zone of the new middle school, and

WHEREAS, the Paterson Public Schools' consultant completed a projected enrollment, and

WHEREAS, the Paterson Public Schools' consultant update the district schools buildings inventory, and

WHEREAS, the Paterson Public schools has identified capital improvement projects for the next five years,

WHEREAS, amending the Long Range Facilities Plan is in line with the "A Promising Tomorrow Strategic Plan 2019-2024", Priority 11- "Creating and Maintaining Healthy School Cultures", goal 4 – "Create/maintain clean and safe schools that meet 21st century learning standards." And

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Paterson Board of Education authorizes the submission of the district's major amendment to the LRFP, as prepared in conjunction with DMR Architects, to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJ DOE) in accordance with the requirements of the NJ DOE.

Resolution No. 21

WHEREAS, the District's first Goal under the Promising Tomorrow Strategic Plan is to create a student centered learning environment to prepare students for career, college readiness and lifelong learning.; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOE Department of Information Technology Data Management Office requires that County District Schools (CDS) Codes Forms be used when an LEA is requesting to close a school or merging schools because one school is closing.

WHEREAS, as per NJDOE, the "CDS code is the unique identifier of an educational entity which includes: elementary, middle, and high schools; vocational schools, special services schools; public special education schools, regional day schools, renaissance schools, education services and jointure commissions that run schools, and charter schools operating under a charter issued by the NJDOE".

WHEREAS, the district is undergoing high schools restructuring. As part of this initiative Paterson Public Schools will combine three schools that currently share a campus into one school on the campus at Eastside High School. Paterson is requesting a new school code for the combined school. The schools that will close are:

31-4010-001 - High School of Information Technology
31-4010-002 - High School of Hospitality. Tourism and Culinary Arts
31-4010-003 - High School of Government and Public Administration, and

WHEREAS, the district will combine four schools that currently share a campus into one school on the campus of John F. Kennedy High School. Paterson is requesting a new school code for the combined school. The schools that will close are:

equipment by means of a lease purchase financing in an amount not exceeding \$14,350,000, authorizing the advertisement for bides to finance the energy conservation measures and equipment, delegating the authority to award the bid, authorizing the execution of the lease purchase agreement and related documents, and authorizing other actions necessary to complete the transaction.

WHEREAS, after receipt and review of proposals, this Board of Education selected Energy Systems Group, LLC as the Energy Services Company to assist the Board of Education with its energy savings program in accordance with the requirements of the competitive contracting process set forth in N.J.S.A 18A:18A-4.1 et seq., and

WHEREAS, Energy Systems Group, LLC has worked with the representatives of the School District to develop an energy savings plan and has presented the proposed plan to this Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of the energy conservation measures for the ESIP Phase 1 projects are complete and the scopes of work with a total value of \$14.3 million are also complete. There is a remaining balance from the procurement of scopes totaling \$1,947,889.89.

WHEREAS, The remaining funds must be used for ESIP related projects. As per the auditor's guidance, the funds must remain in fund 30 to be used for appropriate ESIP project scope and will not impact the local operating budget.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the use of the remaining balance from the procurement of scopes, totaling \$1,947,889.89, be used to fund additional ESIP scopes of work to include but not limited to roof restorations at various, District locations.

It was moved by Comm. Redmon, seconded by Comm. Capers that Resolution Nos. 1 through 28 be adopted. On roll call all members voted as follows:

Comm. Arrington: I abstain on #23 and #27, and yes to everything else.

Comm. Capers: No on #27 and yes to everything else.

Comm. Castillo-Cruz: Yes.

Comm. Hodges: No on #27 and abstain on everything else.

Comm. D. Martinez: No on #27 and yes to everything else.

Comm. Redmon: Yes.

Comm. Teague: No on #27 and yes on everything else.

Comm. Simmons: Yes.

The motion carried, except Resolution No. 27, which did not carry.

**Paterson Board of Education
Standing Abstentions**

Comm. Arrington

- Self
- Family

Comm. Capers

- Self
- 4th and Inches
- Westside Park Group
- Insight
- Jersey Kids

Comm. Castillo-Cruz

- Self
- City of Paterson
- Transportation
- Downtown Special Improvement District
- Celebrate Paterson

Comm. Hodges

- Self
- City of Paterson

Comm. Dania Martinez

- Self
- Ilearn Schools
- Paterson Arts & Science Charter School

Comm. Manuel Martinez

- Self

Comm. Redmon

- Self
- Historic Preservation of the City of Paterson
- County of Passaic

Comm. Simmons

- Self
- Family

Comm. Teague

- Self
- YMCA

ADJOURNMENT