

Special Public Meeting August 6, 2020

		
<p>President Christina Schratz</p>	<p>Vice President L. Daniel Rodriguez</p>	<p>Board Member Maryann Capursi</p>
		
<p>Board Member Horacio Ray Carrera</p>	<p>Board Member Kenia Flores</p>	<p>Board Member Craig B. Miller</p>
		
<p>Board Member Judith Sanchez</p>	<p>Board Member Arthur G. Soto</p>	<p>Board Member Ronald Van Rensalier</p>

Special Public Meeting Minutes
Passaic Board of Education
Passaic, New Jersey 07055

August 6, 2020
6:18 p.m.
Remote Meeting

AGENDA:

1. Calling the Meeting to Order

President Schratz, called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. She said that due to the current State of Emergency, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), and guidance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, this Special Public Meeting will be held by remote means. Details for how to access and participate in this Special Public Meeting through remote means are posted on the District Website at www.passaicschools.org.

The notice of this meeting was mailed to The Herald News and The Record, and to the presidents of the five employee groups. A copy of the meeting notice was delivered to the Office of Municipal Clerk and posted on the bulletin board at City Hall. A copy was also posted at the Board of Education Administration Building.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

Members Present Via Remote Means:

Vice President Rodriguez, Ms. Maryann Capursi (6:22), Mr. Horacio Ray Carrera, Ms. Kenia Flores, Ms. Judith Sanchez (6:22), Mr. Arthur G. Soto, Mr. Ronald VanRensalier and President Ms. Christina Schratz

Absent: Mr. Craig Miller

Also present via remote means: Mr. Pablo Muñoz, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jeffrey Truppo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Erlinda R. Arellano, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Yaacov Brisman, Board Attorney

5. Public Participation:

Ms. Schratz said the public has been invited to participate by submitting questions and comments via the weblink. She asked the Board Attorney to read all questions and comments submitted by the public.

Mr. Brisman said only one person submitted the following questions via the district link:

Antonio Curtis, 80 Passaic Avenue

1. Last two meetings I asked for Equity Plan. I am still waiting for it to be emailed. I don't understand why none of the plans are on the website. Why should I have to request it? Is the Superintendent afraid of being held accountable?
2. Never answered this question from last meeting either. How much time is spent on African American and Latinx history?
3. I also didn't get an answer to the number of events like games or shows that the Superintendent attends in a year? and I don't mean the stuff during the school day. A percentage number is fine.
4. I understand not rushing to put out a plan for September, but we are really late to the party. Many other districts are choosing remote. How likely is it to be a remote only plan?
5. How many parents have chosen to keep their kids home so far?
6. Will we have enough teachers in the buildings if we choose in person?

Mr. Muñoz responded that Ms. Arellano was to provide an OPRA request form to Mr. Curtis so he could obtain copies of the Equity Plan. Ms. Arellano confirmed that the OPRA form had been sent to the address on record. Mr. Muñoz said the question regarding plans for September would be discussed at a Special Meeting, which has been scheduled for August 12, 2020.

Motion to close Public Session:

Moved: Mr. VanRensalier

Seconded: Mr. Rodriguez

Voice Vote: 8 Yes

Public participation closed at 6:24 pm

6. Executive Session

A motion was presented to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, Donaldson Hearings:

Moved: Mr. Carrera

Seconded: Ms. Sanchez

Roll Call to Reconvene at 8:25 p.m.

Roll Call: 8 Present

7. New & Unfinished Business

None

8. Adjournment

Ms. Schratz announced that the next Regular Public Meeting of the Passaic Board of Education will be held on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. through remote means posted on the District Website at www.passaicschools.org.

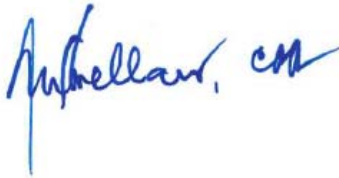
Motion to Adjourn: Mr. VanRensalier

Voice Vote: 8 Yes

Seconded: Ms. Capursi

Meeting ended at 8:26 p.m.

Recorded by:



***Ms. Erlinda R. Arellano
School Business Administrator
Board Secretary***