

May 1, 2023
 6:08 p.m.

AGENDA:

A. Call to Order

Mr. R. Aaron Bowman Assistant Board Secretary, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. He addressed the public and stated that this meeting was being held in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act.” 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 at City Hall. A copy was also posted at the Board of Education and filed in accordance with the law.

B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

C. Election Results – Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Mr. Bowman announced the following Annual School Board Election results:

Unofficial Election Results Summary – Unofficial Results by Board of Elections

2023-2024 Tax Levy Questions	Yes	No
Local Levy \$17,154,949	363	80

Candidates for Three Year Seat	Votes	
Christina Schratz	419	Re-Elected
Leslie Zuniga	398	Newly Elected
Arthur G. Soto	416	Re-Elected

D. Oath of Office for Re-Elected and New Board Members

Mayor Hector C. Lora gave the oath of office to the following board members:

- Christina Schratz
- Leslie Zuniga
- Arthur G. Soto

Mayor Lora congratulated the re-elected and newly elected board members and addressed all board members on what it means to be elected.

E. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Ms. Barrales-Garcia, Ms. Maryann Capursi (remote) Mr. Craig Miller, Mr. L. Daniel Rodriguez, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Schratz, Mr. Arthur Soto, and Mr. Ronald Van Rensalier, Ms. Leslie Zuniga

Also Present: Ms. Sandra Montañez-Diodonet, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jeffrey Truppo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Izbicki, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. R. Aaron Bowman, Assistant School Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary, Mr. Miguel Frias, Director of Human Resources and Mr. Yaacov Brisman, Board Attorney.

F. Organization Items

1) Election of the Office of President

Commissioner Barrales-Garcia nominated Commissioner Rodriguez for the position of President.

Motion to Approve: Ms. Abril-Barrales
Second: Mr. Soto

Commissioner Barrales-Garcia	Yes
Commissioner Capursi	Yes
Commissioner Miller	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Sanchez	Yes
Commission Schratz	Yes
Commissioner Soto	Yes
Commissioner Van Rensalier	Yes
Commissioner Zuniga	Yes

Commissioner Rodriguez was elected for the position of President.

2) Election of the Office of Vice President

Commissioner Miller nominated Commissioner Sanchez for the position of Vice President.

Motion to Approve: Mr. Miller
Second: Ms. Schratz

Commissioner Barrales-Garcia	Yes
Commissioner Capursi	Yes
Commissioner Miller	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Sanchez	Yes
Commission Schratz	Yes
Commissioner Soto	Yes
Commissioner Van Rensalier	Yes
Commissioner Zuniga	Yes

Commissioner Sanchez was elected for the position of Vice President.

3) Resolution Setting the Annual Meeting Schedule – Passaic Board of Education – 2022-2023 School Year

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE
PASSAIC BOARD OF EDUCATION
2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Pursuant to the “Open Public Meeting Act” N.J.S.A. 10:4-7 et seq., the Passaic Board of Education hereby establishes the Annual Meeting Schedule of the Board for the 2023-2024 School Year:

<i>Monday</i>	<i>May 1, 2023</i>	<i>Annual Board Organization Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>May 10, 2023</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>June 12, 2023</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>June 26, 2023</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>July 24, 2023</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>August 28, 2023</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>September 26, 2023</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>October 30, 2023</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>November 20, 2023</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>December 18, 2023</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>January 29, 2024</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>February 26, 2024</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>March 25, 2024</i>	<i>Regular Public Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>

All meetings will be held in the Board Rooms, 663 Main Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey, 6th floor, with exception to the February 26, 2024 meeting which will be held at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School No. 6, 85 Hamilton Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey.

Motion to Approve: Mr. Miller

Second: Ms. Schratz

Commissioner Barrales-Garcia	Yes
Commissioner Capursi	Yes
Commissioner Miller	Yes
Commissioner Rodriguez	Yes
Commissioner Sanchez	Yes
Commission Schratz	Yes
Commissioner Soto	Yes
Commissioner Van Rensalier	Yes
Commissioner Zuniga	Yes

G. Comments from Board Members

Board Member	Comment
Commissioner Schartz	Thanked everyone for supporting her and to my running mates we had fun. We all bring in a different leadership. I hope we all keep leading for the future. Thanked President and Vice President.
Commissioner Zuniga	Thanked everyone, thanked the Mayor for his kind words. Thank you for your support, and being such role models. Thank you.
Commissioner Soto	Enjoyed his campaigning, thanked everyone. Thank you, Mayor Hector C. Lora City Leaders present and everyone.
Commissioner Van Rensalier	It's an honor to work with all of the Board members. I look forward to working beside you all. Thank you.
Commissioner Miller	We call ourselves Team Passaic, and we are special. This was a great election. As leaders we must take responsibility and make Passaic a better City.
Commissioner Capursi (remote)	Hello, I apologize for not being present, but glad to be able to attend virtually. Congratulations to everyone especially to our re-elected board members. Congratulated Ms. Zuniga. President & Vice President I trust that you will continue to guide us.

Comments from Board Members (Continued)

Board Member	Comment
Commissioner Barrales-Garcia	Congratulated everyone, thank you for always being there for me. I believe we are for one reason and that is our students. Thank you to the administration and the Board of Education.
Vice President Sanchez	Thank you, I would like to congratulate the re-elected and newly elected Board Members, thank you for helping the budget get passed, thank you for all your hard work. Looking forward to working alongside all of you. Thank you all for your kind words.
President Rodriguez	Thank you to everyone for your kind words. Congratulations to all the re-elected board members and newly elected. Thank you, Mayor Hector C. Lora, for your leadership. Thanked Assemblyman Mr. G. Schaer for your kind words. Again, thank you everyone. Looking forward for a great new year with lots of new and good changes.
Mayor Lora	Mr. Lora thanked President and congratulated Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Sanchez on their re-appointments as President and Vice President. He also congratulated the elected commissioners.
Assemblyman Gary S. Schaer	Thanked everyone for their leadership, congratulated everyone that was re-elected and newly elected. Thank you for your dedication to our City.
Superintendent Sandra Montanez-Diodonet	We are a blessed city and system. Congradulations to all for your re-elections. Having the same team again it's a blessing. Thank you all and thank you for passing our budget.

H. Public Participation

President Rodriguez invited members of the public to participate:

Name/Address:	Ms. Vanesa Apaza, 9 Woodside Avenue, Little Falls, New Jersey
Question/Comment:	She is the Program Coordinator of the City of Passaic City Coalition and their focus is on Substance Use Prevention. She explained the programs available and also gave out flyers.

Motion to close Public Participation:

Moved: Mr. Miller
 Seconded: Mr. Soto

Voice Vote: 9 Yes

Public participation closed at: 6:59 p.m.

I. Announcement of Next Regular Public Meeting

President Rodriguez announced that the next Regular Public Meeting of the Passaic Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Passaic Board of Education, Board Meeting Room, 663 Main Avenue, 6th Floor Passaic, New Jersey.

J. Adjournment

President Rodriguez requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Sanchez
 Seconded: Mr. Van Rensalier

Voice Vote: 9 Yes

Meeting ended at: 7:00 p.m.

Recorded by:

Mr. R. Aaron Bowman
 Assistant School Business Administrator
 Assistant Board Secretary