

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
108 North Clinton Avenue
Trenton, New Jersey 08609
RETREAT MINUTES
Thursday – June 28, 2018 – 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Completed July 2, 2018
Convened at 6:20 P.M.

Call to Order

Board President Gene Bouie called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Bouie called for the salute to the flag.

Roll Call

Present:

Gene Bouie

Fiah Kwesseu – arrived 6:21 p.m.

Yolanda Marrero-Lopez

Gerald Truehart II

Lucy Vandenberg

Heather Watson

Addie Daniels-Lane – arrived approximately 6:30 p.m.

Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Fredrick H. McDowell Jr. - Present

Business Administrator/Board Secretary – Jayne Howard - Present

New Jersey Sunshine Law - Read by Board President Bouie

The New Jersey Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right to the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted on.

On the rules of this act, the Trenton Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting by publicizing the date, time and place, therefore posted in the Central Services Building, 108 North Clinton Avenue, City Clerk's Office, City Hall and the Times. Anyone whose name is on the mailing list should receive a notice.

Formal action will not take place at this meeting.

Mission Statement - Read by Board President Bouie

All students will graduate with a vision for their future, motivated to learn continually and prepared to succeed in their choice of college or career.

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Adoption Of Agenda

Motion was made by Mr. Truehart and seconded by Ms. Kwesseu to adopt the agenda. Agenda was adopted by all Board Members present.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Addie Daniels-Lane		not present for vote	
Fiah Kwesseu	X		
Yolanda Marrero-Lopez	X		
Gerald Truehart	X		
Lucy Vandenberg	X		
Heather Watson	X		
Gene Bouie	X		

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board.

BOARD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Training was facilitated by Mr. Jesse Adams, New Jersey Schools Boards Association (handouts attached). The retreat centered on developing a team charter and developing a communications charter. Board questions and comments were in the following areas:

- Board certification process
- Expectations of the team members for each other
- Timeliness of agenda delivery
- Appreciation for Superintendent's weekly update
- Participation and attendance at committee meetings
- Prepare questions and answers prior to the Board meeting – responses to all Board Members
- Process for voting on the consent agenda
- Structure of the consent agenda
- Board Member attendance at District sponsored events, with invitations
- Timeliness of committee meeting minutes
- Inclusion of committee meeting minutes as part of the consent agenda
- Conflicted Board Members regarding voting
- Email protocols
- Notification of "hot" issues in a timely manner
- Organization of Google Drive
- Board engagement in major decision making
- Keeping confidentiality
- Avoiding misunderstandings and misinformation in the community
- Student interests are foremost

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ADJOURN

Motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jayne S. Howard

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary