

**TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**108 North Clinton Avenue**  
**Trenton, New Jersey 08609**  
***SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES***  
**Thursday – February 16, 2017 – 5:30 PM**

**Completed February 22, 2017**  
**Convened at 5:31 P.M.**

**Call to Order**

Board President Gene Bouie called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Bouie led the salute to the flag.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Gene Bouie  
Addie Daniels-Lane  
D. A. Graham  
Jane Rosenbaum – arrived 5:38 p.m.  
Gerald Truehart II  
Lucy Vandenberg

**Absent:**

Fiah Gussin  
Heather Watson

**Acting Superintendent of Schools** – Nelson Ribon - Absent

**Business Administrator/Board Secretary** – Jayne Howard - Absent

**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.

**Adoption Of Agenda**

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

<b><u>ROLL CALL</u></b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Addie Daniels-Lane	X		
D. A. Graham	X		

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Fiah Gussin	absent
Jane Rosenbaum	not present for vote
Gerald Truehart	X
Lucy Vandenberg	X
Heather Watson	absent
Gene Bouie	X

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Billie Hayes, Community Member, welcomed Ms. Lane to the Board. He expressed concern with the plans to merge P. J. Hill and Hedgepeth Williams schools, stating there was confusion and a lack of transparency at the Superintendent’s Roundtable meeting. He said there have not been past successes in the District with merging schools. He felt that a written plan should be provided to the community on the plans for Hill and Hedgepeth.

President Bouie thanked Mr. Hayes for taking his time to attend the Board Meetings and for providing feedback.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Bouie read the Executive Session Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Open Public Meetings Act, codified as N.J.S.A. § 10:4-6, et seq., permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, the Trenton Board of Education is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist, indicated as follows:

Any matter which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy if disclosed;

**DESCRIPTION OF MATTER(S): Review applications for position of Superintendent of Schools**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Trenton Board of Education, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that an Executive Session will be held on February 16, 2017 for the statutorily permissible purposes indicated in this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive Session with regard to the above subject matter shall be disclosed to the public at a later date and to the extent that the same is not prejudicial to the interests of the parties involved, no longer adverse to the public interest, or does not endanger any individual’s right to privacy.

At this time, Vice President Truehart provided an update for the public on the Superintendent Search. He stated that committee work has been done around the search, but tonight’s meeting is an opportunity for the full Board to meet and reach some

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consensus on items which have been discussed in committee. One of the objectives is to articulate clearly some points of interest:

The Board is at Stage 4 – candidate presentations. The purpose of tonight’s meeting is to discuss interviewing the candidates who applied for the position, interview questions and procedures that will be raised with the candidates, and to make sure that we have no candidates that have been selected for interviews at this time.

The Board also needs to confirm the week of March 6 for the first rounds of interviews, the week of March 13 for the second round of interviews for the finalists. The location for the interviews is to be determined.

Mr. Truehart said the Board needs to be prepared at the February 27 Board Meeting to determine how to involve the public and the community in the process of interviewing the candidates, balancing confidentiality with community input.

Motion was made by Ms. Vandenberg and seconded by Ms. Gussin to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session. **All** were in favor, **0** opposed **0** abstentions.

**ADJOURN** 5:41 p.m.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTES FROM BOARD ATTORNEY LATTIBOUDERE:***

5:54 p.m. Board convenes in the Superintendent’s Conference Room and begins the review of application materials for the Superintendent search position.

5:58 p.m. D.A. Graham departs.

9:50 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Gerald Truehart, Second Addie Daniels-Lane, approved by voice vote.

**ADJOURN** 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

*Jayne S. Howard*

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