

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
108 North Clinton Avenue
Trenton, New Jersey 08609
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday – May 12, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

Completed May 21, 2021
Convened at 8:30 A.M.

Call to Order

Board President Addie Daniels-Lane called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Daniels-Lane led the salute to the flag.

Roll Call

Present:

Gene Bouie
Addie Daniels-Lane
Yolanda Marrero-Lopez
Gerald Truehart II
Jeannie Weakliem

Absent:

Nicole Brossoie
Taraun McKnight
Sadé Williams

Acting Superintendent of Schools – Alfonso Q. Llano, Jr. - Present

Business Administrator/Board Secretary – Jayne Howard - Present

New Jersey Sunshine Law - Read by Board President Daniels-Lane

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 on Trenton's Webpage, the Times and the Star Ledger.

Formal Action will take place at this meeting.

Mission Statement - Read by Board President Daniels-Lane

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. Bouie and seconded by Ms. Weakliem to adopt the agenda. Agenda was adopted by all Board Members present.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Gene Bouie	X		
Nicole Brossoie	absent		
Yolanda Marrero-Lopez	X		
Taraun McKnight	absent		
Gerald Truehart II	X		
Jeannie Weakliem	X		
Sadé Williams	absent		
Addie Daniels-Lane	X		

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Daniels-Lane advised the public of the procedures outlined in Bylaw 0167 - Public Participation in Board Meetings.

Ms. Talithe Duncan, President of the Trenton Education Association (TEA), stated there have been some Covid outbreaks, specifically at the high school. She also said there has been no contact tracing and that proper procedures have not been followed in this area. Ms. Duncan said a staff member at Early Childhood has tested positive for Covid, and no individuals who were on the prior walkthrough of the building have been contacted to advise of possible exposure. She also expressed continued concern about the Superintendent Search, stating there has been no transparency and that finalists are not being properly vetted.

TEA Grievance Chair Ms. Janice Williams said it had come to her attention that there were some testing violations at one of the District schools regarding the SAT and PSAT tests. She said she is required to report this allegation to the Office of Accountability at the Department of Education. Ms. Williams felt an immediate investigation is warranted and that the party/parties in question must be placed on administrative leave until the outcome of the investigation. Ms. Williams also said that some members of Leadership are trying to do irreparable harm to some Board employees through monetary reasons. She expressed concern about the lack of involvement of the community in the Superintendent Search; and she said that community input is particularly important due to some issues involving one of the candidates.

Ms. Sandy Jimenez, Teacher, wished all teachers a happy Teacher Appreciation Day. She expressed concern about the pay docking of some TEA members. She also said there have been problems in the schools in the areas of temperature scanning, the online form, non-working air conditioning, not enough custodial staffing, no trashcans distributed for breakfast cleanup, symptomatic students sent home, TEA staff being asked to wipe down

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desks, parents walking through the schools despite TEA being told that visitors will not be allowed in the buildings, reports of classrooms not being cleaned between cohorts and disruptive internet outages throughout the day.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Bouie expressed concern about the potential Covid exposure at Early Childhood. He stressed the importance of communicating to our teams the procedures that must be followed. He also stated that inadequate maintenance staffing at the schools does not allow the District to do the necessary cleaning.

Mr. Truehart encouraged the Superintendent and Leadership to overcommunicate notifications about Covid cases, and he asked that these notifications be sent to Board Members.

BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent’s Recommendations:

Human Resources

There were no questions or comments on the Superintendent’s Recommendations.

Board Policy (Second Reading):

0151 Organization Meeting

There were no questions or comments on the Board Policy.

Motion was made by Mr. Bouie and seconded by Mr. Truehart to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was **approved** by all Board Members present.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Gene Bouie	X		
Nicole Brossoie	absent		
Yolanda Marrero-Lopez	X		
Taraun McKnight	absent		
Gerald Truehart II	X		
Jeannie Weakliem	X		
Sadé Williams	absent		
Addie Daniels-Lane	X		

Human Resources Addendum:

A. ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS

JOB TITLES	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	LOCATION(S)
ROTC Instructor	1	TCHS

B. CREATION OF POSITIONS

JOB TITLES	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	LOCATION(S)
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ROTC Instructor	1	Daylight
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C. APPOINTMENTS (2021-2022)

<i>LAST NAME</i>	<i>FIRST NAME</i>	<i>GUIDE</i>	<i>POSITION</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>SALARY</i>	<i>EFFECTIVE</i>	<i>NOTE</i>
Abreu	Maritza	TEA	ESL Teacher	TCHS	\$101,915	7/1/21-6/30/21	correction to agenda attachment B-8 TEA
Allen	Shanika	TEA	Elementary Teacher Grade 5 (Sheltered)	Hill	\$100,415	7/1/21-6/30/21	correction to agenda attachment B-8 TEA
Gonzalez	Carmen	TEA	World Languages Teacher	TCHS	\$81,215	7/1/21-6/30/21	correction to agenda attachment B-8 TEA
Green	Donna	TEA	ESL Teacher	King	\$101,915	7/1/21-6/30/21	correction to agenda attachment B-8 TEA
Haqq	Hussain	TEA	Climate Culture Specialist	TCHS	\$100,415	7/1/21-6/30/21	correction to agenda attachment B-8 TEA
Hester	Marilyn	TEA	Learning Loss Teacher	King	\$100,415	7/1/21-6/30/21	correction to agenda attachment B-8 TEA
Koonce	Charles	TASA	Principal	Daylight	\$164,746	7/1/21-6/30/21	correction to agenda attachment B-7 TASA
Lewis	Catherine	TEA	Special Education Teacher (Resource Room)	Hill	\$73,315	7/1/21-6/30/21	correction to agenda attachment B-8 TEA
Lewy	Katia	TEA	ESL Teacher	TNGA	\$101,915	7/1/21-6/30/21	correction to agenda attachment B-8 TEA
Pearson	Lindsay	CUS	Custodian Engineer Grade 2	TCHS	\$76,372	7/1/21-6/30/21	correction to agenda attachment B-4 CUS
Reyes	Carmen	TEA	Special Education Teacher (MD)	Parker	\$96,015	7/1/21-6/30/21	correction to agenda attachment B-8 TEA
Rivera	Enrique	TEA	Special Education Teacher (LLD)	Grant	\$101,915	7/1/21-6/30/21	correction to agenda attachment B-8 TEA

D. RESIGNATIONS

<i>LAST NAME</i>	<i>FIRST NAME</i>	<i>POSITION</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>EFFECTIVE</i>	<i>NOTE</i>
Casiano	Rosario	Principal	Daylight	7/1/21	
Llano	Alfonso	Superintendent	Central Office	7/1/21	

E. RETIREMENTS

<i>LAST NAME</i>	<i>FIRST NAME</i>	<i>POSITION</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>EFFECTIVE</i>	<i>NOTE</i>
Livesey	Mary Ellen	English Teacher	TCHS	7/1/21	21 years of service
Mayberg	Kenneth	Computer Teacher	Mott	7/1/21	37 years of service

F. STIPEND APPOINTMENTS

<i>LAST NAME</i>	<i>FIRST NAME</i>	<i>POSITION</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>SALARY</i>	<i>GAAP</i>	<i>EFFECTIVE</i>	<i>NOTE</i>
Sapp	Derrell	AM/PM Advisor	King	\$42.00	15-421-200-110-0009-00-23	5/3/21-6/30/21	Not to exceed \$778 per person.
Moran	James	AM/PM Advisor	King	\$42.00	15-421-200-110-0009-00-23	5/3/21-6/30/21	Not to exceed \$778 per person.
Kragbe	Beugre	AM/PM Advisor	King	\$42.00	15-421-200-110-0009-00-23	5/3/21-6/30/21	Not to exceed \$778 per person.

Human Resources Recommendations:

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JOB TITLES	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	LOCATION(S)
Social Worker	1	King
Social Worker	1	Daylight
Early Childhood Teacher Liaison	4	Early Childhood
Early Childhood Learning Consultant	1	Early Childhood
Early Childhood Social Worker	1	Early Childhood
Early Childhood Psychologist	1	Early Childhood
Supervisor of Special Services	1	Special Services

B. CREATION OF POSITIONS

JOB TITLES	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	LOCATION(S)
Grade 4 Teacher	1	King
Social Worker (10 months)	2	Special Services
Supervisor of Special Education	1	Special Services

C. APPOINTMENTS (2020-2021)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	FROM POSITION	FROM LOCATION	SALARY/STEP	TO POSITION	TO LOCATION	SALARY/STEP	EFFECTIVE	NOTE
Tofte, Jr	Michael	Acting CAO	Curriculum	\$142,161, Step 1, CFA	Acting CAO	Curriculum	\$142,161, Step 1, CFA	5/4/21-6/30/21	3-month contract

D. APPOINTMENTS (2021-2022)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	FROM POSITION	FROM LOCATION	TO POSITION	TO LOCATION	EFFECTIVE	NOTE
Moody	Darrell	Behaviorist Teacher	Gregory	Grade 3 Teacher	Gregory	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Bethea	Alakee	Behaviorist Teacher	Monument	Grade 1 Teacher	Parker	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Hammond	Jessica	Behaviorist Teacher	Hill	School Counselor	TNGA	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Allen	Adrianna	Behaviorist Teacher	King	Social Worker (10 months)	Special Services	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Graf	Kathy	Intervention Teacher	CAO Office	Grade 4 Teacher	Columbus	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Carmichael	Nicole	Intervention Teacher	CAO Office	Grade 4 Teacher	Parker	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Barbato	Nicholas	Intervention Teacher	CAO Office	Health/PE Teacher	Monument	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Bramlett	Leslie	Literacy Specialist	CAO Office	Learning Loss Teacher	Kilmer	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Hester	Marilyn	Literacy Specialist	CAO Office	Learning Loss Teacher	Hill	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Livesey	Nancy	Literacy Specialist	CAO Office	Learning Loss Teacher	Grant	9/1/21-6/30/21	

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Ternowchek	Jeanne	Literacy Specialist	CAO Office	Learning Loss Teacher	Hill	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Tomlin	Mary	Literacy Specialist	CAO Office	Learning Loss Teacher	Monument	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Stillwell	Sarah	Math Specialist	CAO Office	Learning Loss Teacher	Gregory	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Conrad	Tara	Math Specialist	CAO Office	Learning Loss Teacher	Kilmer	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Leno	Karen	Math Specialist	CAO Office	Learning Loss Teacher	Columbus	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Hendryx	Dawn	Math Specialist	CAO Office	Learning Loss Teacher	King	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Anthony-Musa	Dolores	Math Specialist	CAO Office	Learning Loss Teacher	Hill	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Cisneros-Leber	Sonnia	SIOP Teacher	Bilingual Office	ESL Teacher	King	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Lewy	Katia	SIOP Teacher	Bilingual Office	ESL Teacher	TCHS	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Abreu	Maritza	SIOP Teacher	Bilingual Office	Grade 3 Bilingual Teacher	Mott	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Butler	Edward	Climate Culture Specialist	Daylight	Climate Culture Specialist	TCHS	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Bethea	Ottamease	Climate Culture Specialist	Hill	Climate Culture Specialist	TCHS	9/1/21-6/30/21	
McClendon	Janinne	Climate Culture Specialist	TRA	Climate Culture Specialist	TNGA	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Yessman	Colleen	Art Teacher	TRA	Art Teacher	Columbus	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Misnik	Joseph	Life Skills Teacher	Daylight	Life Skills Teacher	TCHS	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Weinick	Tammy	Life Skills Teacher	Daylight	Autism Teacher	TCHS	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Livingston	Geraldine	Life Skills Teacher	Daylight	Special Education Inclusion Teacher	Daylight	9/1/21-6/30/21	
LaRosa	Jessica	Computer Teacher	TRA	Computer Teacher	Robbins	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Reyes	Carmen	World Languages Teacher	TRA	World Languages Teacher	TNGA	9/1/21-6/30/21	

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Johnson	Brittany	Social Worker (10 months)	King	Social Worker (10 months)	Special Services	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Williams	Patrick	Social Worker (10 months)	Daylight	Social Worker (10 months)	Special Services	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Tracchi	Tracy	Kindergarten Teacher (Sheltered)	Parker	Early Childhood Teacher Liaison	Early Childhood	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Logan	Jessica	Special Education LLD Teacher	TNGA	Special Education Teacher	Monument	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Johnson	Dora	Elementary Teacher Grade 1 (Sheltered)	Grant	Grade 1 Teacher	Mott	9/1/21-6/30/21	

E. TRANSFERS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	FROM POSITION	FROM LOCATION	TO POSITION	TO LOCATION	EFFECTIVE	NOTE
Kelley	Dawn	ESL Teacher	Rivera	ESL Teacher	TCHS	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Freaney	John	PE/Health Teacher	TNGA	Health/PE Teacher	Dunn	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Voruganti	Lakshmi	Special Education Math Teacher	TRA	Special Education Math Teacher	TCHS	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Olivieri	Adam	Health/PE Teacher	Monument	Health/PE Teacher	TNGA	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Gilbert-Akins	Donna	Elementary Teacher Grade 1 (Sheltered)	Parker	Grade 2 Teacher	Mott	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Meluso	Roberto	Computer Teacher	Daylight	Computer Teacher	Grant	9/1/21-6/30/21	
Patrick	Karl	ROTC Instructor	TCHS	ROTC Instructor	Daylight	9/1/21-6/30/21	

F. REAPPOINTMENTS – FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, EFFECTIVE 7/1/21-6/30/22 (SEE ATTACHMENTS)

- **BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION– ATTACHMENT (1)**
- **CONFIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATORS – ATTACHMENT (2)**
- **CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARIES – ATTACHMENT (3)**
- **CUSTODIANS ASSOCIATION – ATTACHMENT (4)**
- **MECHANICS AND LABOR ASSOCIATION – ATTACHMENT (5)**
- **PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION – ATTACHMENT (6)**
- **TRENTON ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION – ATTACHMENT (7)**

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· TRENTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION – ATTACHMENT (8)

· TRENTON EDUCATION SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION – ATTACHMENT (9)

President Daniels-Lane wished all School Nurses a happy School Nurses Appreciation Day. She asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Mr. Bouie and seconded by Ms. Weakliem to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, **0** opposed, **0** abstained.

ADJOURN 8:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jayne S. Howard

Jayne S. Howard
Business Administrator/Board Secretary