

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
108 North Clinton Avenue
Trenton, New Jersey 08609
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday – June 10, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.

Completed June 14, 2020
Convened at 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Board President Addie Daniels-Lane called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Daniels-Lane led the salute to the flag.

Roll Call

Present:

Gene Bouie
Nicole Brossoie
Addie Daniels-Lane
Yolanda Marrero-Lopez
Taraun McKnight
Gerald Truehart II
Jeannie Weakliem
Sadé Williams

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Absent: Yolanda Marrero-Lopez

Superintendent of Schools – Ronald C. Lee - 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

President Daniels-Lane asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. Bouie and seconded by Jeannie Weakliem to adopt the agenda. The agenda was adopted by all Board Members present.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS

Superintendent Lee greeted everyone. He explained the purpose of the Special Board Meeting was to address the Grading Policy. The revisions address grading for the 4th quarter and the end of year. In addition, he explained with the new policy, students will not receive a grade lower than a 50 for all assignments. This will give students the opportunity to pass classes.

COMMENTS BY BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Ms. Williams asked what happens to students that may not pass even with the new grading policy. In addition, asked will there be a way to assess if students mastered the skill or opportunities available for students who may feel they did not master the skill.

Ms. DeJesus explained that grade books will be reviewed to ensure they are aligned with the new policy being approved tonight. In addition, summer programs are being offered for student enrichment. Approximately 800 families inquired.

Mr. Truehart said there has been discussion about the Grading Policy and chose to specifically focus on the coronavirus impact.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Howard stated no one signed up for Public Participation.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no further comments.

BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent’s Recommendations:

Grading Policy

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

Motion was made by Mr. Bouie and seconded by Ms. Weakliem 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	X		
Yolanda Marrero-Lopez	Absent		
Taraun McKnight	X		
Gerald Truehart II	X		
Jeannie Weakliem	X		
Sadé Williams	X		
Addie Daniels-Lane	X		

Ms. Lane expressed that everyone keeps people in prayer during these challenging times. Resolutions shall be implemented for employees who have passed away.

Motion was made by Mr. Bouie and seconded by Ms. Weakliem to Adjourn the meeting. Motion was **approved** by all Board Members present.

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

ADJOURN 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne S. Howard

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary