

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION RETREAT MINUTES
Educational Testing Service
Chauncey Conference Center
600 Rosedale Road
Princeton, New Jersey 08541
Saturday, August 3, 2013 – 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Completed August 9, 2013/REVISED August 22, 2013
Convened at 8:36 A.M.

Call to Order

Board President Sasa Olessi Montaña called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Montaña led the salute to the flag.

Roll Call

Present:

Roslyn Council – arrived 8:41 a.m./departed 3:45 p.m.

Patrice Daley

Denise Millington

Jason Redd – departed 4:00 p.m.

Jane Rosenbaum – departed 1:55 p.m.

Mary Taylor-Hayes

Gerald Truehart II

Sasa Olessi Montaña

Superintendent of Schools – Francisco Durán - Present

Business Administrator/Board Secretary – Jayne Howard – Present

Administrators Present

Dr. Shelley Jallow, Assistant Superintendent of 6-8 & 9-12

Kathleen Smallwood-Johnson, Executive Director of Family & Community Engagement/
Legal Affairs

Lucy Feria, Assistant Superintendent & Chief Academic Officer

Dr. Wesley Boykin, Executive Director of Systems, Data Management & Accountability

Pamela Owens, Interim Executive Director of Human Resources

Dr. Lester Richens, State Monitor

New Jersey Sunshine Law - Read by Board President Montaña

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 take place at this meeting.

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Adoption of Agenda

The retreat was facilitated by Ms. Mary Ann Friedman, Field Services Representative from New Jersey School Boards Association. Ms. Friedman provided Board Members with the day's agenda (**Attachment 1**), which was adopted unanimously upon motion and proper second.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Feria presented a review of student achievement data, including results of the NJASK for Grades 3-8 for years 2010, 2011 and 2012; and results of the HSPA for Grades 9-12 for years 2011, 2012 and 2013. Ms. Howard discussed the Board's role in finance/deficit planning. Copies of all handouts from the presentations are available in the Board Office.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

Ad Hoc Committee on Urban Hope Act

Motion was made and properly seconded to establish an ad hoc committee on the Urban Hope Act. With one (1) Yes vote and four (4) No votes, the motion **failed**.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Roslyn Council	not present for vote		
Patrice Daley	X		
Denise Millington		X	
Jason Redd	not present for vote		
Jane Rosenbaum	not present for vote		
Mary Taylor-Hayes		X	
Gerald Truehart II		X	
Sasa Olessi Montaña		X	

Naming of Gifted & Talented Program

This item was **tabled** for a future Board Meeting.

The State Monitor rescinded his tabling of the above resolution in an email dated August 22, 2013 at 2:08pm. The authorization is as follows:

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED THE NAMING OF THE GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM WITH THE NAME TO BE FORMALLY ANNOUNCED AT THE AUGUST 26, 2013 TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

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New Committee Structure

Motion was made and properly seconded to restructure the Board Committees (**Attachment 2**). The motion was **approved** by all Board Members present.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Roslyn Council	not present for vote		
Patrice Daley	X		
Denise Millington	X		
Jason Redd	not present for vote		
Jane Rosenbaum	not present for vote		
Mary Taylor-Hayes	X		
Gerald Truehart II	X		
Sasa Olessi Montaña	X		

TEA Contract & Memorandum of Understanding

Motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Contract with the Trenton Education Association for the period September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2015. The motion was **approved** by all Board Members present.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Roslyn Council	not present for vote		
Patrice Daley	X		
Denise Millington	X		
Jason Redd	not present for vote		
Jane Rosenbaum	not present for vote		
Mary Taylor-Hayes	X		
Gerald Truehart II	X		
Sasa Olessi Montaña	X		

At this time, the Board opened a discussion on Travel Regulations. The State Monitor and the Field Representative stated they would further research.

ADJOURN 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jayne S. Howard

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