

**TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**108 North Clinton Avenue**  
**Trenton, New Jersey 08609**  
***SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES***  
**Monday – April 4, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Completed April 7, 2016**  
**Convened at approximately 6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

Board President Jason Redd called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Redd led the salute to the flag.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

D. A. Graham  
Fiah Gussin  
Jason Redd  
Jane Rosenbaum  
Guillermo Gomez Salazar  
Gerald Truehart II

**Absent:**

Denise Millington  
Lucy Vandenberg

**Interim Superintendent of Schools** – Lucy Feria - Absent

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

**State Monitor** – Dr. Lester Richens - Present

**Board Attorney** – Perry Lattiboudere, Esq. - Present

**New Jersey Sunshine Law** - Read by Board President Redd

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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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur, President of the Trenton Education Association, expressed concern that the bargaining units were not informed of the meeting. She felt that the community has been kept from the Superintendent Search process, and more transparency is needed to move the District forward.

Ms. Janice Williams, Grievance Chair of TEA, also expressed concern about the manner in which tonight's meeting was advertised. She stated that the majority of people do not read published print, and she felt that the meeting notice should have been posted on the District website. Ms. Williams referenced a meeting earlier in the day, and she asked if the Board has asked the hard questions of the Leadership Team regarding PT, OT and Speech services to Special Education students. She said that, per 6A:14-5.1c, a private agency cannot be brought in to provide these services. She asked the Board to research the State Code requirements for Special Education services. Lastly, Ms. Williams expressed concern that an eviction notice was sent to the Special Parent Advocacy Group advising them that the space they are using at P.J. Hill School is needed for Gifted & Talented instruction.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the credentials and background checks of finalists for the position of Superintendent of Schools. **All** were in favor, **0** opposed **0** abstentions.

**ADJOURN** approximately 6:30 p.m.

**REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING**

The Board returned to Open Public Session at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Gomez Salazar and seconded by Mr. Truehart to release the names of the finalists for the position of Superintendent of Schools. **All** were in favor, **0** opposed **0** abstentions.

President Redd advised that the finalists chosen by the Board are Dr. Sergio Páez and Dr. Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard. He asked Mr. Bill Adams of the executive search firm to present the schedule for public Meet & Greets, as follows:

***April 5***

**11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** – State Monitor will meet with Dr. Páez.

**12:30 to 1:30 p.m.** – State Monitor will meet with Dr. Vanden Wyngaard.

**2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** – Mayor will meet with Dr. Páez and Council President will meet with Dr. Vanden Wyngaard.

**3:00 to 4:00 p.m.** – Mayor will meet with Dr. Vanden Wyngaard and Council President will meet with Dr. Páez.

**4:30 to 6:00 p.m.** – Brief reception in the Mayor's conference room for Mercer County elected officials to meet the candidates.

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***April 6***

**6:45 to 7:20 a.m.** – Breakfast with up to three board members per candidate in two separate rooms.

**7:30 to 8:30 a.m.** – Meet and greet both candidates in the auditorium of the administration building for parents, employees and community members.

**8:45 to 9:45 a.m.** – Separate candidate meetings with senior and confidential staff divided into two groups, in two rooms at the administration building. Each group will meet for one half hour with each candidate.

**12:00 to 1:00 p.m.** - Meet and Greet in the auditorium of the administration building for parents, employees and the community.

**2:00 to 2:45 p.m.** – Bargaining Unit Presidents are invited to meet and greet each of the candidates in the administration building, scheduled in two separate rooms for approximately 20 minutes with each candidate.

**2:45 to 3:15 p.m.** – Building level administrators are invited to a meet and greet with the candidates in the administration building auditorium.

**3:15 to 4:15 p.m.** – Candidate Meet and Greet open to all district employees in the administration building auditorium.

**4:15 to 5:15 p.m.** – Time is open the community, parents and students to meet and greet the candidates in the administration building auditorium. District student leadership and students are invited and welcome to attend and participate.

**6:45 to 7:45 p.m.** – There will be a public forum in the auditorium of the administration building. Only one candidate will appear at a time while the other is sequestered. Each candidate will have the opportunity to make an open and closing statement and to answer up to ten questions. Feedback forms will be provided to the public, to be collected, summarized and provided to the Board.

Motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN** approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

*Jayne S. Howard*

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