

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

"Children come first; los niños son primero."

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CONCERNS RAISED DURING PUBLIC COMMENT

June 27, 2016 Board of Education Meeting:

Ms. Kelly Fullard, Teacher at M.L.King Jr. Elementary School, spoke on behalf of staff at the school in opposition to the proposed transfer of their Head Custodian. She presented a petition to the Board **Reginald Gillard was moved from MLK to Dunn School as a lateral move. Unfortunately, because of his title and position level there were only a few custodians that could move to the Dunn facility. Please note, the Department performed multiple lateral moves in the custodial ranks.**

DWAYNE MOSLEY

Mr. Billie Hayes, Community Member, congratulated the student athletes for all their hard work and also expressed his condolences to the Millington family. He expressed concern about OPRA requests submitted, stating that the responses were incomplete. He also had a complaint about the design/build meeting held the prior week at the SDA, stating that he was told the public would not be participating when he showed up for the meeting. He felt that the community should have been included, observing that the TCHS Principal was in attendance at the meeting.

JAYNE HOWARD/SUPERINTENDENT

The SDA decides which meetings will be open to the public. A public SDA Community Meeting was held on July 19th. Additional SDA Community Meetings will be held to provide updates.

Ms. Rose Dawkins readdressed a problem she experienced at Daylight/Twilight, and she stated that she will be filing a formal complaint regarding a matter involving a special needs student.

WILFREDO ORTIZ/LIZ DEJESUS

Ms. DeJesus spoke with Ms. Dawkins in reference to her concerns. A resolution was obtained and we agreed not to hire the (2) individuals that were allegedly mistreating the students.

Mr. Mike Goodman spoke about the project for the new TCHS and felt that there should be more transparency for the general public. He said he tries to attend all the meetings as a community representative, and he asked that the District keep the community informed by posting minutes.

SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes are posted. Please see link below

<http://www.trenton.k12.nj.us/NewTrentonCentralHighSchool.aspx>

Ms. Susan Nardi, NJEA Representative, again asked that the Board set aside the Personnel Recommendation appointing the Interim Assistant Superintendent for School Support. She expressed her concerns on the matter, including the qualifications listed for the job and the attendance requirement of the District. She also expressed concerns about the recent professional development for Secretaries. **LISSA JOHNSON/SUPERINTENDENT**

The Interim has extensive experience and qualifications. He also has an excellent attendance record and always goes above and beyond duty. Yes, he had surgery this year and was out however chronic absenteeism is not the pattern.