

THE ENGLEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
December 12, 2019
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. and the NJ Open Public Meeting Statement was read by Ms. Cheryl Balleto, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Present: Steven Berrios, Molly Craig-Berry, Donovan Rodriques, Michelle Marom, Brent Watson, Angela Midgette-David, Elisabeth Schwartz (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)

Absent: Dalia Lerner, Kim Donaldson

Also Present: Robert Kravitz, Superintendent of Schools, Cheryl Balleto, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Dennis McKeever, Board Attorney

Motion by Mr. Watson; seconded by Ms. Marom to enter closed session.

CLOSED SESSION AS NECESSARY (*Use this resolution to identify the qualified matters to be discussed*)

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-12, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss: (select one or more)

- 1) *a matter rendered confidential by federal or state law*
 - 2) *a matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds*
 - 3) *material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy*
 - 4) *a collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it*
 - 5) *a matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds*
 - 6) *protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law*
 - 7) *pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege*
 - 8) *specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session*
 - 9) *deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss;*
- and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion by Ms. Schwartz, seconded by Ms. Marom to approve consent agenda.

Mr. McKeever – read resolutions 20-B-22A and 20-B-22B aloud at the public session.

Mr. Kravitz – the District will be looking into additional educational services for both of our students that will take into account all of the recommendations that were made from all the reports that were received regarding these matters.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Bunch – We have a serious problem. Not just in Englewood – all over the State kids are doing it. I suggested at the PTO meeting that the PTO along with the Board of Education along with the Englewood Police Department need to have an open dialogue on how we should deal with the kids that are fighting. We are back where we were six months ago. Englewood School District is a safe haven for kids. If a kid is fighting and keeps doing it then that kid needs to be removed. There needs to be swift and stern punishment. I applaud the Board for all you are going through. It is unfair to the teachers, the administration and unfair to the children that want to learn.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Motion by Mr. Watson seconded by Ms. Schwartz to approve consent agenda.

(The following resolutions are presented for your consideration pursuant to Board of Education Bylaw 164.)

Roll Call Vote on the Consent Agenda and addenda – **yes to all except:**

Resolution #	Topic	Craig-Berry	Rodrigues	Marom	Watson	Midgette-David	Schwartz
20-B-22A	Student 149381 Suspension						
20-B-22B	Student 153857 Suspension						

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. by Ms. Schwartz; seconded by Ms. Midgette-David.

BOARD

20-B-22A APPROVAL – STUDENT 149381 SUSPENSION

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board conducted a disciplinary hearing for Student Number 149381; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was conducted in accordance with the New Jersey regulations, Board Policy and the Student Handbook; and

WHEREAS, the Board heard testimony from representatives of the school District and from the student/parent(s); now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board suspends Student Number 149381 for a period of 11/19/19 or until 6/30/20, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board will review this matter on a bi-monthly basis.

20-B-22B APPROVAL – STUDENT 153857 SUSPENSION

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board conducted a disciplinary hearing for Student Number 153857; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was conducted in accordance with the New Jersey regulations, Board Policy and the Student Handbook; and

WHEREAS, the Board heard testimony from representatives of the school District and from the student/parent(s); now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board suspends Student Number 149381 for a period of 11/19/19 or until 6/30/20, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board will review this matter on a bi-monthly basis.