

**THE ENGLEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING (ZOOM)
April 24, 2020
2:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. and the NJ Open Public Meeting Statement was read by Ms. Cheryl Balletto, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Present: Donovan Rodriques, Dalia Lerner, Michelle Marom,
Angela Midgette-David, Suzanne Mullings, Samuel E. Trusty,
Steven Berrios, Molly Craig-Berry

Absent: Brent Watson

Also Present: Robert Kravitz, Superintendent of Schools, Cheryl Balletto, Business
Administrator/Board Secretary

Ms. Craig-Berry – I want to thank a few people. The Health Department drove by the hospital to thank the workers and the frontliners. I would also like to thank Coach Dion. He is leading food distribution for quite a few families. . He partnered with the Board of Education, the Bergen Family Center and the Recreation Department to make lunches for the staff at Englewood Hospital. I would like to continue this partnership when this pandemic is over because it is working well in helping the families and the students in our district.

Mr. Kravitz – The Superintendents for Bergen County met yesterday virtually with their representatives from the Department of Education. We were told we will have more of an update as far as school closure on May 15. There is a lot of concern regarding whether we will continue with virtual school for the summer as well as what is going to happen in September. New Jersey School Board updates have been talking about several different models – half day schedules to reduce the number of students in one area to maintain social distancing. As far as graduation and events, I know that the schools on Monday will be meeting again from Bergen County so that we are all on the same page as to what we're doing and what we're allowed to do. Regarding social distancing, the state does not want us holding events as of today. We're waiting for a directive from the Department of Education as to whether or not graduations will exist as they previously did or how they will change. . It will be more than likely a county decision working together to make sure we're doing the same thing.

Thank you to the teachers, the administrators and technology. Everyone is working very hard to make sure the students are learning. We are moving forward with plans to educate the kids the best we can.

Privilege of the Floor

- Why weren't we notified of this meeting?
- Hypothetically speaking, If kids don't go back for this year, how are we managing their 4th marking period grades?
- Are there plans of using one main platform for virtual learning? Some people don't have printers or scanners.

Mr. Kravitz –

- This was a last minute decision to have this meeting. It is basically an executive session meeting. Going forward, we will send out a robo call as well at notifying the public on our website.
- The meeting was posted on the website and there was a zoom link. We will add the link under events.
- 4th Marking period grades – I have met with the union representation and I am meeting with the administrative association on Monday morning. We will come up with a plan.
- We are not asking you to print or scan anything. It can all be done electronically. Yes, we are planning on working with teachers to use one platform.
- Mr. Rodriques – Your instructions are not translating down the pipeline to the teachers. Worsheets and assignments are given out and some are requiring the students to write on paper. Not all of the worksheets allow for virtual responses. Parents have to find a way to scan the documents after the children have completed the work. Perhaps this is something you can address with the Principals and the teachers.
- I will contact the Principals. I am meeting with them the first week in May.

- Ms. Balletto – Meal distribution – our numbers are still constant . We’ve added more manpower for delivery. People are happy with the food. All the food groups are represented. Ms. David has been at the stadium as well. I would also like to thank the Recreation Department. They have been very instrumental with helping us to deliver to some low income communities that we cannot find a good serving area. We are making sure that they get the meals for those two days.

Motion by Mr. Rodriques; seconded by Ms. Lerner to enter closed session for the purposes of legal services and personnel. The Board will return back to open session only to adjourn the meeting. No action will be taken.

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 to reconvene to open session by Dr. Mullings; seconded by Mr. Berrios

Motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Rodriques; seconded by Mr. Berrios.