

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**  
**YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Wednesday, June 28, 2023 (4:00 PM)**

**THE FOLLOWING ACTION IS HEREBY RECORDED OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION STATED MEETING HELD ON JUNE 28, 2023 AT 4:00 P.M.**

The Board of Education Stated Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 2023 was held at One Larkin Center Board Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> floor. The meeting was also streamed live at [www.yonkerspublicschools.org](http://www.yonkerspublicschools.org). Yonkers Board of Education actions, agendas and webcasts are available to the public on the district's website [yonkerspublicschools.org](http://yonkerspublicschools.org) in the Board of Education section.

**ROLL CALL**

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Rev. Steve Lopez  
Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio  
Gail Burns  
Kevin Cacace  
Amjed Kuri  
Rosemarie Linton  
Lawrence Sykes, Esq.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Superintendent Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Assistant Superintendents Dr. Luis Rodriguez, RoseAnne Collins-Judon, Lissette Colon Collins, Dr. Frank Hernandez, Dr. Michelle Yazurlo, Attorney Myrna Forney, Samantha Rosado-Ciriello, Michael Browne and various staff

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order by President Rev. Steve Lopez at 4:08 PM.

**1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio.

**1.2 PRAYER**

"Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee and ask Thy blessing upon us and Thy guidance in our deliberations. May Thy blessing rest upon all those who serve in our schools, upon our students, and upon our city and our country."

The Prayer was led by Vice President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio.

**1.3 MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Moment of Silence

## **ROLL CALL AND QUORUM CHECK**

### **2.1 ROLL CALL AND QUORUM CHECK**

#### **ROLL CALL**

REVEREND STEVE LOPEZ - Yes

DR. ROSALBA CORRADO DEL VECCHIO - Yes

GAIL BURNS - Yes

KEVIN CACACE - Yes

DR. JOHN CASTANARO - Absent

SHEILA GREENWALD - Absent

AMJED KURI - Yes

ROSEMARIE LINTON - Yes

LAWRENCE SYKES, ESQ. - Yes

## **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL**

### **3.1 PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL**

The Board will now move into Executive session to discuss a personnel matter with regard to particular staff members.

**Resolution:** The Board will now move into Executive session to discuss a personnel matter with regard to particular staff members.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Lawrence Sykes**) Moved, Member (**Kevin Cacace**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board will now move into Executive session to discuss a personnel matter with regard to particular staff members'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio Yes

Gail Burns Yes

Kevin Cacace Yes

Rev. Steve Lopez Yes

Amjed Kuri Yes

Rosemarie Linton Yes

Lawrence Sykes Yes

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

### **4.1 To Consider for Approval the Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) between the Yonkers Board of Education (“Board”) and the Yonkers Federation of Teachers (“YFT”) whereby certain terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement (“CBA”) will be modified as set forth therein and amended to provide for a CBA with new effective dates beginning as of July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027.**

YFT MOA – July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2027

Approval of MOA between the Board and the YFT.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, the Board and the YFT are party to a MOA for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027; and WHEREAS, the parties have engaged in good faith negotiations to arrive at a successor collective bargaining agreement; and WHEREAS, the collective negotiations between the Board and the YFT have resulted in the attached MOA between the Board and the YFT; and WHEREAS, the MOA which was collectively negotiated between the Board and the YFT was ratified by the members of the YFT on June 23, 2023; and WHEREAS, after consideration of the MOA, the Board wishes to state its approval by

ratifying the MOA. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board hereby approves the MOA between the Board and the YFT attached hereto effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio**) Moved, Member (**Kevin Cacace**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, the Board and the YFT are party to a MOA for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027; and WHEREAS, the parties have engaged in good faith negotiations to arrive at a successor collective bargaining agreement; and WHEREAS, the collective negotiations between the Board and the YFT have resulted in the attached MOA between the Board and the YFT; and WHEREAS, the MOA which was collectively negotiated between the Board and the YFT was ratified by the members of the YFT on June 23, 2023; and WHEREAS, after consideration of the MOA, the Board wishes to state its approval by ratifying the MOA. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board hereby approves the MOA between the Board and the YFT attached hereto effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio	Yes
Gail Burns	Yes
Kevin Cacace	Yes
Rev. Steve Lopez	Yes
Amjed Kuri	Yes
Rosemarie Linton	Yes
Lawrence Sykes	Yes

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

##### **5.1 ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn meeting.

**Resolution:** Motion to adjourn.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio**) Moved, Member (**Amjed Kuri**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Motion to adjourn'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio	Yes
Gail Burns	Yes
Kevin Cacace	Yes
Rev. Steve Lopez	Yes
Amjed Kuri	Yes
Rosemarie Linton	Yes
Lawrence Sykes	Yes