

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS Tuesday, January 9, 2024 (5:30 PM)

THE FOLLOWING ACTION IS HEREBY RECORDED OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M.

The Board of Education Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2024 was held at One Larkin Center, Board Room, Fourth Floor. The meeting was also streamed live at www.yonkerspublicschools.org. Yonkers Board of Education agendas, actions and webcasts are available to the public on the district's website, yonkerspublicschools.org in the Board of Education section.

ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Rev. Steve Lopez
Gail Burns
Kevin Cacace
Dr. John Castanaro
Sheila Greenwald
Amjed Kuri
Rosemarie Linton
Lawrence Sykes, Esq.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Interim Superintendent Dr. Luis Rodriguez, Deputy Mayor Susan Gerry, Assistant Superintendents Dr. Michelle Yazurlo, Lissette Colon-Collins, Dr. Frank Hernandez, Erik Wright, Dr. Stephanie McCaskill, attorneys Myrna Forney and Joanna Topping, and various staff

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by President Rev. Steve Lopez at 5:56 P.M. Vice President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Rosemarie Linton.

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 Trustee Rosemarie Linton.

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 - Absent
GAIL BURNS - Yes
KEVIN CACACE - Yes
DR. JOHN CASTANARO - Yes
SHEILA GREENWALD - Yes
AMJED KURI - Yes
ROSEMARIE LINTON - Yes
LAWRENCE SYKES, ESQ. - Yes

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

3.1 Appointment of Superintendent of Schools

Appointment of Superintendent of Schools

Resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Yonkers City School District seeks to appoint Anibal Soler, Jr. as Superintendent of Schools for the School District and to approve an Employment Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions under which Mr. Soler will be employed; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Yonkers City School District hereby appoints Anibal Soler, Jr. to the position of Superintendent of Schools for a term to commence May 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2028; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education hereby approves an Employment Agreement with Anibal Soler, Jr. dated January 9, 2024 setting forth the terms and conditions of employment under which Mr. Soler will serve as Superintendent of Schools during the aforementioned term, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute same, subject to the conditions set forth above.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Kevin Cacace)** Moved, Member **(Sheila Greenwald)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Yonkers City School District seeks to appoint Anibal Soler, Jr. as Superintendent of Schools for the School District and to approve an Employment Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions under which Mr. Soler will be employed; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Yonkers City School District hereby appoints Anibal Soler, Jr. to the position of Superintendent of Schools for a term to commence May 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2028; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education hereby approves an Employment Agreement with Anibal Soler, Jr. dated January 9, 2024 setting forth the terms and conditions of employment under which Mr. Soler will serve as Superintendent of Schools during the aforementioned term, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute same, subject to the conditions set forth above'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Dr. John Castanaro Yes
Gail Burns Yes
Kevin Cacace Yes
Rev. Steve Lopez Yes
Sheila Greenwald Yes
Amjed Kuri Yes
Rosemarie Linton Yes
Lawrence Sykes Yes

ADJOURNMENT

4.1 ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn meeting.

Resolution: Motion to adjourn.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Dr. John Castanaro**) Moved, Member (**Lawrence Sykes**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Motion to adjourn'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Dr. John Castanaro	Yes
Gail Burns	Yes
Kevin Cacace	Yes
Rev. Steve Lopez	Yes
Sheila Greenwald	Yes
Amjed Kuri	Yes
Rosemarie Linton	Yes
Lawrence Sykes	Yes

The special meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

A press conference to formally announce the new Superintendent of Schools was held immediately following the January 9, 2024 Special Meeting.