

HARLEM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Special Board Meeting
August 10, 2022

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Mike King called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM. Trustees present were Mike King, Kathleen Adams, and Valerie Blackcrow. Johnathan Walker and Leslie J. Horn were absent. Dr. Arlene Bigby, Superintendent; Cassie Handran, Business Manager/Clerk and 8 guests were also present.

A. FACILITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Facility Committee met with architects from Collaborative Designs to discuss updates to building plans to the Jr/Sr High and Elementary. Mark Qualman discussed estimated pricing for the project at \$39,000,000. The Facility Committee planned on meeting again at the next board meeting on August 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM to decide what projects to focus on.

Motion by Kathleen Adams at 12:49 PM to recess until 6:00 PM. Second by Valerie Blackcrow, motion carried 3 for, 2 absent (Walker, Horn).

The meeting was resumed at 6:15 PM.

B. REOPENING PLAN

Motion by Kathleen Adams to keep the Reopening Plan and Safe Return to School and Continuity of Services Plan as is with names and dates updated. Second by Valerie Blackcrow, motion carried 3 for, 2 absent (Walker, Horn).

C. TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

Motion by Kathleen Adams to transfer Ira Talks Different and Steven Hopkins from Head Custodian/CDL/Supervisors to Interim Bus Shop Coordinator/Transportation Director/Supervisors and to raise their hourly wage from Bus Driver/Custodian rates to Transportation Director wages to match their years of service, effective until a full-time Transportation Director can be hired, at which time they will go back to their Head/CDL/Supervisor position and wages. Second by Valerie Blackcrow and motion carried 2 for, 1 against (Blackcrow), and 2 absent (Walker, Horn).

D. ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

The position of Assistant Activities Director for the 2022-23 SY will be advertised. Tabled until the 8/16/2022 Regular Board Meeting.

E. HANDBOOKS

Corey Barron, Evelyn Bigby, and Jessica Cochran discussed possible revisions to the Student Handbooks.

F. MTSBA TRAINING

Debra Silk from MTSBA is scheduling Board Training for September, October, and November 2022.

G. TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS

None.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF NEGOTIATIONS/CONTRACT APPROVAL

Tabled until the 8/16/2022 Regular Board Meeting.

I. CONSIDERATION FOR ISSUANCE OF CONTRACTS FOR 2022-23 CLASSIFIED STAFF

Motion by Kathleen Adams to hire Byron Yellowrobe as Bus Driver/Custodian for 2022-23 school year (DECLINED), per the C.B.A., with the district reserving the right to withdraw the offer based upon the results of the background check. Second by Valerie Blackcrow, motion carried 3 for, 2 absent (Walker, Horn).

J. CONSIDERATION FOR ISSUANCE OF CONTRACTS FOR 2022-23 CERTIFIED STAFF

Motion by Kathleen Adams to hire Kayla Messerly and Nancy Stiffarm as Jr High Teachers for the 2022-23 SY, per the C.B.A., with the district reserving the right to withdraw the offer based upon the results of the background check. Second by Valerie Blackcrow, motion carried 3 for, 2 absent (Walker, Horn).

K. CONSIDERATION FOR ISSUANCE OF CONTRACTS FOR 2022-23 ADMINISTRATION STAFF

The position of SPED Coordinator for the 2022-23 SY will be advertised.

L. ADJOURN

The Regular Board meeting is set for August 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Kathleen Adams to adjourn at 7:15 PM. Second by Valerie Blackcrow, motion carried 3 for, 2 absent (Walker, Horn).