

**Atlantic City Board of Education
Special Meeting
May 26, 2022 – 6:00pm**

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Call To Order Mr. Steele, President

Roll Call Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Chowdhury, Mr. Devlin, Mr. Herbert, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Mayfield, Mr. Steele.

Also present Dr. Small, Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Brown

Statement of Notice

A notice of the special meeting was published in the Press of Atlantic City, mailed to the City Clerk and posted on the bulletin board of the Citi Center Building at 1300 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 on May 24, 2022.

Flag Salute Mrs. Brown led those present in the flag salute

Vision & Mission Statement (noted)

Vision: Atlantic City Public Schools and members of the community believe in the development of the whole child. Together we are committed to providing a nurturing, safe and stimulating environment for all students to continuously learn and grow.

Mission: All students will be actively engaged and supported as they learn and grow on the journey to become independent, life-long learners equipped for the 21st Century.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. La'Quetta S. Small (none)

Public Comments (none)

PERSONNEL 1 – 2

Noted for the record: Board Secretary Mrs. Brown read resolution #1 into the record.

1. On a motion made by Mr. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Mayfield, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to approve the following Doctrine of Necessity. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mrs. Bailey-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Devlin-yes; Mr. Herbert-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes Mr. Mayfield-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of seven members present, seven voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

WHEREAS, the School Ethics Commission ("SEC") has provided guidance in Public Advisory Opinion A03-98, regarding how a Board should invoke the Doctrine of Necessity when a quorum of a board of education has conflicts of interest on a matter required to be voted upon; and

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WHEREAS, the opinion set forth that, when necessary for a Board to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity, the Board should state publicly that it is doing so, the reason that such action is necessary and the specific nature of the conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the SEC by resolution dated February 25, 2003, clarified and required a Board of Education invoking the Doctrine of Necessity to adopt a resolution setting forth that they are invoking the doctrine, the reason for doing so, and the specific nature of the conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the SEC further directed Boards of Education that invoke the Doctrine of Necessity to read the resolution at the regularly scheduled public meeting, post it where it posts public notices for thirty days, and provide the Commission with a copy; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education promulgated *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.2*, which places additional standards and restrictions and restrictions upon the ability of a board member to vote on a particular issue; and

WHEREAS, the five board members' conflicts are as follows:

- (1) Board Member Mrs. Ruth Byard's daughter is a Board approved teacher substitute; and
- (2) Board Member Ms. Patricia Bailey's son is a Board approved truancy officer; and
- (3) Board Member Mr. Walter Johnson's spouse is employed by the Board as a teacher; and
- (4) Board Member Mr. Shay Steele's spouse is employed by the Board as teacher; father parent center employee and.
- (5) Board Member Mr. Albert Herbert's sister-in-law is employed by the Board as a teacher.

WHEREAS, the inability of the aforementioned Board members to participate in the naming and approving of Assistant Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, as required by law, the Board desires to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity in accordance with Procedures established by the Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Atlantic City Board of Education, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the aforementioned Board Members are prohibited from the naming and approving of the position of Assistant Superintendent; and approving

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board invokes the Doctrine of Necessity in order to allow the full body of the Board to approve the naming and approving the Assistant Superintendent in accordance with State law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be read at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board and be publicly posted by the Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the School Ethics Commission.

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2. On a motion made by Mr. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Mayfield, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to approve the job description of Assistant Superintendent of Schools, **per Exhibit A**. Mrs. Bailey-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Devlin-yes; Mr. Herbert-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes Mr. Mayfield-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of seven members present, seven voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, on a motion made by Mr. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Devlin, the meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Brown
Board Secretary