The School District of Philadelphia

Board of Education
Public Meeting
Minutes
May 25, 2023

A public meeting of the Board of Education was held in hybrid format on May 25, 2023. Some Board Members, select staff, and some registered speakers participated in-person, while others participated remotely. Members of the general public who did not attend in-person participated via Zoom meeting platform.

The meeting was convened at 4:00 p.m.,Reginald L. Streater Esquire, President. President Streater asked that the Board and members of the public take a moment of silence to acknowledge and honor students in our school community who have tragically lost their lives to gun violence this year.

Following the moment of silence, President Streater reported and commented on the following:

- Announcement to share that the Board will not engage in progress monitoring during tonight's meeting.
- Excitement for this Superintendent's' presentation on the Strategic Plan.
- Reminder of the Board's work on Goals and Guardrails to engage in public discussion around improving student outcomes for all students across the District and noted that the Board of Education will not engage in progress monitoring this evening
- Acknowledgement of May 8 - 12 as Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Recognition of National School Nurse Day on May 10th.
- Recognition May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

President Streater invited Board Member Sarah-Ashley Andrews to make brief remarks in recognition of Mental Health Awareness month. Board Member Andrews shared that May is Mental Health Awareness month and shared that this year's theme for the District is "Look Around, Look Within" and urged everyone to raise awareness of mental health, reduce the stigma, and make mental health a priority everyday. Board Member Andrews also shared District resources such as Kooth and Lyra Health.

President Streater celebrated the success and notable achievements of members of the School District of Philadelphia Community:

- Congratulations to the 60 outstanding School District teachers who received the 2023 Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching
- Congratulations to Katherine Muc, an ELA teacher at Jenks Academy for Arts & Sciences, who was named Teacher of the Month for April

- Recognition Seniors of the Month for April: Basir Samit, a senior at George Washington High School, and Iya Nealy, a senior at Philadelphia High School for Girls

- Recognition and expressed gratitude to members of the Board who have taken the time to visit several schools this year and have participated in School District events and celebrations

President Streater recognized Board member's visit to Thomas Edison High School on May 8, 2023.

President Streater invited Mike Herbstman, Chief Financial Officer to present awards to students involved in creating the artwork for the FY22 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Vice President Fix-Lopez made announcements concerning recording, copyright, participation in, and viewing of the meeting.

Vice President Fix-Lopez shared that Pennsylvania currently faces a teachers shortage crisis and noted three vital policy solutions at the state legislature that can help address some of this current crisis:

- Senate Bill 300, sponsored by Senators Ryan Aument and Vincent Hughes
- House Bill 141, sponsored by Representative Michael Schlossberg
- Supporting comprehensive collection and reporting of key teacher workforce data such as the number and type of teacher vacancies across the Commonwealth

Roll Call, Minutes, Announcements

Lynn Rauch, General Counsel, announced that the Board met in Executive Session on May 11 (to discuss privileged, confidential quasi-judicial matters related to charter school matters), and today to discuss privileged, confidential, and investigative matters and information or strategy in connection with – Steify De Los Santos vs. The School District of Philadelphia, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas No. 211100142 (alleging claims under tort claims with exception to immunity);, Sargent vs. School District of Philadelphia et al, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania 22-CV-1509 (raises challenges to the school selection process); The School District of Philadelphia v. City of Philadelphia et al., United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, No. 2:23-CV-00238 (challenging a city ordinance); Brickhouse vs. The School District of Philadelphia et. al, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania 2:22-CV-04596 (alleging civil rights violations).

Ms. Rauch conducted Roll Call.

Members Present: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez*,* Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson *(remotely),* Ms. Wilkerson – 9

Members Absent: 0

Attending: Tony B. Watlington, Ed.D, Superintendent, Sophia Roach, Non-Voting Student Board Representatives

The minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education were presented for approval.

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez*,* Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson *(remotely),* Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Committee Reports

Board Member Thompson provided a report from the Parent and Community Advisory Council, including:

- Advisory Council members participated in our Board of Education Action meeting by providing testimony on Action Items at our April 20, 2023, Action Meeting.
- The Advisory Council participated in the review of the School District of Philadelphia's 5-year Strategic Plan and provided thoughtful and insightful questions and comments on the plan.
- Advisory Council members have provided support to their school communities by:
    - Providing healthy food, snacks, free clothes, diapers, and other donated items to students and the school community
    - Providing after-school tutoring, homework assistance, activities, and encouragement to students in their school communities.
    - Continuing to provide advocacy support to families so they can advocate for their students in their schools.
    - Aiding students to receive free prom attire, accessories, and hair styling for students for one of the most exciting events for seniors in their school experience.
    - Starting, resurrecting, and supporting existing home and school chapters in our schools.
- Advisory Council members provided mental health support and trauma awareness to students in their school communities in observance of May being Children Mental Health Awareness Month.

Student Board Representative Sophia Roach reported on her activities throughout the last month, sharing that throughout the month of April she has the opportunity to attend and participate in the Superintendent's Steering Committee Meeting, as well as the Superintendent's monthly student advisory meeting. Student Board Representative Sophia Roach shared feedback shared during the superintendent's monthly student advisory meeting where the group focused on the Superintendent's strategic plan as well as feedback shared during the Superintendent's student advisory meeting which focused on a review of the Board's current Goals & Guardrails and newly proposed leading indicators. Lastly, Ms. Roach encouraged students to attend the final meeting of the Superintendent's student advisory meeting in June and encouraged students to reach out to her and to share their feedback and experience.

Board Member Sarah-Ashley Andrews congratulated Student Board Representative Sophia Roach as she prepares for her high school graduation and to attend Harvard University in the fall.

Superintendent Remarks

President Streater invited Dr. Watlington to provide remarks. Dr. Watlington reported/commented on the following:

- Congratulations to the 60 outstanding School District teachers who received the 2023 Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching
- District Personnel Updates - Hiring of new cabinet officials including the following:

- Jeremy Grant-Skinner, Deputy Superintendent of Talent, Strategy, and Culture
- Dr. Nyshawana Francis-Thompson, Chief of Curriculum and Instruction
- Deputy Superintendent for Academics - position pending

- Monthly Immediate Priorities Updates
  - School Safety
  - Student and Teacher Attendance
  - Drop Out Rates

Dr. Watlington provided a presentation and overview of the new strategic plan, Accelerate Philly. Dr. Watlington provided an overview of his first years as Superintendent, highlighting key phases in the transition process which included:

- Phase 1: First 100 Days Listening and Learning Tour
- Phase 2: Transition Team Report - evaluated the current strengths and challenges of the School District of Philadelphia
- Phase 3: Strategic Planning Process

Dr. Watlington highlighted 5 key priority areas and 60 strategic actions within the strategic plan which included the following:

- Priority Area 1: Improve Safety and Well Being
- Priority Area 2: Partner with Families and Community
- Priority Area 3: Accelerate academic achievement
- Priority Area 4: Recruit and retain diverse and highly effective educators
- Priority Area 5: Deliver efficient, high quality, cost effective operations

Board Members engaged in a robust dialogue with Superintendent Watlington, regarding the proposed five-year strategic plan. Board Members made a request to ensure diversity amongst the composition of superintendent advisory group members, expressed a need for all unions to be represented when engaging in discussions, requested information around pilot program rubrics, made a request that the auditing team ensures that materials behavioral health services are culturally competent to identify with students in the District. Board Members also asked clarifying questions to understand staffing needs and challenges to carry out the strategic plan, anticipated strategies to identify environmentally appropriate school buildings for year round learning, expectations for Board updates, the relationship between operational data and research data, and the role of the Fund for the School District of Philadelphia in the strategic plan.

Copies of presentations are included within the meeting agenda.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the Board's meeting agenda to allow students to speak before the presentations on the Budget and Capital Plan & from the Charter Schools Office:

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Public Testimony and General Speakers

Board Member Salley acknowledged the receipt of and summarized written testimony submitted to the Board from:

- 34 District Speech Language Pathologists
- Amanda Diesel
- Clarice Brazas
- Charlie McGeehan
- Heather Cook
- Sean Kelly
- Dr. Chei Micheau
- Danina Garcia-Fuller
- Dr. Naomi Johnson Booker
- Elisabetta Fasella
- Horace Clouden
- Rain Robbins
- Michael Bly
- Marisa Shaaban
- Mayor Jim Kenney

Complete copies of the written testimony are included within the meeting agenda.

The meeting was opened to the public for presentation of statements by registered students, elected, and general speakers. Ms. Rauch provided the applicable provisions of the speakers' policy for the meeting. Ms. Rauch called general speakers:

Thomas Dorn, student, spoke about student access to criteria based schools and the impact of the decision to consider student zip codes as a part of the school selection process.

Philip Dorn, student, spoke about the allocation of funds for criteria based schools throughout the district and spoke about financial resources provided to Masterman and noted that the key to success at Masterman is a school culture amongst students and staff to try hard and focus on their studies.

Vrishab Kaushik, student, advocated for the need of music, art and physical education classes at Masterman High School noting that the inclusion of music, art, and physical education are a part of the Board's Goals & Guardrails and have a profound impact on student experiences.

Corryn Celestin, student, spoke about her experience with her mental health and recent medical diagnosis that is impacting her school performance and experience. Ms. Celestin asked the District and Board for their support in helping her ensure that she is able to graduate on time and with her peers despite the challenges she has faced throughout the school year.

Councilwoman Jamie Gauthier thanked the Board for considering Action Item 66 Agreement with the City of Philadelphia for Re-opening Sayre Pool - Added 5.9.2023/ Updated 5.24.2023 and spoke about the importance of access to aquatics for all students.

Lynda Rubin, community member, expressed concerns regarding the use of Teach for America for recruiting teachers throughout the district and asked what the District is doing to increase the number of homegrown teachers rather than temporary employees.

The following individuals expressed concern regarding the anticipated changes to student schedule at Masterman for students in grades 5 - 8, the impact of changes to criteria for students entering Masterman, and how the impact of splitting the Masterman middle school and high school into two

separate schools with once administration has led to schedule changes in the middle school which move middle school student access classes such as music, art, physical education, and digital literacy:

- Patricia Riffo, parent/guardian
- Michael Young, parent/guardian
- Eric Santoro, parent/guardian
- Cari Akula, parent/guardian

Barbara Dowdall, community member,spoke about the composition of the School District of Philadelphia and asked if The School District of Philadelphia will be the only all black school district in the state of Pennsylvania.

The following individuals spoke about the impact and importance of Pickett pool in the Germantown neighborhood and asked for the Board to support the reopening of Pickett pool and urged the Board to think about more places that are safe for students:

- Stephanie Wright, community member
- Nyla Wright, Friends of Philly Aquatics
- Charisma Presley, Friends of Philly Aquatics
- Moya Presley, Friends of Philly Aquatics

The following individuals spoke in support of Action Item 78 - Revised Application for New Charter School – Global Leadership Academy International Charter High School -Added 5.22.23/ Updated 5.25.2023:

- Daisy Thomas, community member
- Vanessa Nedrick, community member

(Mama) Gail Clouden, community member, spoke and declared the need for change, the need to address the many inequities that exist in the city of Philadelphia, and the impact of the parent university in past years.

Julio Nuñez, district staff member, spoke about the need to hire more Latinx teachers and staff across the district to be representative of the student body within the district and asked the District to claim the responsibility of the District to ensure that students see adults who represent them and their cultures in the leadership across the district and in their school buildings.

The following individuals spoke about the impact of Mastery Prep Elementary Charter School on students educational and growth experiences:

- Joyletta White, parent/guardian
- Darrell Wyatt, parent/guardian
- Eugene Haith, District Staff Member

Leah Clouden, community member, spoke about the lack of access for students in the School District of Philadelphia to participate in aquatic activities due to lack of access to learning how to swim. Ms. Clouden

also spoke about the closure of local schools and students transitioned into other schools throughout the city while resources such as trades, sports, and education were removed and discontinued which has impacted the last ten years of students. Ms. Clouden asked that the District and Board move with a sense of purpose to stop outsourcing departments and spend money on training the community and students to replenish the workforce in all areas.

Susan Brook, district staff member, spoke about the ways that the District can work to improve and hire the number of speech language pathologist and other service provides through improving transparency around the number of allotments in vacancies for each service, goals oriented remediation plan to fully service the support services within the next three years, and help prevent the continued reliance on outsourced substitute contractors and increase consistency for students having the same speech therapist every year, confirm the proposed teacher sign-on and retention bonus would be applicable to service providers to be an incentive for applicants and provide parents with information if their school has vacancies for service providers.

Cecelia Dorn, community member, spoke about her experience with the school selection process and why money isn't the only thing that matters and that student's achievements are just as important.

Latonya Diggs-Clay, parent/guardian, expressed the need for a virtual option for Pre-K students.

Kali Schellenberg, community member, expressed concerns regarding the new charter application process and noted that ASPIRA has since resubmitted their applications. Ms. Schellenberg alleged that all the information is not being shared with the Board as a result of the current process and noted that the Board has not approved a single new charter school application since 2018 when the Board regained control.

Jennifer Lee, parent/guardian, spoke about the importance of bilingual education at Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School and the quality of education provided by ASPIRA schools.

Rhode Diaz, community member, spoke about the need for bilingual education and spoke about the many challenges that traditional public schools face that may impact the educational outcomes. Ms. Diaz expressed the need for the charter school system that offers and addresses many of the concerns that traditional public schools face.

A recess was taken at 8:15pm and the meeting resumed at 8:30pm.

Presentations

President Streater invited Mike Herbstman, Chief Financial Officer to provide a presentation on the Operating Budget, Intermediate Unit Budget, and Capital Budget.

Mr. Herbstman provided an overview of the FY 2023 Operating Budget (Amended), FY 2024 Operating Budget (Adopted), FY 2023 Intermediate Unit 26 Budget (Amended), and the FY 2024 Intermediate Unit 26 (Adopted). Mr. Herbstmans highlighted three priority areas of the FY 2024 Budget which include Strengthening School Safety, Partnering with Parents and Community, and Accelerating Academic Achievement. Mr. Hebrtsman also invited Mr. Anthony Arizmendi, Executive Director of Capital Programs to present on the FY 2023 Capital Improvement Plan (Amended), and FY 2024 -2029 Capital Improvement Plan (Adopted).

President Streater invited Peng Chao, Acting Chief of Charter Schools to provide a presentation from the Charter Schools Office on the Action item 78 - Revised Application for New Charter School – Global Leadership Academy International Charter High School.

Mr. Chao provided an overview of reviewed areas that the charter schools office looks for when evaluating an application and how the new charter application is evaluated. Mr. Chao also provided a review of the Charter School Office's evaluation of the Revised Application for New Charter School – Global Leadership Academy International Charter High School. Mr. Chao noted key findings within the application in the areas of Academic Program, Organizational Capacity, Community Engagement, Finance and Facilities, and the Existing Operator.

Consideration of Action Items

President Streater described the process of how Action Items would be presented for consideration:

- Action Item 7 is a Review of Proposed Board Policies so no action will be taken on this item.
- Action Item 8, Adoption of Strategic Plan for The School District of Philadelphia will also just be a review with no Board action being taken.
- Action Item 12 - Administration's Recommendation for Termination of Professional Employees WITHDRAWN BY STAFF
- Action Item 23 - Amendment of Contract with NCS Pearson for Schoolnet Instructional Management System ($30,648,981) - WITHDRAWN BY STAFF
- Action Item 69 - Amendment of Contracts For Supplemental Staffing Services with Constructonomics, LLC; Atane Consulting (MBE); The McKissack Group, Inc.(M/WBE); The Temple Group, Inc.(M/WBE); S. T. Hudson Engineers, Inc.; The McCloud Group, LLC (MBE); Promatech, Inc.(WBE); Rotator Staffing Services, Inc. ($3,000,000) - Added 5.9.2023 - WITHDRAWN BY STAFF
- Action Item 75 - Contract with Various Vendors for PreK-12 Science Core Instructional Resources ($20,000,000) - Added 5.9.2023 - WITHDRAWN BY STAFF
- Group 1 includes priority items, which have been identified by me to be pulled out of the consent agenda at the request of Board Members. This is:
    - Action Item 78 - Revised Application for New Charter School - Global Leadership Academy International Charter High School
- Group 2 includes the remaining items of the consent agenda which are Action Items1-6, 9-11, 13-22, 24-68, 70-74 and 76-77.

Item No. 1 - Acceptance of Various Grants and Donations ($800,000,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 2 - Acceptance of Donation from Friends of Spring Garden - Spring Garden Playground Project ($130,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 3 - Acceptance of Donation from General Recreation - John B. Kelly Playground Project ($132,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 4 - Acceptance of Donation from Lindy Foundation; License and Right of Entry with Various Vendors for Exterior Schoolyard Improvements

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 5 - Acceptance of Donation from Logic Eye, Inc. for Eye Exams (Valued at $75,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 6 - Acceptance of Grant and Authorization of Contracts with Various Vendors for Behavioral Health and Applied Behavior Analysis Professionals and Therapists ($300,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 7 - Review of Board Policies (REVIEW - NO ACTION) - Updated 5.5.2023

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 8. Adoption of Strategic Plan for The School District of Philadelphia - Updated 5.19.2023/Updated 5.24.2023/Updated 5.25.2023 [REVIEW - NO ACTION TAKEN]

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 7

No: Ms. Salley,Ms. Thompson - 2

Item No. 9 - Amendment of Contract with The Fund for The School District of Philadelphia ($600,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 10. Approval of Personnel Hires - Updated 5.19.2023

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 11. - Approval of Personnel Terminations (Updated 5.25.2023)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 12. - Administration's Recommendation for Termination of Professional Employees - **WITHDRAWN BY STAFF**

Item No. 13. Approval of Resignations and Retirements (Updated 5.25.2023)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 14. - Contract with Grayscale Labs, Inc. for Candidate Onboarding Communication ($50,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 8

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 15. - Amendment of Contract with Teach for America to Support Teacher Hiring ($500,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 7

No: Ms. Salley,Ms. Thompson - 2

Item No. 16. - Contract with Conner Strong & Buckelew Companies Inc. - Casualty and Property Insurance ($5,033,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 17. - Adoption of the Operating Budget for 2023-2024 for the School District of Philadelphia - Updated 5.24.2023

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 18. - Amendment of Contract with Sherpa Government Solutions for the Budget System ($676,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9
No: 0

Item No. 19 - Amendment of Contract with Various Vendors for ERP Implementation ($3,502,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 8

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 20 - Amendment to Contract with Various Temporary Staffing Vendors for ERP Implementation (No Cost)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 21 - Contract with Apple - Technology Equipment and Peripherals (PEPPM) ($24,000,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 22 - Amendment of Contract with Tricomm Services Corporation - Network Infrastructure Upgrades ($750,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 23 Amendment of Contract with NCS Pearson for Schoolnet Instructional Management System ($30,648,981) - **WITHDRAWN BY STAFF**

Item No. 24 - Contract with Computer Design & Integration for Procurement of PC Laptops, Desktops, Chromebooks, and Peripherals ($48,000,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 7

No: Ms. Salley,Ms. Thompson - 2

Item No. 25 - Contract with CGI Technologies for Advantage ERP Software Maintenance ($437,150)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 7

No: Ms. Salley,Ms. Thompson - 2

Item No. 26 - Amendment to Contracts with Various Vendors for Professional Environmental and Safety Training Consulting Services ($100,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 27 - Amendment of Contracts with Various Vendors for Carpentry Services (7,500,000))

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 28 - Amendment of Contracts with Various Vendors for General Maintenance Services ($5,100,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 29 - Change Orders at Various Locations ($682,497)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 30 - Amendment of Contract with Johnson Controls, Inc. for Energy Performance for GESA 1 Phase 1

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 31 - Ratification of the Contract with Gannett Fleming, for Professional Design Services at Cook-Wissahickon Elementary School - No Cost Time Extension ($0)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 32 - Ratification of the Electrical Construction Contract for the Edwin M. Stanton Elementary School, Electrical Upgrades – No Cost Time Extension

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 33 Ratification of the General Construction Contract for the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Elementary School, Classroom Modernization – No Cost Time Extension

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 34 - Ratification of the General Construction Contract for the Julia R. Masterman School, Roof Replacement – No Cost Time Extension

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 35 - Ratification of the Electrical and Plumbing Contracts for the Cook-Wissahickon Elementary School Major HVAC Replacement Project – No Cost Time Extension

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 36 - Ratification of the Electrical Construction Contract for the Vare-Washington Elementary School, Electrical Upgrades – No Cost Time Extension

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 37 - Ratification Amendment of the Plumbing Construction Contract for the Penn Treaty High School, Science Lab – No Cost Time Extension

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 38 - Authorization of Agreement with Various Vendors for Maintenance and Engineering Supplies ($31,169,625)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 39 - Lease Agreements with Various Lessors for Additional Space ($467,625.03)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 40 - Lease Renewal to Accommodate Olney Elementary School Students at Triumphant Faith International Worship Center ($1,469,844)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 8

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 41- Amendment of Contract with ABM Industry Groups, LLC for 440 Building Management ($300,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 42 - Amendment of Contract with Genuine Parts Company for Yellow Bus and Non-Bus Fleet Parts ($3,630,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 43 - Parent Flat Rate Payment for Transportation Expenses ($36,000,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 8

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 44 - Amendment of Contract with Various Vendors for Cab and School Vehicle Transportation for Students ($135,739,444)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 45 - Contract with Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) for Student Fare Cards ($42,990,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 46 - Contract with Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. for Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel ($1,500,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 47 - Amendment of Contract with Trapeze Software Group, Inc. for GPS Transportation Management Software ($473,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 48 - Amendment of Contract with Various Schools - Own Bus Transportation for Students ($15,347,589)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 8

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 49 - Amendment of Contract with Various Energy Commodity Suppliers ($70,987,500)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 50 - Contract with Atriade LLC for Support of Active Shooter Response Training ($184,600)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 51 - Contract with KJR Consulting, LLC for Training and Professional Development ($52,150)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 52 - Contract with Everbridge, Inc. for Technical Assistance ($36,600)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 53 - Ratification of Contract with Drexel University for Support of the Positive School Safety Training Program ($43,070)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 54 - Amendment to Contracts with Various Vendors for Services to Schools in High-Crime Communities as part of the Project Prevent Grant from US Department of Education ($0)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 8

No: 0

Abstention: Ms. Thompson (due to personal relationship) - 1

Item No. 55 - Contract with Advant-EDGE Solutions of Middle Atlantic, Inc for Removal and Disposal of Medical Waste ($50,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 56 - Contract with Center for Black Educator Development for Freedom Schools Literacy Academy ($95,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 57 - Contract with Community College of Philadelphia for Summer Career Readiness Power Skills Pre-Apprenticeship ($54,431)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam,, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 8

No: 0

Abstention: Vice President Fix-Lopez (business relationship) - 1

Item No. 58 - Contracts with Various Vendors for Substitute Related Services ($6,341,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 59 - Contract with Elwyn for Additional Year of Early Intervention Services for Eligible Students ($9,600,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 60 - Contract with Alpaca Audiology LLC, formerly Main Line Audiology Consultants, for Student Audiology Services ($300,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 61 - Contract with Deaf Hearing Communication Centre, Inc for Contracted Substitute Sign Interpreters ($1,080,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 62 - Contract with KickUp, Inc. for Online Coaching Platform ($92,634)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 63 - Contracts with Various Vendors for Document Translation and Interpretation Services ($4,500,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 64 - Amendment of Contracts with Various Vendors for Online Courses and Adaptive Interventions ($9,000,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 65 - Contract with The City of Philadelphia for Out of School Time Summer Programming ($5,000,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 66 - Agreement with the City of Philadelphia for Re-opening Sayre Pool - Added 5.9.2023/ Updated 5.24.2023

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 67 - License Agreement with the City of Philadelphia for use of the Daroff Building ($380,000) - Added 5.9.2023

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 68 - Adoption of Amended Capital Budget for 2022-2023 and Amended Capital Program for 2023- 2028, and Adoption of a Capital Budget for 2023-2024 and a Capital Program for 2024-2029 - Added 5.9.2023

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 69 - Amendment of Contracts For Supplemental Staffing Services with Constructonomics, LLC; Atane Consulting (MBE); The McKissack Group, Inc.(M/WBE); The Temple Group, Inc.(M/WBE); S. T. Hudson Engineers, Inc.; The McCloud Group, LLC (MBE); Promatech, Inc.(WBE); Rotator Staffing Services, Inc. ($3,000,000) - Added 5.9.2023 / **WITHDRAWN BY STAFF 5.11.2023**

Item No. 70 - Capital Award at Various Locations - George W. Sharswood School; Hopkinson Elementary School ($644,475) - Added 5.9.2023

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9
No: 0

Item No. 71 - Contract with Various Vendors for English Language Development Instructional Resources Grades 3-12 ($5,000,000) - Added 5.9.2023

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 72 - Contract with Various Vendors for K-12 Special Education Supplemental Resources ($5,000,000) - Added 5.9.2023

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 73 - Contract with Various Vendors for PreK-12 English Language Arts Core Instructional Resources ($20,000,000) - Added 5.9.2023/ Updated 5.11.2023

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 74 - Contract with Various Vendors for PreK-12 Mathematics Core Instructional Resources ($20,000,000) - Added 5.9.2023

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 75 - Contract with Various Vendors for PreK-12 Science Core Instructional Resources ($20,000,000) - Added 5.9.2023/ WITHDRAWN BY STAFF 5.24.2023

Item No. 76 - Ratification of Contract with Accenture for School Selection Process Evaluation ($298,000) - Added 5.11.2023

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 77 - Contract with Highmark Insurance Group for Stop Loss Insurance ($2,110,432) - Added 5.19.23

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton , Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson,Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 78 - Revised Application for New Charter School – Global Leadership Academy International Charter High School -Added 5.22.23

Board Member Salley expressed concerns regarding the new charter school application process and noted a lack of dialogue between the applicant and the Board. Board Member Salley also expressed concerns regarding the objectives of the written materials submitted to the Board of Education.

Board Member Lam shared that as she evaluated the application she was hoping to find evidence that would indicate that the proposed charter school would be a better option than what we currently have available based on the data regarding student attendance and outcomes. Board Member Lam also noted concerns regarding the data which shows 1% of students proficient in math, 72% of students do not attend school 80% of the time or more which did not support evidence that students want to be in school and are learning and for that reason can not support the application.

Vice President Fix-Lopez echoed the concerns of Board Member Lam and noted that the current data does not indicate a need for a new charter organization.

Board Member Danzy expressed admiration for the mission and vision of Global Leadership Academy and noted that the ability to expose students to the world beyond them is critical and can make all the difference. Board Member Danzy noted that she does not want anyone to think that the Board is biased or are deliberately and/or consciously beginning their evaluations with a screwed perspective and emphasize that the Board relies heavily on data rather than feelings or emotions when making their decision. Board Member Danzy expressed a need for the charter sector and the public school sector to come together for the sake of the children.

Board Member Andrews shared that she does not want the applicant to feel defeated in the event that the Board's vote is not in their favor and stressed that the Board understands the impact of the mission and vision of Global Leadership Academy and the exposure that the school provides for students and families.

Board Member Thompson expressed a desire to have the applicant come before the Board at a public meeting to answer questions and concerns that Board members may have.

Board Member Egea-Hinton expressed a belief in the mission and vision of the proposed school but cited areas of concern within the application.

President Streater shared that in his review of the many letters sent to the Board of Education that he was hopeful to read at least one letter that would address the Board's concerns regarding Global Academics as a charter management organization.
A motion was made and seconded to deny the revised application filed for a new charter school to be known as Global Leadership Academy International Charter High School, and to adopt an Adjudication in support of the denial.

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton, Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 7

No: Ms. Salley, Ms. Thompson - 2

Lisa Haver, community member, expressed concerns with the ways in which the Board voted on the remaining items in the consent agenda noting a possible violation of the spirit of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

New Business

Board Member Thompson thanked Dr. Nyshawana Francis-Thompson for her dedication to the children and families throughout the School District of Philadelphia and expressed concerns with the consent agenda vote.

Board Member Salley expressed a desire for the Board to make a decision on being more responsive to speaker testimony during Board meetings rather than listening and not responding.

Vice President Fix-Lopez asked that Dr. Watlington provide regular updates to the Board on the status of environmental concerns at Frankford High School.

Adjournment

President Streater announced that the Board will hold its next public business meeting on June 1, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., via hybrid format.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07pm

Reginald L. Streater, Esq., President
Board of Education

Tony Watlington, Ed.D.
Superintendent

The School District of Philadelphia

Board of Education
Intermediate Unit 26
Minutes
May 25, 2023

A public meeting of the Board of Education sitting as the Board of Directors of the Intermediate Unit was held on May 25, 2023.

The meeting was convened at 10:48 p.m. by Reginald L. Streater Esquire, President.

Roll Call, Minutes

Lynn Rauch, General Counsel, conducted Roll Call.

Members Present: Ms. Andrews,Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton-, Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

Members Absent: 0

Attending: Tony Watlington, Ed.D., Executive Director

The minutes from the February 23, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors were presented for approval.

Yes: Ms. Andrews,Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton-, Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Consideration of Action Items

The following Action Item was presented for formal action by the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Intermediate Unit 26:

Item No.1. Acceptance of Various Grants for Intermediate Unit 26 ($100,000,000)

Yes :Ms. Andrews,Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton-, Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 2. Adoption of Philadelphia Intermediate Unit No.26 Operating Budget for 2023-2024 - Updated 5.24.2023

Yes :Ms. Andrews,Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton-, Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 3. Contracts with The Camelot Schools of Pennsylvania, LLC and Community Council Education Services, Inc. for Alternative Special Education Settings ($2,505,928)

Yes :Ms. Andrews,Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton-, Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 4. Contract with Bridges From School To Work, Inc. for Student High School Transition Services ($200,000)

Yes :Ms. Andrews,Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton-, Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 5. Contract with QBS, Inc., for Safety Care Training ($300,000)

Yes :Ms. Andrews,Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton-, Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 6. Authorization of IDEA, Part B Sub-Award Agreements with Various Charter Schools for Special Education Services ($27,000,000)

Yes :Ms. Andrews,Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton-, Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 7. Contract with The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania for Philly AIMS Comprehensive Professional Development for Teachers of Students with Autism in Kindergarten Through Fifth Grade ($470,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews,Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton-, Ms. Lam, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 6

No: 0

Abstention: Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, Ms. Thompson - 3

Item No. 8. Contract with STAR Autism Support, Inc. for Professional Development for Teachers of Students with Autism in Grades 6 Through 12. Philadelphia Secondary Autism Project ($265,000)

Yes: Ms. Andrews,Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton-, Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 9

No: 0

Item No. 9 - Contract with Public Consulting Group LLC for Electronic Special Education Management System ($3,075,000)

Board Member Lam asked clarifying questions regarding what aspects of this electronic management system will help to ensure for students receiving special education services to receive what they need in a timely manner. Board Member Egea-Hinton asked clarifying questions to understand if this particular system would help in helping staff identify when an IEP document may need further attention or signature. Board Member Salley asked a clarifying question to understand the role of the Public Consulting Group. Chris Marino, Office of Diverse Learners and Special Education and Yasir Roundtree, Office of Diverse Learners and Special Education provided a response.

Yes: Ms. Andrews,Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton-, Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 8

No: Ms. Salley - 1

New Business

Board Member Thompson asked if Dr. Watlington has identified an Executive Assistant for Intermediate Unit 26.

Adjournment

President Streater announced that the Board will be holding its next regularly scheduled Action Meeting on June 1, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07p.m.

Reginald L. Streater Esquire,
President President Board of Directors
Philadelphia Intermediate Unit #26

Tony Watlington, Executive
Director. Executive Director