The School District of Philadelphia

Board of Education
Public Meeting
Minutes
March 28, 2024

A public meeting of the Board of Education was held in hybrid format on March 28, 2024. 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 the Zoom meeting platform.

The meeting was convened at 4:00 p.m by Reginald Streater, President.

Opening Remarks

President Streater reported and commented on the following:

- Acknowledgement of Vice President Fix-Lopez who is attending her last Board of Education meeting.
- Congratulations to Student Board Representative Cavance Snaith on his acceptance of a summer internship with US Senator John Fetterman.
- Acknowledgement of the Mayor Cherelle Parker's recent budget address where she announced investments in education that will benefit the young people of Philadelphia through key investments in full day and year-round schooling and workforce development.
- Acknowledgement of March as Women's History Month.
- Recognition of Emily Hunter, a school nurse at Rhawnhurst who has been named the 2024 Pennsylvania School Nurse of the Year.
- Recognition of John Taylor-Baranik, an English teacher at Carver High School of Engineering and Science and also February Teacher of the Month.
- Recognition of seniors of the month, Jazzani Gerena and Sukurat Adetayo.
- Reminder to all current 9th and 10th grade students that the Board is actively seeking applicants for the role of Student Board Representatives for the 2024 - 2025 school year.
- Acknowledgement of Board Members who visited J. Hampton Moore Elementary School and Folk Arts Cultural Treasures Charter School.
- Reminder that the Board's Goals and Guardrails Committee will meet on April 4, 2024 to monitor College and Career Goals 4 and 5.

President Streater invited Board Member Salley to share brief remarks honoring Marilyn (Jarin) Hindin, her former teacher at the Philadelphia High School for Girls.

Announcements

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

Vice President Fix-Lopez also provided a brief legislative update and expressed gratitude to Mayor Cherelle Parker for proposing a budget that makes critical investments in young people of Philadelphia.

Roll Call, Minutes

Lynn Rauch, General Counsel, announced that the Board met in Executive Session on March 14, 2024 to discuss confidential, privileged quasi-judicial charter school matters and today to discuss confidential, privileged, personnel, and litigation matters, including information or strategy in connection with the following litigation: 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); Judge vs. A.R. Wilfrey & Sons Inc et al. Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County #24-001959 (alleging personal injury); Joan Myers Brown Academy vs. School District of Philadelphia Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court #679ED2023 (appeal of CAB Decision); Memphis Street Academy Charter School vs. School District of Philadelphia U.S District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania #22-CV-2760 (alleging civil rights violations); Franklin Towne Charter High School vs. School District of Philadelphia Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas #23100164 (challenging appointment of a hearing officer).

Ms. Rauch also announced that in accordance with Board Bylaw 006.1, Attendance at Public Meetings via Electronic Communications, Board Member Thompson has submitted a request to the Board President to attend this meeting via electronic communications and it has been approved.

Ms. Rauch conducted Roll Call.

> Members Present: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez*,* Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson *(remotely),* Ms. Wilkerson – 8
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> Members Absent: Ms. Egea-Hinton, De'Naiza Watson, Student Board Representative - 2
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> Attending: Tony B. Watlington, Ed.D, Superintendent, Cavance Snaith, Student Board Representative, Doha Gassem, Student Board Representative

The minutes from the February 29th Board of Education Action Meeting and the March 7th Special Action Meeting were presented for approval.

> Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez*,* Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 8
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> No: 0

Committee Reports

Board Member Thompson provided a report from the Parent and Community Advisory Council, including information on activities of Advisory Council members related to supporting their school communities in the following ways:

- Advisory Council members participated in the Board of Education Action Meeting by providing testimony on Action Items during the February 29, 2024 Action Meeting and the March 7, 2024 Special Meeting.
- Highlighting the ways that Advisory Council members have supported their communities in the following ways:
    - Assisting with grocery, and fresh fruits and vegetables distribution from non-profit organizations.

    - Assisting with the distribution of clothing, diapers, and other needs by partnering with legislative officials, non-profit organizations, and community donations.
    - Providing homework assistance and referrals to social services to families in their school communities.
    - Continued participation in their School Advisory Councils, Home and School meetings, and other parent-involved organizations whose focus is improving their school communities.
- Advisory Council Members also met with Interim Chief of Safety Craig Johnson who provided valuable information on the various programs designed to keep our scholars safe in schools and in the surrounding school communities.

Student Board Representative Gassem provided a report on the Student Board Representatives' activities throughout the last month. Student Representative Gassem reported that throughout the month, she along with her fellow Student Board Representatives have participated in the following activities:

- On March 7th, Student Representatives Snaith and Watson attended the Board's Special Action Meeting and Progress Monitoring session.
- On March 12th, Student Representative Gassem had the opportunity to perform in the All City High School Music Festival. Student Representative Gassem congratulated all of the students who performed at the event.
- On March 12, Student Representative Watson attended the Education Nominating Panel Meeting and provided testimony on behalf of the Student Board Representatives. Student Representative Watson specifically shared the Student Board Representatives' perspective on the kind of qualities that we believe Board Members should possess, including supporting us not only as Board Members, but as students.
- Student Representative Gassem shared that she believes that Board Members should embody qualities of compassion and dedication towards students and that these qualities should be considered when choosing the new Board Members. Student Representative Gassem thanked Board Member Andrews who serves as the Student Board Representative liaison and has fostered a nurturing environment for them and has been there to support them throughout the journey as Student Board Representatives.
- On March 21st, Student Representative Gassem had the opportunity to engage in a Ramadan Awareness panel discussion with over 50 students, District staff members, and community partners to collaborate on best practices to assist Muslim students and staff throughout this month as we celebrate Ramadan.
- Also on March 21st, Student Representative Gassem, Snaith, and Watson attended a meeting with the leaders of The Global House of Young Voices Conference that we will attend in Frankfurt, Germany, this May to discuss workshop topics for the conference and expressed interest in attending the workshop focused on Structural Biases in Different Cultural Settings.
- Student Representative Gassem reminded all eligible students that the Student Board Representative application for the 2024-2025 school year is currently open and will remain open until April 2, 2024.

Registered Student Speakers

The meeting was opened to the public for presentation of statements by registered students speakers. Ms. Rauch provided the applicable provisions of the speakers' policy for the meeting. Ms. Rauch called the one registered student speaker. The registered student speaker was not present.

Superintendent Remarks

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

- District Recognition
- Conditions for Success
    - Increase School Safety
    - Increase Student Attendance
    - Increase Teacher Attendance
    - Decrease Dropouts
- Lump Sum Budget Presentation

Dr. Watlington invited Mike Herbstman, Chief Financial Officer to provide a presentation on the FY25 Lump Sum Statement.

Dr. Watlington invited the following individuals to provide responses to Board Members questions:

- Mike Herbstman, Chief Financial Officer

Board Members asked clarifying questions to better understand the presentation of the Lump Sum budget and asked questions related to the District's plan to maintain school based positions that have been funded by ARPA funds over the past few years, the plan to address leveling going into the next school year, and contingency plans in the event there is some deviation from the currently proposed budgets from the Governor and Mayor. Board Members also asked for information on ways that the Board and members of the community can work to support the District as they continue to advocate for fair funding across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Copies of presentations are included within the meeting agenda.

Public Testimony and General Speakers

Board Member Salley acknowledged the receipt of and summarized fifteen (15) pieces written testimony submitted to the Board from:

- Jenny Aiello
- Katherine Aiello
- Members of the Carver School Advisory Council & Home and School Association (submitted by Molly McGlone)
- Erica Jorden Rylander
- Diane Payne
- Charlie McGeehan
- Nick Palazzolo
- Aileen Haggerty
- Lily Cavanagh
- Stephanie Ash
- Sonya Brintnall
- Kerry Adams

- Susan Brook

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 general speakers. Ms. Rauch shared that Board Member Salley will be participating in the speakers portion of the meeting virtually and will return following this portion of the meeting. Ms. Rauch provided the applicable provisions of the speakers' policy for the meeting. Ms. Rauch called general speakers:

The following individuals testified about air quality in school buildings and asked the District to replace ionized air filters with HEPA air filters to make sure schools are safe for everyone and create a public capital plan for improving facilities to ensure that the air equality in all schools is safe for teachers and students:

- Charles Hudgens, district staff member
- Bryan Cummings, community member
- Kelsey Jirikils, community member

Rebecca Preuss, education law center, testified about the District's failure to provide compensatory special education and make up services and support during the transition to online learning due to COVID-19. Ms. Preuss shared that parents have reported to education law center that the District has not - ask the Board to get the word out to families about the process, hosting a meeting, request a report and

Lisa Haver, APPS, testified and asked the Board of Education to explain why the District needs to do business with Amazon. Mrs. Haver testified and expressed concerns regarding comments made by Board Member Fix-Lopez during the Superintendents remarks section of the meeting.

Priyanka Reyes-Kaura, Children First, testified and spoke about the underfunding of Philadelphia public schools and stressed that this is the year that the District must make a change. Ms. Reyes-Kaura shared that Children First will be traveling with families and advocates to Harrisburg to meet with legislators and advocate for increasing funding for Philadelphia. Ms. Reyes-Kaura testified about the underfunding of charter schools and the impact that this has had on student academic outcomes.

Deanda Wilson, parent/guardian, testified regarding the lack of transparency regarding the selection process of a new principal for Philadelphia High School for Girls and the impact that the lack of school leadership has had on the school community. Ms. Wilson also asked the District to provide a transparent timeline for the principal selection process and asked the District to parent with families now.

Mary Williams, parent/guardian, testified and shared concerns regarding equity for students with disabilities in her students' school communities. Ms. Williams expressed that she feels that she has been denied the opportunity to have her child evaluated for an IEP despite her request and has been labeled as a difficult parent.

Barbara Dowdall, Phila HS for Girls Alumnae Association, testified and expressed concerns regarding the lack of leadership at Girls High and spoke about the need to restore libraries across the district.

Lynda Rubin, APPS, testified and urged the Board of Education to vote to deny Action Item 31, Deep Roots Charter School – Application for Charter Renewal. Ms. Rubin also testified that the SRC should have never approved the charter for Deep Roots Charter School.

Rachel Anne Nielsen, parent/guardian, testified about her family's current experience at Philadelphia High School for Girls including the impact of the interim principal vs the previous principal. Mrs. Nielsen expressed that she feels that the District is abandoning Girls High and urged the District to do something to support the school community in getting back on its feet.

Taleen Hamad, community member, testified about the importance of comprehensive sex education and asked the Board to make it a mandate to provide comprehensive sex education in all schools.

Nick Palazzolo, district staff member, testified regarding alleged censorship of a student at Northeast High School and asked for an explanation on why the district removed the video and who is being protected. Mr. Palazzolo also asked for clarification around the current investigation to determine if the project was against District policy, what steps is the district taking to ensure that students feel comfortable, what steps is the District taking to protect teachers who are defamed by organizations.

Tashi Grant, parent/guardian, testified about her experience with the principal at Henry Lea and urged the Board and the District to do a deep dive into the principal at Henry Lea School and the treatment of black and brown students.

Kathryn Ott Lovell, parent/guardian, testified and expressed concerns regarding the school budget at Girard Academies of Music Program and the impact that this reduction will have on student programming and resources. Ms. Ott Lovell expressed concerns regarding the possible loss of 2 critical positions and asked if we are going through a spring leveling. Ms. Ott Lovell spoke and asked the District to hold GAMP harmless until the District sees what is going to happen with the budget.

The following individuals testified and expressed concerns regarding alleged student censorship at Northeast High School related to a student project on resistance through art project:

- GenamSalem, community member
- Hanan Kayed, community member

Renee Handline, district staff member, testified and expressed concern regarding the lack of a principal at Parkway Center City Middle College and the impact that this has had on school morale. Ms. Handline asked the District to ensure that the program has the resources and funding that is needed.

Quibila A. Divine, PCAC, testified that she is not pleased with data that suggest that less than 1% of students in her community are proficient with math as well as the nonchalant attitude seen from the District's executive leadership team when responding to outreach. Ms. Divine urged Dr. Watlington to hold his team accountable and for the Board to hold Dr. Watlington accountable toward his strategic plan: Accelerate Philly.

Dana Cummings, parent/guardian, testified regarding the impact of the lottery system on her access to criteria based schools due to her IEP. Ms. Cumming asked for information on who is making decisions regarding the Individualized review process and expressed how this experience has directly impacted her family both financially and emotionally.

May Freda Watson, community member, testified and encouraged Dr. Watlington to stay the course. Ms. Watson also testified that everyone should be working to encourage Dr. Watlington as he does the work of the superintendency.

Dana Carter, community member, testified and expressed concerns regarding the current grading system. Ms. Carter shared that in her conversations with families parents do not know why their children are struggling. Ms. Carter asked for competency and skills based grading so that teachers and parents can look at the skills that students have and need as they move to each level to allow everyone to help students. Ms. Carter asked the district to stop using language such as failing when speaking out to children and students.

Consideration of Action Items

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

- Priority Item(s): Item No. 31. - Deep Roots Charter School – Application for Charter Renewal - Added 3.15.2024
- Consent agenda for the remaining Action Items, which are Action Items 1-30

Item No. 1 - Contract with Magnum Integrated Marketing for School District Teacher and School-Based Support Staff Recruitment Campaigns ($620,950)

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

No: 0

Item No. 2 - Contract with WingSwept – Case Management and Tracking System for the Office of Inspector General ($33,000) - Updated 3.26.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 3 - Approval of Personnel Hires - Updated 3.21.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 4 - Approval of Personnel Terminations - Updated 3.28.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 5 - Administration's Recommendation for Termination of Professional Employees - WITHDRAWN BY STAFF 3.21.2024/ RESUBMITTED 3.22.2024/ Updated 3.28.2024

Yes: Ms. Danzy, Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wilkerson – 7

No: 0

Abstention: Ms. Andrews - 1

Item No. 6. - Approval of Resignations and Retirements - Updated 3.28.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 7 - Contract with AED Public Awareness for CPR Certification Training ($100,000) - Updated 3.14.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 8. - Payments to Department of Human Services, Pennsylvania School Police and IDEMIA/MORPHO USA ($375,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 9. - Adoption of the Lump Sum Statement for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 - Updated 3.25.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 10. - Amendment of Contract with LJ Lewis, LLC for ERP Finance System Functional User Support ($150,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 11. - Contracts with Various Vendors for Cybersecurity Equipment, Maintenance, and Support ($4,039,507)

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 12. - Capital Award for Major Renovation at William Dick Elementary School ($139,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 13. - Capital Award for Minor Renovation of the Ventilation System at Walter B. Saul High School ($861,128)

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

No: 0

Item No. 14. - Change Orders at Various Locations ($951,427) - Updated 3.12.2024

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 15. - Ratification of Contracts with Various Vendors for New Furniture and Equipment at T.M. Peirce Elementary School (No Cost Time Extension)

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 16. - Contract with U.S. Facilities, Inc. for Supplemental Cleaning Staff ($3,500,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 17. - Amendment of Contracts with Various Vendors for Asbestos Abatement in Various Schools ($2,000,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 18. - Amendment of Contract with Aramark for Facilities Condition Assessment ($1,500,000) - Updated 3.14.2024

Board Member Salley asked the District to provide clarification related to the large spend as requested by one of the general speakers who spoke earlier in the meeting. Sarah Galbally, Chief of Staff, provided a response.

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 19. - Amendment of Contract with Amazon.com Services, LLC. - Online Marketplace ($32,000,000)

Board Member Salley asked the District to provide clarification related to the large spend as requested by one of the general speakers who spoke earlier in the meeting. Dr. Watlington and Sarah Galbally, Chief of Staff, provided a response.

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 20.- Contract with Various Vendors to Install CCTV Security Camera and Video Management Systems at 23 Schools ($9,385,423)

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

No: 0

Item No. 21. - Contract with CDW Government LLC for the Installation of a Genetec CCTV Video Management System Headend for District-wide Security Camera System Infrastructure ($248,208)

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

No: 0

Item No. 22. - Contract with Atriade, LLC for Fire Alarm Systems Assessment, and Fire Alarm Systems Data Collection, Inventory, Integration and Testing ($1,573,936) - Updated 3.21.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 23. - Contract with Astrophysics Inc. for Weapons Detection System Maintenance Parts ($72,100)

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

No: 0

Item No. 24. - Amendment of Contract with R.F. Design & Integration, Inc. for CCTV Security Camera Installation at Northeast High School ($104,456)

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

No: 0

Item No. 25. - Contract with ITG Larson, Inc. for the Installation and Integration of a Genetec Video Management System at 43 Schools ($2,219,434)

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

No: 0

Item No. 26. - Contract with Accenture for School Selection Process Evaluation ($899,000)

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 27. - Amendment of Agreement For Services with WFGD Studio, LLC ($39,500)

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

No: 0

Item No. 28. - Contract with Oley Valley Feed Inc. & Animal Specialties & Provisions for Animal Feed ($480,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 29. - Contract with Various Vendors - Playground Equipment and Installations ($3,000,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 30. - Contract with R.F. Design & Integration, Inc. to Install CCTV Security Camera and Video Management Systems at Overbrook High School ($585,106) - Added 3.12.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 31. - Deep Roots Charter School – Application for Charter Renewal - Added 3.15.2024

A motion was made and seconded to approve the renewal charter for Deep Roots Charter School, effective July 1, 2023.

Lisa Haver, on behalf of the Alliance for Philadelphia Public Schools objected to the Board taking secret votes in violation of section 710c of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and falsification of the public record as it relates to the public vote taken on Action Item 31.

Board Members asked questions to confirm that this charter renewal is for one year. Board Members also asked clarifying questions to be clear that Deep Roots Charter School would be included in the 2024-2025 renewal cohort. Board Members also asked for additional information related to if there were any specific issues that lead to the delay of the school signing the charter and when the original charter term ended. Peng Chao, Chief of Charter Schools, answered Board Member's questions.

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

No: 0

Adjournment

President Streater announced that the Board will hold its next Goals and Guardrails Meeting on April 4 2024 at 4:00 p.m., via hybrid format.

President Streater announced that the Board will hold its next public business on April 25, 2024 at 4:00 p.m., via hybrid format.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

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
March 28, 2024

A public meeting of the Board of Education sitting as the Board of Directors of the Intermediate Unit was held on March 28, 2024.

The meeting was convened at 8:48 pm by Reginald L. Streater Esquire, President.

Roll Call, Minutes

Lynn Rauch, General Counsel, conducted Roll Call.

Members Present: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Lam, Vice President Fix-Lopez, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson *(remotely)*, Ms. Wilkerson – 8

Members Absent: Ms. Egea-Hinton - 1

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

The minutes from the February 29, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors were presented for approval.

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

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. Contract with Various Vendors on the PEPPM Cooperative Agreement – Technology Equipment and Interactive Boards for Non-Public Schools ($10,000,000)

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

No: 0

Adjournment

President Streater announced that the Board will be holding its next Goals and Guardrails Committee meeting which will be taking place on April 4, 2024 beginning at 4:00 p.m

President Streater also announced that the Board will be holding their next regularly scheduled action meeting as well as the annual budget hearing on April 25, 2024 @ 4:00pm

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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

Tony Watlington, Executive Director.