The School District of Philadelphia

Board of Education
Public Meeting
Minutes
April 25, 2024

A public meeting of the Board of Education was held in hybrid format on April 25, 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 Accelerate Philly Awards
- Recognition of and Board Members attendance at Mayor Parker's first 100 days celebration
- Recognition of 7 distinguished principals honored at the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation event
- Acknowledgement of two seniors and teacher of the month: Adia Davis from Abraham Lincoln High School, Jayliah Johnson from Excel Academy, and Carly Barrist an Autism Support Teacher at Richard Wright School;
- Acknowledgement of several celebrations taking place through the month of April: national Assistant Principals Week, Paraprofessional Appreciation Day, Administrative Professionals Day, and School Bus Drivers Day
- Acknowledgement of the month of April as Arab-American Heritage Month, Autism Acceptance Month

President Streater invited Board Member Salley to celebrate and raise up four incredible scholars from Girls High School who recently won second place at the Greater Philadelphia SeaPerch and SeaGlide competition sponsored by the Navy on March 22, 2024.

President Streater invited Board Member Andrews to share that she attended Stenson Continuation Academy pinning ceremony and congratulated the students.

Board Member Salley shared remarks thanking Mayor Kenney, Mayor Parker, and student and families - told the board that the train is still off the track and urged the new board to help Dr. Watlington to get the train back on the track and include all types of schools in their work (district, charter, and cyber). Board Member Salley encouraged Dr Watlington to keep his eyes on the prize - the children and to stay focused. Board Member Salley also expressed gratitude for the opportunity to shape the search process that brought Dr. Watlington to Philadelphia which helped the Board to generate a governance committee. Board Member Salley encouraged Dr. Watlington to stay focused on the both and and not just either or and to continue to keep the train on the track and increase the speed and to be the first superintendent to pioneer the fixes. Board Member Salley expressed well wishes to the next Board and gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

Board Member Thompson thanked the Lord for touching the heart of Mayor Kenney to allow her to be a servant to the children of the School District of Philadelphia and expressed appreciation to the individuals who allowed her to be an active part of the Board. Board Member Thompson also thanked Mayor Parker for allowing her to serve her first few months.

Board Member Egea-Hinton shared that it has been a pleasure to serve and be a part of the several renditions of the Board of Education. Board Member Egea-Hinton shared that she has learned a lot from everyone. Board Member Egea-Hinton shared that education is an emotional issue for everyone as we talk about children and that the focus of conversations must be the children or the message gets lost. Board Member Egea-Hinton stated that every decision she has made as a member of the Board has always been about putting kids first. Board Member Egea-Hinton expressed the importance and purpose of the Board and all schools, both District and charters, is to educate children and if that is not occurring then everyone has failed. Board Member Egea-Hinton commended the Board's work on Goals and Guardrails to remain committed to focusing on student outcomes. Board Member Egea-Hinton expressed well wishes to the new Board members. Board Member Egea-Hinton expressed gratitude for the administrative staff in the central office and encouragement to Dr. Watlington.

Board Member Danzy expressed her disappointment in the behaviors that took place during the Friday, April 19, 2024 City Council hearings. Board Member Danzy expressed her support for Board Member Wikerson. Board Member Danzy expressed gratitude to the staff at the central office, specifically Dr. Tonya Wolford for her work with the Board's Goals and Guardrails, Board Member Danzy spoke of the importance of parental engagement and encouraged families to make sure they provide their child's school with the appropriate phone numbers. Board Member Danzy provided Dr. Watlington with encouraging words.

Board Member Wilkerson provided remarks and shared that she is proud of where we are as a city and shared that she is proud to see the city embrace the power of local control. Board Member Wilkerson noted and recognized the contributions of each current member of the Board of Education for their contributions to the success of the Board.

Student Board Representatives Snaith and Watson provided remarks and well wishes to the outgoing members of the Board of Education.

Board Member Lam expressed gratitude to be able to work with each of the members of the Board of Education and expressed gratitude for their services.

Announcements

Board Member Andrews made announcements concerning recording, copyright, participation in, and viewing of the meeting.

President Streater invited Board Member Lam to provide legislative updates and remarks.

Board Member Lam shared that she and Board Member Wilkerson traveled to Harrisburg on April 8 as a part of an advocacy day with the Pennsylvania School Board Association, or PSBA.

Board Member Lam also expressed gratitude for Governor Shapiro's bold budget and to our state lawmakers' partnership in supporting our children, youth, and school communities.

Roll Call and Minutes

Lynn Rauch, General Counsel, announced that the Board met in Executive Session on April 4th and April 11th 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: Sergeant vs. School District of Philadelphia U.S District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania #22-CV-1509 (alleging civil rights violations), Brickhouse vs. The School District of Philadelphia et. al, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania #22-CV-04596 (alleging civil rights violations), Bidet vs. School District of Philadelphia Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas #221000817 (alleging negligence), Franklin Towne Charter High School vs. School District of Philadelphia Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas #23100164 (challenging appointment of a hearing officer), and Steinberg vs. School District of Philadelphia Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas #20190744 (alleging negligence).

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. Egea-Hinton, Ms. Lam, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Thompson *(remotely),* Ms. Wilkerson – 8
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> Members Absent: 0
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> Attending: Tony B. Watlington, Ed.D, Superintendent, De'Naiza Watson, Student Board Representative, Cavance Snaith, Student Board Representative, Doha Gassem, Student Board Representative

The minutes from the March 28, 2024 Board of Education Action Meeting were presented for approval.

> Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton, Ms. Lam, Ms. Salley, President Streater, Ms. Wilkerson – 7
>
> No: Ms. Thompson - 1

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 March 28, 2024, Action meeting and the April 4, 2024 Goals and Guardrails meeting.
- Assisted with grocery, and fresh fruits and vegetables distribution from non-profit organizations, as food insecurities continue in the neighborhoods of our families due to rising food costs.
- Assisted with the distribution of clothing, diapers, and other needs by partnering with legislative officials, non-profit organizations, and community donations.
- Provided homework assistance and referrals to social services to families in their school communities, including support to families during report card conferences.

- Participated in their School Advisory Councils, Home and School meetings, Parent Teacher Associations, Friends of Groups, and other parent-involved organizations whose focus is improving their school communities.
- Recognition of an advisory council member received a much-deserved promotion to Director of Externships and Employment providing this support to students.
- Provided advocacy support to families on how to navigate the school district to get support to families for their students.
- Provided financial workshops for families to become financially sound in credit card use, homeownership, basic investment, and basic money management so families and students have the basis to be financially stable and make sound decisions with their resources.
- Advisory Council member Ms. Quibila Divine has been scheduling meetings with Network 11 principals, volunteering at T.M. Peirce ES, and working with the Community Schools for the Northeast Region to plan its first virtual convening.
- Advisory council members held their final meeting on April 18, 2024 and shared their thoughts on their experience as an Advisory Council member, what is happening within their local school communities, and what they would like to see for future advisory councils.

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 April 2nd, Student Board Representative Gassem and Student Board Representative Watson attended Dr. Watlington's bi-monthly student advisory council meeting where students gathered to discuss school safety, extracurricular activities, and building maintenance.
- On April 4th Student Board Representative Gassem , Student Board Representative Snaith, and Student Board Representative Watson attended the Board's Goals and Guardrails Committee Meeting where we monitored Goals 4 and 5, the District's College and Career Readiness Goals and learned about the growth high school students in the District have made in literature proficiency on the Keystone Exams.
- On April 11th and 18th Student Board Representative Gassem, Student Board Representative Snaith, and Student Board Representative Watson attended some of the final meetings in preparation for the Global House of Young Voices Summit in Germany which we will attend from May 13th-17th. During the April 18th meeting Student Board Representative Gassem , Student Board Representative Snaith, and Student Board Representative Watson met with other student delegates from Toronto, Birmingham, and Germany and began preparing their opening remarks.

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 following student speakers:

The following individuals expressed concerns regarding their current experience at Philadelphia High School for Girls and asked for transparency in the principal search process:

- Saniyah Brown, student
- Rowan Arthur, student
- Sarah Wilson, student

Superintendent Remarks

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

- District Recognition
    - Thank you to members of the Board of Education
    - Highlighting Action Item No. 1 - Authorization to Name the District's Administrative Offices at 440 N. Broad St. in Honor of Constance E. Clayton, Ed.D.
        - Dr. Watlington invited members of the Dr. Constance E. Clayton, Ed.D naming committee and members of the committee to give a special presentation related to Action Item 1 - Authorization to Name the District's Administrative Offices at 440 N. Broad St. in Honor of Constance E. Clayton, Ed.D

- Conditions of Success
    - Teacher Attendance Data
    - Student Attendance Data
    - Student Dropout Data (7-12)

A motion was made to consider Action Item No. 1 - Authorization to Name the District's Administrative Offices at 440 N. Broad St. in Honor of Constance E. Clayton, Ed.D.

Item No. 1 - Authorization to Name the District's Administrative Offices at 440 N. Broad St. in Honor of Constance E. Clayton, Ed.D.

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

Dr. Watlington invited members of his leadership team to provide responses to Board Members' questions.

Copies of presentations are included within the meeting agenda.

Board Members took a 15 min break at 8:12 pm, the meeting resumed at 8:24 pm.

Public Testimony and General Speakers

Board Member Salley acknowledged the receipt of and summarized nine (9) pieces written testimony submitted to the Board from:

- Candis Bostic, parent
- Amy Li and Tanya Randall, community member
- Rhonda Boyd, community member
- Wilfreta Baugh and Jarvis McCarther, co-executors of Dr. Constance E. Clayton's Estate
- Barbara McDowell Dowdall, community member
- Norman Shaw McQueen, District Staff Member
- Krystal, student
- Nick Bernardini, District Staff Member

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 provided the applicable provisions of the speakers' policy for the meeting. Ms. Rauch called general speakers:

Anne Dorn, parent/guardian, spoke about challenges being faced by students at J.R. Masterman High School and highlighted how the lottery system has impacted student motivation and achievement for students at J.R. Masterman. Mrs. Dorn urged the Board to consider dropping the lottery system.

Greg Windle, district staff member, spoke in support of the Philly Safe Air and asked the Board to have Hepa filters in every qualified room in schools.

Lizzie Rothwell, Parent/Guardian, expressed support for the nomination of Board Member Joyce Wilkerson on the new school board and shared that she fully agrees with comments shared by Board Member Danzy related to the behavior displayed at the City Council hearing on Friday April 19, 2024. Mrs. Rothwell also expressed concerns regarding air quality mitigation in school buildings and urged the Board and the District to work with Philly Safe Air to address air quality concerns in our school buildings.

Charisma Presley, philly aquatics, asked the Board to make a public statement supporting the reopening of Marcus Foster and Pickett pool. Mrs. Presley spoke about how access to indoor public schools aligns with the strategic actions in Accelerate Philly and asked how the district will ensure equity in access to indoor school pools across the city and not in once concentrated areas.

Amara Rockar, parent/guardian, spoke about pest control and how exposure to pest infestations impacts students with asthma, which directly impacts student attendance. Mrs. Rockar asked the District to respond with urgency to any report of pest exposure at schools and asked the District to provide a progress update on this work in alignment with National Asthma Day - May 7, 2024.

Kurt Ahrens, district staff member, acknowledged the support that has been voiced by the students and alumni of the Philadelphia High School for Girls.

Jethro Heiko, parent/guardian, spoke about recent censorship of student work at Northeast High School. Mr. Heiko shared that he would like to know who made the decision to censor the project.

Hanan Kayed, district staff member, spoke and expressed concerns regarding censorship of a student project at Northeast High School and in support of Kehziah Ridgeway.

Dana Carter, community member, spoke in support of the students from the Philadelphia High School for Girls. Ms. Carter also spoke in support of Kehziah Ridgeway.

May Freda Watson, community member, spoke about communicating with families and children. Ms. Watson said that she always hears negative things, and would like to hear some positive things such as the donation from Philadelphia Eagles Jalen Hurts. Ms. Watson also stressed that we all should be working together and that we are all servants that God put us in positions to do the work. Told everyone to examine themselves and stop blaming Dr. Watlington and to fight with him instead of against him.

Lisa Haver, APPS, expressed her thoughts on the Philadelphia City Council Hearing on April 12, 2024 and talked about dark money and that we can't ignore the financial interest of schools that are privatized. Ms. Haver expressed that she spoke at the City Council meeting today and expressed support for all 9 of the Mayor's nominees including Board Member Wilkerson.

Barbara Dowdall, Alumnae Association of the Philadelphia High School for Girls, thanked outgoing Board Members for their service and spoke about Augusta Gussie Clark, a longtime Philadelphia City Council Member.

Nick Palazzolo, district staff member, spoke about his enjoyment of the Africana Studies Series and shared that he does not believe the District is doing right by Kehziah Ridgeway and spoke in support of her. Mr. Palazzolo demanded that the district protect the confidentiality of teachers, students, and families, protect the IP of teachers, and protect freedom of speech.

Tashi Grant, parent/guardian, spoke about the mistreatment of students, parents and staff by the principal at Henry Lea School. Ms. Grant noted that she has been unfairly excluded from the school and her appeals continue to be denied.

Consideration of Action Items

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

- Action Item 5, Administration's Recommendation for Termination of Professional Employees, and Action Item 37, Amended Agreement for Service with Carahsoft Qualtrics, have been withdrawn by staff.
- Priority Item(s): Item No. 51 - Amendment and Extension of the Board of Education's Five-Year Goals and Guardrails Annual Targets - Added 4.23.2024
- Consent agenda for the remaining Action Items, which are Action Items 2-4 and 6-36, and 38-50

Item No. 1 - Authorization to Name the District's Administrative Offices at 440 N. Broad St. in Honor of Constance E. Clayton, Ed.D.

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

No: 0

Item No. 2 - Contract with L. M. Kutys & Associates -Auditing Services for Office of Inspector General ($90,000)

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 3 - Approval of Personnel Hires - Updated 4.18.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 4 - Approval of Personnel Terminations - Updated 4.25.2024

Yes: Ms. Andrews, Ms. Danzy, Ms. Egea-Hinton, Ms. Lam, 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 4.18.2024**

Item No. 6. - Approval of Resignations and Retirements - Updated 4.25.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 7 - Amendment of Contract with Foundations, Inc ($1,000,000) - Updated 4.9.2024

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 8. - Amendment of Contract with MetaSource for Document Imaging and Indexing ($87,800)

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 9. - Amendment of Contract with EMS LINQ ($110,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 10. - Amendment of Contract with Scenario Learning-Safe Schools ($78,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 11. - Amendment of Contract with Grayscale for Recruitment & Onboarding Communication ($51,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 12. - Change Orders at Various Locations ($815,539)

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 13. - Capital Award for Stormwater Management Improvement at Thomas Alva Edison High School ($1,920,000) - Updated 4.22.2024

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 14. - Capital Award for the Provision of General Construction with Quinn Construction, Inc for the Restoration of the 440 Administrative Building Loading Dock ($408,871)

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

No: 0

Item No. 15. - Ratification of the Amendment to the Electrical Construction Contract for the Major Renovation and Addition Project at the Richmond Elementary School - No Cost Time Extension

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

No: 0

Item No. 16. - Ratification of the Amendment to the Electrical Construction and Plumbing Construction Contracts for the Renovation and Addition Project at the Anne Frank Elementary School - No Cost Time Extension

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

No: 0

Item No. 17. - Ratification of Amendment to the General Construction Contract for the Building Automation System Replacement Project at the High School for Creative and Performing Arts - No Cost Time Extension

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

No: 0

Item No. 18. - Ratification of Amendment of the Energy Performance Contract with Noresco LLC for the Guaranteed Energy Saving Act (GESA-3) for the Provision of General Construction at the Horatio B. Hackett & Edward Heston Elementary Schools ($7,172,259)

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 19. - Contract with Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority - SEPTA ($34,000,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 20. - Amendment of Contract with SEON Design (USA) Corporation - Transportation Management System ($225,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 21. - Amendment of Contract with Trapeze Software Group, Inc. - GPS Transportation Management Software ($473,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 22. - Amendment of Contract with Various Vendors for Yellow Bus Repair Services ($500,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 23. - Contract with School Health Corporation for Medical Supplies ($6,500,000)

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 24. - Contract with AskReply Inc. dba B2Gnow - Supplier Compliance & Data Platform ($500,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 25. - Authorization to Purchase Subsidized Food Products From Various USDA Food Processors ($6,000,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 26. - Contract with Horizon Software International, LLC for Integrated Cafeteria Technology System ($2,480,000)

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 27. - Agreement for Service with Various Vendors for Supplemental Evidence-Based Social Emotional Learning Programs ($8,000,000)

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 28. - Authorization to Make Payments to Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools - Accreditation ($85,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 29. - Authorization for Payment to Various Hotels for Post Season Athletic Events ($225,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 30. - Purchase of Newcomer / English Language Development (ELD) Summer Learning Instructional Materials ($750,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 31. - Contract with the City of Philadelphia Fire Department ($100,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 32. - Contract with Finishing Trades Institute of the Mid-Atlantic Region (District Council 21) ($205,213)

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

No: 0

Item No. 33. - Contract with Shippensburg University Foundation - Lodging PIAA State Track and Field Championships ($24,800)

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

No: 0

Item No. 34. - Contract with StudySync for English Language Arts (ELA) Core Instructional Resources ($4,193,792)

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 35. - Contracts with Various Qualified Vendors - Preschool Programs ($82,740,000)

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 36. - Contract with Xello Inc. College and Career Readiness Platform ($1,300,000)

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

No: 0

Item No. 37. - Amended Agreement for Service with Carahsoft Qualtrics ($189,392) - Added 4.9.2024/ **WITHDRAWN BY STAFF 4.25.2024**

Item No. 38. - Amendment of Contracts with Various Vendors for Asbestos Abatement in Various Schools ($12,000,000) - Added 4.9.2024

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 39. - Amendment of Contracts with Various Vendors for Professional Environmental Design and Testing Consulting Services ($5,100,000) - Added 4.9.2024

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 40. - Amendment of Contracts with Various Vendors for Professional Geotechnical and Environmental Site Assessments Consulting Services ($850,000) - Added 4.9.2024

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 41. - Amendment to Contract for Professional Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Management ($500,000) - Added 4.9.2024

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 42. - Amendment to Contract with Worksite Medical Professional Environmental and Safety Medical Consulting Services ($60,000) - Added 4.9.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 43. - Amendment to Contracts with Various Vendors for Professional Environmental and Safety Training Consulting Services ($60,000) - Added 4.9.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 44. - Amendment to Contracts with Various Vendors for Professional Indoor Air Quality Consulting Services, Air Quality Emissions Consulting Services, and Radon Testing Consulting Services ($300,000) - Added 4.9.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 45. - Contract with Various Vendors to Install CCTV Security Camera and Video Management Systems at Eight Schools ($4,458,425) - Added 4.9.2024

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 46. - Contracts with Valley Youth House and Muhlenberg College ($85,000) - Added 4.9.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 47. - Contract with U.S. Facilities, Inc.- 440 Facilities Management Services ($8,958,532) - Added 4.9.2024

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

No: Ms. Thompson - 1

Item No. 48. - Authorization to Apply for State Facilities Improvement Grants from the Department of Community and Economic Development for Hopkinson Elementary, McMichael Elementary, Blankenburg Elementary, and Overbrook High School ($20,000,000) - Added 4.9.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 49. - Contract with Community College of Philadelphia, College Unbound, Holy Family University, La Salle University & Lincoln University for Paraprofessional Pathways ($1,200,000) - Added 4.18.2024

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

Abstain: Ms. Salley – 1

No: 0

Item No. 50. - Capital Award for the Environmental Remediation and Restoration at Frankford High School ($19,980,000) - Added 4.22.2024

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

No: 0

Item No. 51. - Amendment and Extension of the Board of Education's Five-Year Goals and Guardrails Annual Targets - Added 4.23.2024

Board Member Lam asked clarifying questions on why the Board has made the decision to consider an amendment to the original targets and asked the Board to have a dialogue around this item. Dr. Watlingon provided a response.

Board Member Danzy shared that while she too shared the sentiments of Board Member Lam, she recognizes that the annual targets were set ahead of the COVID-19 pandemic, online learning, not being able to have a hands-on learning experience with students. Board Member Danzy shared that she believes the amendment to the annual targets are only far to Dr. Watlingotn given the conditions and circumstances that have occurred since the adoption of Goals and Guardrails in 2020. Dr. Watlingon provided a response.

Board Member Salley urged the new Board to consider what is currently being measured and if there are a set of enablers that should be measured before jumping into the specific metrics that exist with the Goals and Guardrails. Dr. Watlingon provided a response.

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

No: Ms. Salley, Ms. Thompson - 2

Adjournment

President Streater announced that the Board will hold its next Goals and Guardrails Committee Meeting on May 9, 2024 at 4:00 p.m., via hybrid format.

President Streater announced that the Board will hold its next public business on May 30, 2025 at 4:00 p.m., via hybrid format.

President Streater announced that the Board will hold its second public hearing of this school year on June 2, 2024 at the Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush High School.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

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

Tony Watlington, Ed.D.
Superintendent