

PLEASANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Pleasantville High School/701 Mill Road/Cafeteria
BOARD WORKSHOP/ACTION MEETING
Tuesday, June 13, 2017
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

1. Call to Order-**6:02 pm**
2. Reading of the Open Public Meeting Act Notice-Carla Thomas

Statement –Board President

“This is to advise those present at this June 13, 2017 Board Workshop/Action Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Pleasantville, in the County of Atlantic, that Notice was given on January 11, 2017 of the 2017 Revised Annual Designation of the Regular Monthly Board Meetings, as required by the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975; Notice thereof has been distributed for publication in the Press, the Absecon/Pleasantville Current and the Mainland Journal, posted in the Administration Building and forwarded to the City Clerk of the City of Pleasantville, within the time required by said act.”

3. Roll Call – Board Secretary, Mr. Elisha Thompkins:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay				√
Bernice Couch	√			
Lawrence Davenport	√			
Anny E. Melo	√			
Sharnell Morgan				√
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas	√			

- James Barclay arrived at 6:04pm
 - Sharnell Morgan will not be present at tonight’s meeting
4. Flag Salute and Moment of Silence –Carla Thomas
 5. Voice of the Children-Washington Avenue School
 6. Public Comments: Please limit comments to (3) minutes and all comments should be courteous and respectful.
 - Mrs. Jenkins
 - Shawna Fitzgerald
 - Richard Morris

7. Review of Board Minutes-

September 13, 2016
April 25, 2017

April 11, 2017
May 9, 2017

MOTION BY: Elysa Sanchez SECOND BY: Ethel Seymore Yea: Nay:

ROLL CALL:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	√			
Bernice Couch	√			
Lawrence Davenport			√	
Anny E. Melo	√			
Sharnell Morgan				√
Elysa Sanchez			√ from Joker activities	
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas	√			

FIVE YEA; MOTION PASSED

Board Approved Agenda Items

Be it Resolved, that the Pleasantville Board of Education approves the Atlantic County Superintendent's recommendations:

- Resolution to approve** the reappointment of Dennis Anderson as Interim Superintendent of School for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 under the same terms and conditions as conferred in his 2016-2017 employment contract. Mr. Anderson will be paid at a rate of \$644.00 per day utilizing account # 11-000-230-100-0000-232.

MOTION BY: Ethel Seymore SECOND BY: Elysa Sanchez Yea: Nay:

ROLL CALL:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	√			
Bernice Couch	√			
Lawrence Davenport			√ Family member works for the district	
Anny E. Melo			√ Family member works for the district	
Sharnell Morgan				√
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas			√ Family member works for the district	

FOUR YEA; MOTION DID NOT PASSED

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Bernice Couch	√			
Lawrence Davenport	√		Family member works for the district	
Anny E. Melo			√ Family member works for the district	
Sharnell Morgan				√
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas			√ Family member works for the district	

FIVE YEA; MOTION PASSED

2. **Resolution to approve** the reappointment of Dr. Garnell Bailey as Assistant Superintendent for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 under the same terms and conditions as conferred in her 2016-2017 employment contract. Dr. Bailey will be paid an annual salary of \$151,449.60 utilizing account# 11-000-221-102-0000-234.

MOTION BY: Ethel Seymore SECOND BY: Elysa Sanchez Yea: ✓ Nay:

ROLL CALL:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	✓			
Bernice Couch	✓			
Lawrence Davenport			✓ Family member works for the district	
Anny E. Melo			✓ Family member works for the district	
Sharnell Morgan				✓
Elysa Sanchez	✓			
Ethel Seymore	✓			
Carla Thomas			✓ Family member works for the district	

FOUR YEA; MOTION DID NOT PASSED

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James Barclay	✓			
Bernice Couch	✓			
Lawrence Davenport	✓		Family member works for the district	
Anny E. Melo			✓ Family member works for the district	
Sharnell Morgan				✓
Elysa Sanchez	✓			
Ethel Seymore	✓			
Carla Thomas			✓ Family member works for the district	

FIVE YEA; MOTION PASSED

Resolution to approve the reappointment of Elisha Thompkins as School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 under the same terms and conditions as conferred in his 2016-

2017 employment contract. Mr. Thompkins will be paid an annual salary of \$145,894.40 utilizing account # 11-000-251-100-0000-351.

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ROLL CALL:

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Bernice Couch	√			
Lawrence Davenport			√ Family member works for the district	
Anny E. Melo			√ Family member works for the district	
Sharnell Morgan				√
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
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Bernice Couch	√			
Lawrence Davenport	√			
Anny E. Melo			√ Family member works for the district	
Sharnell Morgan				√
Elysa Sanchez	√			
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FIVE YEA; MOTION PASSED

Resolution to Approve a Consent Agenda

- 8. Finance
- 9. **Facilities-Pulled**
- 10. Human Resources
- 11. Policy
- 12. Curriculum & Instruction

MOTION BY: Ethel Seymore SECOND BY: Elysa Sanchez Yea: ✓ Nay:

ROLL CALL:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	✓			
Bernice Couch	✓			
Lawrence Davenport	✓		Resue Self from Atlantic County Superintendent's recommendations #2 And Human Resources item # 23 # 3	
Anny E. Melo	✓			
Sharnell Morgan				✓
Elysa Sanchez	✓			
Ethel Seymore	✓			
Carla Thomas	✓			

SEVEN YEA; MOTION PASSED

Motion to go into Executive Session- **7:21PM**

MOTION BY: Ethel Seymore SECOND BY: Bernice Couch

Executive Session Motion by Ethel Seymore and Seconded by Bernice Couch at 7:21 p.m., it is hereby resolved that the Pleasantville Board of Education may go into closed or private session from which the public shall be excluded in accordance with the provisions as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13. The following subjects shall be discussed on this date in the session of the Board closed to the public: PERSONNEL, PUPIL MATTERS, PENDING, AND ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the discussion in closed session will be disclosed to the public at this time or a future meeting of the Board when it is no longer necessary to maintain the confidential nature of the items discussed.

Roll Call:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	√			
Bernice Couch	√			
Lawrence Davenport	√			
Anny E. Melo	√			
Sharnell Morgan				√
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas	√			

Motion to come out of Executive Session-8:32 PM

MOTION BY: Elysa Sanchez SECOND BY: Bernice Couch Yea: √ Nay:

Roll Call:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
James Barclay	√			
Bernice Couch	√			
Lawrence Davenport				√
Anny E. Melo	√			
Sharnell Morgan				√
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas	√			

Reconvene Board Meeting-Action after Executive Session

Board Attorney Jim Carroll stated that the board would have to revote for the Interim Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Business Administrator Contracts due to the fact that a motion to use the Doctrine of Necessity had to be evoked before the recused board members could cast their vote.

RESOLUTION ON INVOKING THE DOCTRINE OF NECESSITY

WHEREAS, the School Ethics Act (N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.) was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to ensure and preserve public confidence in school board members and school administrators and to provide specific ethical standards to guide their conduct; and

WHEREAS, the School Ethics Commission has provided guidance in Public Advisory Opinion A03-98, as to when and how the Doctrine would be invoked; and

WHEREAS, the Doctrine of Necessity, allow Board Members who are otherwise prevented from voting due to a conflict of to cast a vote; and

WHEREAS, due to the absence of one of the Board Members and the recent vacancy on the Board, only seven (7) members were present at tonight's meeting; and

WHEREAS, three of the remaining Board Members recused themselves from voting due to the fact that they have relatives working as employees in the District; and

WHEREAS, it was necessary to vote on the renewal of the contract for the Interim Superintendent, the Business Administrator and the Assistant Superintendent since this is the last regular Board Meeting before the expiration of their current contract; and

WHEREAS, in order to approve the contracts a majority of the full Board is required to approve the contracts, i.e., five votes are required five votes are required, it is therefore necessary for one of the conflicted Board Members to cast an affirmative vote in order for the Contracts to be approved; and

WHEREAS, the Board Members that were conflicted by have stated on the record the specific reason for their recusal from the vote; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Doctrine of Necessity be invoked; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution be posted where it posts public notices for 30 days and a copy of the resolution be provided the School Ethics Commission.

Motion by: _____ Second by: _____ Yea: ____ Nay: ____

Roll Call:

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Bernice Couch	√			
Lawrence Davenport				√
Anny E. Melo	√			
Sharnell Morgan				√
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas	√			

SIX YEA; MOTION PASSED

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Lawrence Davenport				√
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Sharnell Morgan				√
Elysa Sanchez	√			
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Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
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FIVE YEA; MOTION PASSED

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting -8:38 PM

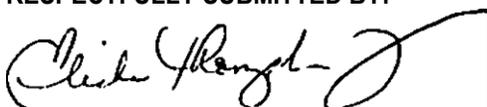
Motion by: Elysa Sanchez Second by: Ethel Seymore Yea: √ Nay:

Roll Call:

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Lawrence Davenport				√
Anny E. Melo	√			
Sharnell Morgan				√
Elysa Sanchez	√			
Ethel Seymore	√			
Carla Thomas	√			

SEVEN YEA; MOTION PASSED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:



Date: July 11, 2017

Elisha Thompkins Jr
Business Administrator/Board Secretary