

Minutes of the proceedings of the **SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING** held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, in the virtually via Zoom app, at 8:00 PM. *Sebastian Rodriguez, Board President, presided.*

**I. Salute to the Flag**

**II. Presiding Officer's Meeting Notice Statement**

"I hereby call to order the Special Public Meeting of the Teaneck Board of Education, held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, virtually via Zoom app, at 8:02 PM. Adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to the Record, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the school district website at [www.teaneckschools.org](http://www.teaneckschools.org), on July 20, 2022."

**III. Roll Call**

<b><i>Board Member</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
Mrs. Burns (Linda)	x	
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)-Vice President	x	
Mrs. Gee (Danielle)	x	
Dr. Klein (Dennis)	x	
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x	
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)-President	x	
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	x	
Ms. Vatsky (Sharon)	x	
Ms. Williams (Clara)	x	

**IV. Reaffirmation of District Goals**

**V. Public Comment (Agenda and Non-Agenda Items)**

**NONE**

**VI. Agenda Items**

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<https://www.eduvision.tv/l?ettAegL>

Please click the links below to view the meeting:

<https://www.eduvision.tv/l?ettAegy>

**VII. Executive Session**

Ms. Fisher motioned to convene into the Executive Session at 8:40pm. Said motion was seconded by Ms. Gee and followed by a unanimous vote. Ms. Fisher motioned to amend the Exec. session to include discussion on item#3E under Personnel.

<b>Motion: V. Fisher</b>	<b>Second: D. Gee</b>			
<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mrs. Burns (Linda)	x			
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)- Vice President	x			
Mrs. Gee (Danielle)	x			
Dr. Klein (Dennis)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)- President	x			
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	x			
Ms. Vatsky (Sharon)	x			
Mrs. Williams (Clara)	x			

Ms. Fisher motioned to adjourn the Executive Session and convene back into the public session at 11:26 pm. Said motion was seconded by Ms. Gee and followed by a unanimous vote.

<b>Motion: V. Fisher</b>	<b>Second: D. Gee</b>			
<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mrs. Burns (Linda)	x			
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)- Vice President	x			
Mrs. Gee (Danielle)	x			
Dr. Klein (Dennis)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)- President	x			
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	x			
Ms. Vatsky (Sharon)	x			
Mrs. Williams (Clara)	x			

**MOTION TO BRING BACK ITEM#3E UNDER PERSONNEL:**

<i><b>Motion: V. Fisher</b></i>	<i><b>Second: L. Burns</b></i>			
<i><b>Board Member</b></i>	<i><b>Yes</b></i>	<i><b>No</b></i>	<i><b>Abstain</b></i>	<i><b>Absent</b></i>
Mrs. Burns (Linda)	x			
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)- Vice President			x	
Mrs. Gee (Danielle)	x			
Dr. Klein (Dennis)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)- President	x			
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	x			
Ms. Vatsky (Sharon)	x			
Mrs. Williams (Clara)	x			

**VIII. Adjournment**

Ms. Fisher motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 11:30 pm. Said motion was seconded by Mrs. Burns and followed by a unanimous vote.

<i><b>Motion: V. Fisher</b></i>	<i><b>Second: L. Burns</b></i>			
<i><b>Board Member</b></i>	<i><b>Yes</b></i>	<i><b>No</b></i>	<i><b>Abstain</b></i>	<i><b>Absent</b></i>
Mrs. Burns (Linda)	x			
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)- Vice President	x			
Mrs. Gee (Danielle)	x			
Dr. Klein (Dennis)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)- President	x			
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	x			
Ms. Vatsky (Sharon)	x			
Mrs. Williams (Clara)	x			

Respectfully submitted,

Dora E. Zeno  
Interim Business Administrator

## **Teaneck Public Schools**

**Mission: The Teaneck Public School District educates and empowers students by providing a high-quality, rigorous educational experience which prepares students for success within a diverse, global society.**

**Vision: The Teaneck Advantage: Educational Excellence for All**

### **Board Goals**

**GOAL 1: Teachers and administrators in the Teaneck Public Schools will further elevate academic programs by creating varied learning pathways and by improving student supports.**

**GOAL 2: The Teaneck Public Schools will continue to improve facilities and technology in support of 21st Century learning opportunities.**

**GOAL 3: The Teaneck Public Schools will execute effective communications and solidify quality relationships with educational partners within and throughout the community.**

**GOAL 4: The Teaneck Public Schools will create equitable and inclusive learning opportunities for all students.**

**GOAL 5: The Teaneck Public Schools will ensure operational excellence in hiring, developing and retaining staff.**

Be It Resolved, that the Teaneck Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following Finance and Budget resolutions:

1. that the Board approve the payment to the Christ Episcopal Church located on 479 Maitland Avenue, Teaneck to run the Pre-School Education Expansion Program for two full day classrooms starting September 2022 – June 2023 in the amount of \$42,000 per year plus utilities in the amount of \$1,000 per month for the months of July 2021 - June 2022 with a total amount not to exceed \$54,000. Also;

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the renewal contract will include compliance to COVID-19 Department of Education and CDC recommendations and regulations.

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<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mrs. Burns (Linda)	x			
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)- Vice President	x			
Mrs. Gee (Danielle)	x			
Dr. Klein (Dennis)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)- President	x			
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	x			
Ms. Vatsky (Sharon)	x			
Mrs. Williams (Clara)	x			

**PERSONNEL**

**AUGUST 3, 2022**

Be It Resolved, that the Teaneck Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following Personnel resolutions:

1. that the Board approve Mr. Emilio Jennette, Federal and State Grants Coordinator, as Project Director of the School Climate Transformation Grant (SCTG) for the 2022-2023 School Year (grant year #4), retroactive from July 01, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. Differential: \$40,000/\$3,333.33 per month.  
Split coded as follows:  
11-000-221-110-85-10-0-D  
11-000-240-104-85-10-0-D  
20-427-200-100-57-10-0-0
  
2. that the Board accept the resignation of the following staff member:
  - a. Dr. Christine Jimenez-Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and Schools, effective August 22, 2022.
  
3. that the Board approve the following certificated staff appointments, following a 90-day probationary period, effective dates as indicated, pending criminal history review:
  - a. Stephanie Alblas, Computer Science Teacher, at an annual salary of \$63,250 (TTEA BA / Step 8) assigned to Teaneck High School, effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, replacing Aishwarya Nair, resigned (PC#: 10-12-11/afb).
  
  - b. Caroline Alvarez, PreK Teacher, at an annual salary of \$59,000 (TTEA BA / Step 5) assigned to Bryant Elementary School, effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, replacing Kristen Panagiotou, transferred (PC#: 10-06-60/cka).
  
  - c. Hannah Schrenzel, School Psychologist, at an annual salary of \$69,000 (TTEA MA +32 / Step 3) assigned to Teaneck High School, effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, replacing Aja Hanna, resigned (PC#: 10-12-72/ckm).
  
  - d. Dominika Kaczynski, Grade 4 ICS Teacher, at an annual salary of \$61,000 (TTEA/MA / Step 1), effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, new position.
  
  - e. Lorena Meadows, Director of Guidance, Career Services and Vocational Education, at an annual salary of \$127,596 (TAAS guide), effective October 17, 2022 through June 30, 2023, replacing Employee #5233, non-renewed (PC#: 20-12-73/bpl).

4. that the Board approve the following long term substitute teachers at \$260 per-diem, after twenty-one days of employment, assigned to a non-tenure track position, effective date as indicated, pending criminal history review:
  - a. Latasha Holley-Garcia, September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, with benefits after six months, assigned to Benjamin Franklin Middle School, replacing employee #3945, leave of absence.
  - b. Mildred Van Zwaren, September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, with benefits after six months, assigned to Benjamin Franklin Middle School, replacing employee #4334, leave of absence.
  
5. that the Board approve the following non-certificated staff appointment, following a 90-day probationary period, effective dates as indicated, pending criminal history review:
  - a. Mohammad Attallah, Technology Support Specialist I, at the annual salary of \$55,000 (off-guide), assigned to Central Administration Office, effective August 22, 2022 through June 30, 2023, replacing Joshua Small (PC#: 10-06-60/cka).

**MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS #1-5 EXCEPT #3E UNDER PERSONNEL**

<i><b>Motion: V. Fisher</b></i>	<i><b>Second: D. Gee</b></i>			
<i><b>Board Member</b></i>	<i><b>Yes</b></i>	<i><b>No</b></i>	<i><b>Abstain</b></i>	<i><b>Absent</b></i>
Mrs. Burns (Linda)	x			
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)- Vice President	x		#1	
Mrs. Gee (Danielle)	x			
Dr. Klein (Dennis)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)- President	x			
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	x	#1		
Ms. Vatsky (Sharon)	x			
Mrs. Williams (Clara)	x	#1		



**MOTION TO TABLE #3E UNDER PERSONNEL TO DISCUSS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

<i>Motion: V. Fisher</i>	<i>Second: D. Gee</i>			
<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mrs. Burns (Linda)	x			
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)- Vice President	x			
Mrs. Gee (Danielle)	x			
Dr. Klein (Dennis)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)- President	x			
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	x			
Ms. Vatsky (Sharon)	x			
Mrs. Williams (Clara)	x			

**MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM#3E AFTER DISCUSSION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION- VOTE BOX LISTED UNDER EXECUTIVE SESSION AS WELL**

<i>Motion: V. Fisher</i>	<i>Second: L. Burns</i>			
<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mrs. Burns (Linda)	x			
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)- Vice President			x	
Mrs. Gee (Danielle)	x			
Dr. Klein (Dennis)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)- President	x			
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	x			
Ms. Vatsky (Sharon)	x			
Mrs. Williams (Clara)	x			