

**HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION
191 SECOND STREET, HACKENSACK, NJ 07601
SPECIAL MEETING
June 24, 2025**

I. Flag Salute / Moment of Silence / Sunshine Statement / Call to Order / Roll Call

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notification of this meeting has been provided by advertising in the Record and posting notice in the Board of Education Administration Building (Padovano Education Center) and filing notice with the City Clerk. I hereby call to order the Special Public Meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, in the Hackensack High School Media Center, 135 1st Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601, at 6:00pm.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ms. Alston - Balaputra (Melanie)		
Ms. Amirhamzeh (Leila)		
Mr. Carroll (Demetrius)		
Ms. Gilmore (Eugina "Gina")		
Mr. Martin (Kenneth)		
Ms. Pringle (Shivonnie)		
Ms. Harris (Jennifer)- President		
Mr. Stein (Mark)- Vice President		
Vacancy- will be filled July 23, 2025		

II. Public Comments

Public participation shall be governed by the following rules:

- 1) If in person, a participant must sign the "**sign-in**" sheet and be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if applicable;
- 2) Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration during the public session;
- 3) All statements, questions, or inquiries shall be directed to the presiding officer and any questions or inquiries directed by a participant to another Board member shall be redirected to the presiding officer who shall determine if such statement, question, or inquiry shall be addressed by the presiding officer on behalf of the Board or by the individual Board member; and
- 4) All Board and/or Acting Superintendent responses to questions or inquiries shall be held until the end of public participation.

III. Executive Session- Action May be Taken

Be It Resolved, that the Hackensack Board of Education determines it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 to discuss Personnel Matters and pending or anticipated contract negotiations.

Be It Further Resolved, that these matters will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion:

Second:

All in Favour say Aye

IV. Motion to reopen to public session.

Motion:

Second:

All in favor say Aye

V. RFP 25-06 Independent Investigation

Whereas, bids were solicited and opened by the Hackensack Board of Education (“Board”) on June 12, 2025 at 10 am for the Independent Investigation as to the usage of Hackensack High School by the former Board of Education's President on December 18, 2024, to determine if any New Jersey laws and/or internal policies/regulations were violated.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Hackensack Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools and School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, approves to award the Contract to _____ for legal services in the estimated amount of \$250.00 per hour for Partner/Special Counsel, \$150.00 per hour for Associates, and estimated \$155.00 per hour for Paralegal services. Paid from account # 11-000-230-331-002-00 for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Independent Investigation V		
<i>Motion: Trustee</i>	<i>Second: Trustee</i>	
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Ms. Alston - Balaputra (Melanie)		
Ms. Amirhamzeh (Leila)		
Mr. Carroll (Demetrius)		
Ms. Gilmore (Eugina “Gina”)		
Mr. Martin (Kenneth)		
Ms. Pringle (Shivonnie)		
Ms. Harris (Jennifer)- President		
Mr. Stein (Mark)- Vice President		
TBD- Vacancy		

VI. Be It Resolved, that the Hackensack Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, approves to rescind the appointment of Yesenia Budhu Howell on the May 14, 2025, Regular Meeting, as the Affirmative Action Officer for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Rescind Affirmative Action Officer VI		
<i>Motion: Trustee</i>	<i>Second: Trustee</i>	
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Ms. Alston - Balaputra (Melanie)		
Ms. Amirhamzeh (Leila)		
Mr. Carroll (Demetrius)		
Ms. Gilmore (Eugina “Gina”)		
Mr. Martin (Kenneth)		
Ms. Pringle (Shivonnie)		
Ms. Harris (Jennifer)- President		
Mr. Stein (Mark)- Vice President		
TBD- Vacancy		

VII. Be It Resolved, that the Hackensack Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, designates Rosemary Marks, Assistant Superintendent, as the Affirmative Action Officer for the 2025- 2026 School Year.

Designate Affirmative Action Officer VII		
<i>Motion: Trustee</i>	<i>Second: Trustee</i>	
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Ms. Alston - Balaputra (Melanie)		
Ms. Amirhamzeh (Leila)		
Mr. Carroll (Demetrius)		
Ms. Gilmore (Eugina “Gina”)		
Mr. Martin (Kenneth)		
Ms. Pringle (Shivonnie)		
Ms. Harris (Jennifer)- President		
Mr. Stein (Mark)- Vice President		
TBD- Vacancy		

VIII. Be It Resolved, upon the the Hackensack Board of Education, recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, approves VOT-HR SOLUTIONS to provide Human Resources consultation for Hackensack Public Schools at a rate of \$275.00 per hour not to exceed 140 hours for a total cost of \$38,500.00. Paid from Account # 11-000-240-500-100-000 for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 School Year.

Human Resources Consultant VIII		
<i>Motion: Trustee</i>	<i>Second: Trustee</i>	
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Ms. Alston - Balaputra (Melanie)		
Ms. Amirhamzeh (Leila)		
Mr. Carroll (Demetrius)		
Ms. Gilmore (Eugina “Gina”)		
Mr. Martin (Kenneth)		
Ms. Pringle (Shivonnie)		
Ms. Harris (Jennifer)- President		
Mr. Stein (Mark)- Vice President		
TBD- Vacancy		

IV. Be It Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Hackensack Board of Education, approves to award the contract to Kelly Services Inc. from Exhibit A MPP-ESY- Paraprofessional for a Bill Rate of \$31.01 per hour to provide Extended School Year paraprofessional services and Job Coach Bill Rate \$40.96 per hour for the 2025-2026 School Year.

ESY Kelly Services Inc. IV		
<i>Motion: Trustee</i>	<i>Second: Trustee</i>	
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Ms. Alston - Balaputra (Melanie)		
Ms. Amirhamzeh (Leila)		
Mr. Carroll (Demetrius)		
Ms. Gilmore (Eugina “Gina”)		
Mr. Martin (Kenneth)		
Ms. Pringle (Shivonnie)		
Ms. Harris (Jennifer)- President		
Mr. Stein (Mark)- Vice President		
TBD- Vacancy		

Adjournment:

Motion:

Second:

All in Favour say Aye