

BRENTWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Brentwood, NY



Board of Education
Special Meeting
December 2, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Robert Feliciano, President, at 5:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Robert Feliciano - President
Maria Gonzalez-Prescod 2nd Vice President
Cynthia Ciferri – Trustee
Julia Burgos -Trustee
Simone Holder-Daniel – Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Richard Loeschner – Superintendent
Stacy O'Connor- Assistant Superintendent for Finance & District Operations
Kathleen Hoey- District Clerk (left at 5:12 p.m.)
Neil Block- School Attorney
Sofia Terrassi – School Attorney (left at 9:30 p.m.)
Edward McCarthy- School Attorney (left at 10:52 p.m.)
Regina Spencer- School Attorney
Candace Gomez- School Attorney (left at 5:50 p.m.)
Brody Smith- School Attorney (left at 5:50 p.m.)
Wanda Ortiz-Rivera – Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)
Rhonda Young- Director of Special Services (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)
Ann Palmer- Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)

ABSENT WITH NOTICE

G. Paula Moore – 1st Vice President
Eileen Felix – Trustee

CONVENE MEETING

Motion made by Maria Gonzalez-Prescod, second by Cynthia Ciferri and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED (5-0-0)** to convene the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion made by Simone Holder-Daniel, second by Julia Burgos and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED (5-0-0)** the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby suspends the order of Business for this meeting and this meeting only according by Policy 2350.

APPROVAL FOR LEGAL DEFENSE

Motion made by Simone Holder-Daniel, second by Maria Gonzalez-Prescod and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED (5-0-0)** the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law §3811 and/or Public Officer's Law §18, as well as under any other applicable legal or insurance policy provisions, Dr. Bergre Escorbores has submitted a timely written request for legal defense and indemnification regarding an action titled:

In the Matter of Emery Francois v. Brentwood Union Free School District, Brentwood Board of Education and Dr. Bergre Escorbores, in his individual and official capacity.

WHEREAS, there are allegations in the above-mentioned legal action arising from the performance of Dr. Bergre Escorbores' exercise of his official duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, this request for legal defense and indemnification is made on behalf of Dr. Bergre Escorbores; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bergre Escorbores does not waive any rights that it may have to challenge any aspect of this legal action including, but not limited to, improper service of the legal action; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby designates the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, or the law firm of Ingerman Smith, or a law firm designated by NYSIR, to represent Brentwood Union Free School District, Brentwood Board of Education and Dr. Bergre Escorbores in the above-mentioned legal action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Julia Burgos, second by Cynthia Ciferri and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED (5-0-0)** to recess general session and convene into executive session at 5:12 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person, matters leading to the discipline of a particular person, and to seek legal advice from the Board's Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Julia Burgos second by Simone Holder-Daniel and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED (5-0-0)** to recess executive session and return to public session at 12:32 p.m.

Motion made by Simone Holder-Daniel, second by Maria Gonzalez-Prescod and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED (5-0-0)** to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen Hoey

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District Clerk

Approved by the
Board of Education
on December 16, 2021