

BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORDER OF BUSINESS

12:30 p.m.

October 2, 2024

President reads the following statement:

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good afternoon. This is a special meeting of the Board of Education. Pursuant to New Jersey Statutes and the rules adopted by the Board of Education, notice of this meeting using an on-line platform was sent to The Star Ledger and Cablevision of Elizabeth on September 30, 2024. In addition, this notice is posted on the Bulletin Board in the lobby of 500 North Broad Street, and pursuant to this act, a copy has been filed with the City Clerk of Elizabeth, New Jersey.”

“There will be an on-line public portion for citizens to address the Board. Participants for the public portion must register on-line up to the start of the meeting so that they may have the opportunity to speak. The public participation form states the name, email, phone number of the person who wants to comment. Members of the public who prefer not to, or do not have the means to, participate using the on-line platform, may continue to participate by emailing statements relative to agenda items and/or educational matters to the Secretary of the Board at kennedha@epsnj.org. All statements received will be read into the record during the Meeting’s Public Comment Portion. All emails must be submitted and received by the Secretary of the Board up to the start of the meeting and, as is always the case must include the public member’s full name for the record. Each statement submitted by a participant shall be limited to three minutes in duration. The total time of public comment shall be limited to 60 minutes. Emails received but not read after the 60 minute duration will be spread in full in the Official Board Minutes of this meeting.”

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens may address the Board.

“At this time, the meeting is open for public comment on-line to those who have registered with the on-line participation form prior to this session. I shall call individuals to participate based on the order of the sign-in. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes in duration. The total time of public comment shall be limited to 60 minutes. No individual is able to yield their time to another individual. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board Members individually. The following rules for public participation shall apply:

1. Time limits will be strictly enforced;
2. No personal attacks on individuals;
3. No vulgar or indecent language;
4. A person may address the Board no more than once during a single meeting;
5. Speakers should refrain from naming individuals;
6. Comments or questions posed during public participation will not be debated.

“If the 60 minute public comment period expires before all registered on-line participants have been called, remaining participants can email their statements to the Secretary of the Board at kennedha@epsnj.org and they will be spread in full in the Official Board Minutes of this meeting”

As a reminder this is a meeting of the Board in public, not a meeting of the public.”

“At this time the Secretary of the Board will read into the record all emails that have been submitted up to the start of the meeting. Each statement submitted by a participant shall be limited to three minutes in duration.”

“At this time, I close the public comment portion of this meeting.”

President asks for a motion and second to approve:

RESOLUTION – ADOPTING RESIDENCY COMMITTEE HEARING
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING J.F., JR. RESIDENCY ISSUES.

RESOLUTION – RATIFYING AND ADOPTING SUPERINTENDENT’S ACTION
REMOVING HEAD FOOTBALL COACH AND RESCINDING 2024-2025 STIPEND FOR
SUCH

Roll Call

Motion to adjourn

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12:30 p.m.

Opening Statement

Roll Call

Resolutions

- 10 Adopting Residency Committee Hearing Recommendations
Regarding J.F., Jr. Residency Issues
- 10a Ratifying and Adopting Superintendent's Action Removing Head Football Coach
and Rescinding 2024-2025 Stipend for Such Position

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it had been determined that an issue existed as to the bona fide residency of student J.F., Jr. for the 2024-2025 School year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to law, an investigation was conducted into said residency issue; and

WHEREAS, based upon the results of said investigation, the student was notified by the Superintendent that the residency requirements were not met, as well as other information required to be provided by law in an Initial Notice of Ineligibility, pursuant to NJAC 6A:22-4.2 and NJAC 6A:22-4.3(b)(1); and

WHEREAS, a Hearing was conducted before a Committee of the Board on September 27, 2024 pursuant to NJAC 6A:22-4.3(e) to afford said student, with legal counsel, an opportunity to satisfy his burden of proving bona fide residency; and

WHEREAS, following a review of the evidence adduced at said Hearing, including testimony and documentation, the Committee determined that the legal requirements of residency had not been met, and has recommended such findings to the full Board of Education pursuant to NJAC 6A:22-4.3(e).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Elizabeth Board of Education that it does hereby adopt the findings of the Committee, and hereby determines that J.F., Jr. has not satisfied the legal residency requirements to enable him to attend Elizabeth Public Schools; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded immediately following passage by the Board Secretary to both J.F., Jr. and his Legal Counsel.

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WHEREAS, as a result of an investigation into certain conduct on the part of J.F., an employee of the Elizabeth Board of Education, on September 12, 2024, the Superintendent of Schools imposed a disciplinary penalty removing said employee from the position of Head Football Coach and rescinding his 2024-2025 stipend for such position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Elizabeth Board of Education that the action of the Superintendent of Schools as aforesaid be and is hereby adopted and ratified.