

Virtual Special Meeting – September 30, 2020

The Special Meeting of the Irvington Board of Education was held Virtually, Wednesday, September 30, 2020. This meeting was called to order by Board President Richard Williams followed by a flag salute.

Present were: Annette Beasley
Syeshia Benbow
Gloria Chishon
Joseph Sylvain
Audrey Lyon
Richard Williams

Excused: Luis Antilus
Ronald Brown
Gene Etchison

Others: Dr. April Vauss, Superintendent of Schools
Reggie Lamptey, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary
Dr. Matin Adeboyega, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Latee Walton-McCleod, Assistant to A. S. for Curriculum and Instruction
Roger Monel, Associate School Business Administrator
Ronald Hunt, Board Attorney
Other administrators, interested citizens and newspaper reporters

Board President Richard Williams reported that in accordance with P.L. 1975 Chapter 231, adequate notice of this meeting was posted in the Administration Building and copies of said notice sent to the Star Ledger and the Township Clerk.

GRADUATION RATES

Dr. April Vauss, Superintendent of Schools presented to the Board Members and the public the attached information on the district's graduation rates.



**Irvington Public Schools
Irvington High School Class of 2020**

Irvington Public Schools in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A. 7C-7 and 18A.7E-3 shall report annually at a public meeting the following:

1. Total number of students who graduated	356
2. Total number of students who graduated under NJSLA/PARCC	133
3. Total number of students who graduated under NJDOE Portfolio Appeal	150
4. The total number of students who graduated under both NJSLA/PARCC and other criteria (passed either ELA or Math through either PARCC or other criteria-SAT, ACT, PSAT 10, ASVAB- AFQT, & Accuplacer)	331
5. The total number of students who graduated under both NJSLA/ PARCC and NJDOE Portfolio Appeal (passed either ELA or Math through either NJSLA/PARCC or Portfolio Appeal)	283
6. Total number of students who graduated under other criteria (SAT, ACT, PSAT 10, ASVAB- AFQT, & Accuplacer)	48
7. The total number of students who graduated under HSPA & ASHA	0
8. The total number of students who received a State- endorsed high school diploma as a result of meeting any alternate requirements for graduation (DLMA/ APA) as specified in their IEPs.	25
9. Total number of students who were denied graduation from the 12th grade class	10
10. The total number of students who were denied graduation from the 12th grade class solely because of failure to pass on NJSLA/PARCC or NJDOE Portfolio Appeal based on the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1 (a)3	0
Total students eligible for graduation in 2019-2020	366
Total students who graduated in 2019-2020	356

Abbreviation Key

- NJSLA – New Jersey Student Learning Assessments
- PARCC- Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
- SAT- Scholastic Aptitude Test
- PSAT- Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test
- ASVAB- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
- AFQT- Armed Forces Qualification Test
- IEP- Individualized Education Program

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IRVINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Graduation rates are based on the adjusted cohort graduation rate calculation.

GRADUATION RATES FOR ACCOUNTABLE DISTRICT¹

This table shows the 4-year and 5-year graduation rates by cohort class for all students

Cohort Class of	4-Year Rate	5-Year Rate
2020	80.4%*	NA**
2019	80.0%	83.9%
2018	78.3%	82.2%
2017	73.1%	78.4%
2016	70.7%	73.8%

NA: Not Available

*Appeals are yet to be submitted to the State to adjust the graduation rate for the 2020 Cohort

** The 5-Year graduation rate for the 2020 cohort will be available in 2021

¹Data are from NJSMART

GRADUATION RATES FOR ATTENDING DISTRICT¹

This table shows the 4-year graduation rates for students attending Irvington HS only

Cohort Class of	4-Year Rate
2020	82.0%*
2019	82.9%
2018	81.3%
2017	78.9%
2016	74.2%

*Appeals are yet to be submitted to the State to adjust the graduation rate for the 2020 Cohort

¹Data are from NJSMART

DROPOUT RATES FOR ACCOUNTABLE DISTRICT¹

This table shows the percentage of students in grades 9-12 that dropped out of school.

School Year	School Rate
2020	5.7%*
2019	4.7%
2018	3.3%
2017	3.7%
2016	6.6%

*Appeals are yet to be submitted to the State to adjust the graduation rate for the 2020 Cohort

¹Data are from NJSMART

ACTION:

Motion by: Syesha Benbow, Seconded by: Gloria Chison
Roll Call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION:

“In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, be it hereby resolved that the Irvington Township Board of Education will meet in closed session, October 21, 2020 (Virtually) at 5:00 p.m., to address confidential matters of personnel, negotiations, and/or attorney client privilege.

It is expected that the matters discussed will be made public at the time that the need for confidentiality no longer exist.”

Upon the motion by Syesha Benbow, seconded by Gloria Chison, unanimously approved on a roll call vote, the Special Meeting of the Irvington Board of Education adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Reggie Lamptey, CPA
Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary

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