

## SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING – July 7, 2021

The Special Public Board Meeting of the Irvington Board of Education was held virtually on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Audrey Lyon-Griffin, followed by a flag salute. Vice President Lyon-Griffin asked for and received a moment of silence for the Haitian President who was assassinated.

Present were:           Annette Beasley  
                              Syessa Benbow  
                              Ronald Brown  
                              Gloria Chison  
                              Joseph Sylvain  
                              Audrey Lyon-Griffin-Vice President

Excused:                Luis Antilus

Others:                 Dr. April Vauss, Superintendent of Schools  
                              Reggie Lamptey, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary  
                              Dr. Matin Adegboyega, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
                              Roger Monel, Associate School Business Administrator  
                              Dr. Latee McCleod-Assistant to the Asst. Super for Curr. & Instr.  
                              Ronald Hunt, Board Attorney  
                              Other administrators, interested citizens and newspaper reporters.

Board Vice President Audrey Lyon-Griffin 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 was sent to the Star Ledger and Township Clerk.

**INTERVIEW OF BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES**

Ms. Janell Lowery and Mr. John F. Brown were both interviewed to fill vacancies on the Irvington Board of Education.

Board Vice President Lyon called for a motion to appoint John F. Brown to replace Gene Etchinson.

Motion by: Syessa Benbow, Seconded by: Annette Beasley

Roll Call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

Board Vice President Lyon called for a motion to appoint Janell Lowery to replace Richard Williams.

Motion by: Syessa Benbow, Seconded by Gloria Chison

Roll Call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary Reggie Lamptey administered the Oath of Office to John F. Brown and Janelle Lowery.

Roll Call: Annette Beasley  
Sysha Benbow  
John F. Brown  
Ronald J. Brown  
Gloria Chison  
Janelle Lowery  
Joseph Sylvain  
Audrey Lyon-Griffin

Excused: Luis Antilus

NOMINATION FOR BOARD PRESIDENT:

Audrey Lyon-Griffin was nominated for President

**ACTION**

Motion by: Annette Beasley, Seconded by: Gloria Chison  
Unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

Newly elected Board President Lyon-Griffin thanked her colleagues for having confidence in her. She promised to not let them down.

NOMINATION FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

Annette Beasley was nominated for Vice President

**ACTION:**

Motion by: Audrey Lyon-Griffin, Seconded by: Joseph Sylvain  
Unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

Board Vice President Beasley thanked everyone for their confidence and also commented to go 110%.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - There were no public comments on agenda items,

PERSONNEL

July 7, 2021

1. **REASSIGNMENT/TRANSFER**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepted the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and approved the reassignment/transfer of the listed personnel, at the indicated position and location:

**Administration**

(a) Dr. Sharon Holmes, Assistant Principal, Chancellor Avenue School, reassigned to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher, University Elementary School, effective 7/9/21, salary 6<sup>th</sup> year max level \$111,074.00 payable form account number 15-120-100-101-00-05. Replacing Katrina Bernard,

**ACTION:**

Motion by: Joseph Sylvain, Seconded by: Annette Beasley

Roll Call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

2. **ABOLISHMENT OF POSITION**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepted the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and approved the abolishment of the following position:

One Assistant Principal, Chancellor Avenue School, effective 7/8/2021

**ACTION:**

Motion by: Joseph Sylvain, Seconded by: Annette Beasley

Roll Call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

**CLOSED SESSION**

“In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, be it hereby resolved that the Irvington Township Board of Education meet in closed session, August 18, 2021 (Virtually) at 5:00 pm., 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 exists.”

Upon the motion by Syesha Benbow, seconded by Gloria Chison and unanimously approved on a roll call vote, the Special Public Meeting of the Irvington Board of Education held virtually adjourned at 6:31 pm.

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Reggie Lamptey, CPA,  
Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary