



# Pleasantville Public Schools

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June 14, 2023

Resolution No. 6.1

*I Certify*, that during the Pleasantville Board of Education Board meeting on June 13, 2023, The Pleasantville Board of Education approved Dr. Marilyn Martinez as Superintendent of Pleasantville Public Schools.

Motion for the Board of Education to approve Dr. Marilyn Martinez as Superintendent of Pleasantville Public Schools.

Motion by: Anny Melo Second by: Alejandrina Alberto Yea: √ Nay:     

Roll Call:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Alejandrina Alberto	X			
Cassandra Clements				X
Vacant				
Andrea Gray	X			
Anny Melo	X			
Elysa Sanchez	X			
Julio Sanchez	X			
Sharnell Morgan	X			
Doris Rowell	X			

*SEVEN YEAS; Motion Carries*

Thank you,

Daile Dixon-White,  
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*I Certify*, that during the Pleasantville Board of Education Board meeting on June 13, 2023, The Board of Education to accept the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools and hereby approve the Human Resources Items#6.2 through 6.21

WHEREAS, the School Ethics Act (N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.) was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to ensure and preserve public confidence in school board members and school administrators and to provide specific ethical standards to guide their conduct; and

WHEREAS, the School Ethics Commission has provided guidance in Public Advisory Opinion A03-98, regarding how a Board should invoke the Doctrine of Necessity when a quorum of a board of education has conflicts of interest on a matter required to be voted upon; and

WHEREAS, the opinion set forth that, when it is necessary for a Board to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity, the Board should state publicly that it is doing so, the reason that such action is necessary and the specific nature of the conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, at the June 13, 2023 regular meeting of the Pleasantville Board of Education, due to standing conflicts of interests of three (3) present Board Members regarding relative employees (a brother in-law, and two cousins – respectively), only four (4) members were present and eligible at tonight's meeting to approve the hiring of the procured superintendent candidate Dr. Marilyn Martinez; and

WHEREAS, consistent with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-15, and as means to approve the appointment of a so qualified superintendent prior to June 30, 2023, where a majority of the full Board is required to approve said appointment, i.e., five (5) votes are required, it is therefore necessary for all of the present Board Members to ratify the appointment of the superintendent candidate as duly vetted without conflict and known impropriety pursuant to the executive search services provide by the New Jersey School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, one of the present Board Members, Doris Rowell, disclosed a conflict, having a brother-in-law employed in the District as a non-supervisory, non-certificated staff member; and

WHEREAS, another of the present Board Members, Julio Sanchez, disclosed a conflict, having a cousin employed in the District as a non-supervisory, non-certificated staff member; and

WHEREAS, another of the present Board Members, Elyse Sanchez, disclosed a conflict, having a cousin employed in the District as a non-supervisory, non-certificated staff member; and

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WHEREAS, the disclosing board members, having recused themselves from the superintendent search process, and having demonstrated at the regular meeting that they are willing to ratify the appointment of the candidate so chosen by the non-conflicted ad-hoc search committee as procured through New Jersey School Boards Association's executive search services, the Board was advised that the ratification of the incoming Superintendent's appointment required five (5) affirmative votes to be approved — necessitating that the Doctrine of Necessity be lawfully invoked to ensure that the school remains well run by a duly appointed Chief School Administrator (with the current role having been carried by an Acting Superintendent in excess of 18 months), in addition to maintaining a continuum of educational services and stability in school business; and

WHEREAS, a subsequent unanimous passage and ratification of the herein appointment does not deviate from the prior superintendent contractual recommendations and approvals provided by the Atlantic County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the Legislative purpose as set forth in N.J.S.A.18A:12-22(a), the School Ethics Commission views public disclosure of conflicts of interest to be paramount when it is necessary to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pleasantville Public School District Board of Education hereby invokes the Doctrine of Necessity for the reason of ratify the appointment of Dr. Marilyn Martinez as board Superintendent, effective July 1, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pleasantville Public School District Board of Education is herewith meeting the requirement to read the resolution at a regularly scheduled public meeting, will post it where it posts public notices for 30 days and will provide the School Ethics Commission with a copy of the resolution as required by the Decision of the School Ethics Commission.

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