

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
(Official)

January 16, 2020  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

The regular business meeting of the Board of Education was called to order immediately following the agenda meeting on January 16, 2020 at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 @Msgr. João S. Antão School No. 31 located at 1014 South Elmora Avenue, Elizabeth, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Board President Diane Barbosa presented the following statement at 11:51 p.m. since the agenda meeting was held prior to the business meeting.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is a regular business meeting of the Board of Education. Pursuant to New Jersey Statutes and the rules adopted by the Board of Education, notice of this meeting was sent to The Star Ledger and Cablevision of Elizabeth on January 9, 2020. In addition, this notice is posted 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.

We want to welcome everyone present and our television viewers to this meeting of the Board of Education. We are here to govern, provide management oversight, and make policy for the district. The Superintendent manages the district. This is a meeting of the Board in public, not a meeting of the public.

This meeting is being recorded and will become part of the Elizabeth Board of Education permanent record. In order that the recording will adequately reflect the proceedings, please refrain from talking while others are speaking. We also ask that you silence the sound on your electronic devices. Since it is legally mandated that these proceedings be accurately recorded, we may have to ask for order periodically should noise begin to interfere with our recording capabilities. We are pleased that you have taken time to join us here for our Board of Education meeting. Thank you for your interest in the Elizabeth Public Schools.”

“There will be a public portion for citizens to address the Board. Participants for the public portion may sign in up to the start of the public speaking so that they may have the opportunity to speak. The sign-in sheet states the name, address, telephone number and reason that the person wants to comment, whether it is an agenda item or a general education comment.”

Present: Maria Carvalho, Iliana Chevres, Nathalie Hernandez, Jerry Jacobs, Rosa Moreno-Ortega, Stephanie Pestana, Diane Barbosa – 7

Absent: Charlene Bathelus, Stanley Neron – 2

Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Chief of Operations Francisco Cuesta, Deputy Counsel Heather Ford, and members of the public were in attendance.

Board President Diane Barbosa presented the following public participation statement.

“At this time, the microphones are open for public comment to those who have signed in. I shall call individuals to the microphones 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 sixty 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 participants shall apply: time limits will be strictly enforced, no personal attacks on individuals, no vulgar or indecent language, a person may address the Board no more than once during a single meeting, speakers should refrain from naming individuals, and comments or questions posed during public participation will not be debated. As a reminder, this is a meeting of the Board in public, not a meeting of the public.”

Mrs. Barbosa called upon the first public participant, Kason Little, to address the Board.

Kason Little, 225 S. Seventh Street, stated that there problems that need work.

Mrs. Barbosa thanked him for his comments and called upon the next public participant, Raquel Quijano, to address the Board.

Rachael Quijano, 27 Elmora Avenue, stated that she wants to speak with the Superintendent about her son being bullied.

Mrs. Barbosa thanked her for her comments. Since there were no other public participants signed in to address the Board, Mrs. Barbosa closed this portion of the meeting.

#### Superintendent's Report - Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Investigative Results

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Investigative Results. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that according to Board Policy 5131.1 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) and New Jersey Statute 18A:37 the results of each investigation shall be reported to the Board of Education no later than the date of the next Board meeting following completion of each investigation and include any services provided, training established, discipline imposed, or other action that was taken or recommended. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that at the next regularly scheduled meeting after Board members receive the report of HIB investigations, the statute requires that the Board issue a decision in writing to affirm, reject, or modify the Superintendent's decision pertaining to the cases that were reported to the Board members at the last meeting.

The second reading of the following revised policy and regulation was done:

5141.21	Policy	Administering Medication
5141.21	Regulation	Administering Medication

The first reading of the following new regulation and exhibit was done:

5132(X)	Exhibit	School Uniforms
9311(R)	Regulation	Annual Adoption of Board Goals and Development of Workplan

Mrs. Barbosa asked for a motion to accept the following:

Minutes of the Meetings of December 5 and 12, 2019

Secretary/Treasurer's Report for the Month of November 2019

Personnel Report

Supplemental Personnel Report

Tuition Report

Supplemental Tuition Report

Superintendent's Report – Considerations

Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

Superintendent's Report – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Investigative Results

Authorizations Report

Finance and Accounting Report – Authorization to Pay Vouchers

Supplemental Finance and Accounting Report – Transfer of Funds

Award of Contracts Report

Supplemental Award of Contracts Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Supplemental Award of Contracts Report

Miscellaneous Communication

Claims List

Resolution – African American Heritage Month

Resolution – Career and Technical Education Month

Resolution – Children’s Dental Health Month  
Resolution – Honoring Harriet Tubman  
Resolution – Transfer of Capital Reserve Funds  
Resolution – Acceptance of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report  
for the Year Ended June 30, 2019 and Approval of Corrective Action Plan  
Resolution – National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day  
Resolution – National School Counseling Week  
Resolution – Agreement for Group Speech Services – 2019-2020 School Year  
Union County Educational Services Commission  
Resolution – Appointment of Special Counsel  
Resolution – Appointment of Architects  
Resolution – Appointment of Construction Managers  
Resolution – Appointment of Engineers  
Resolution – Appointment of Environmental Consultants  
Resolution – Adoption of Revised Policy and Regulation –  
File Code 5141.21 Administering Medication  
Resolution – Authorizing the Award of Contract to SSP Architects –  
Energy Savings Improvement Program  
Resolution – Approving Student Athletic Transportation Contract  
Resolution – Appointing Seven Vendors to Provide Athletic Equipment and Supplies  
for Spring Sports

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Mrs. Pestana, that the agenda be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Carvalho (abstain- Superintendent’s Report – Considerations- O.H., J.C.; Authorizations Report – O.H.), Chevres (abstain- Personnel Report – C.A., J.R.; Superintendent’s Report – Considerations – M.R., J.L., O.H.; Authorizations Report – O.H.), Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mmes. Moreno-Ortega, Pestana, Barbosa – 7

Negative: None

Mrs. Barbosa stated that this was the first meeting she sat in this chair and it’s very special. Mrs. Barbosa wished everyone a Happy Martin Luther King Day and said to be safe and spend time with your family. Mrs. Barbosa thanked everyone for sharing this time and for caring for our schools. Mrs. Barbosa thanked all the Board members and wished everyone a wonderful night.

On a motion by Mrs. Pestana, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 a.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Pestana, Barbosa – 7

Negative: None

Harold E. Kennedy, Jr.  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary