

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
(Official)

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Elizabeth, New Jersey

Prior to the scheduled reorganization meeting of the Elizabeth Board of Education at 7:00 p.m. held at Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy, 40 Morrell Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, Mrs. Pestano welcomed everyone. Mrs. Pestano recognized Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, Honorable Judge John Malone, Honorable Judge Jubilo Afonso, State Assemblywoman Annette Quijano, Union County Freeholder Sergio Granados, Elizabeth City Councilmembers, Hillside Council President Andrea Hyatt, Elizabeth Democratic Committee Chairman Antonio Teixeira and former Board member Jose Rodriguez who were in attendance.

Colors were presented during the Flag Ceremony by members of the Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health & Public Safety Academy Marine Corps Junior R.O.T.C.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sanzina Mazumder Nina, Senior Class President at Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy.

The *Star Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key was performed by Genesis Flores, ninth grade student at Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy.

The Pledge of Ethics was led by Eva Mosquera, Senior Student Government President at Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy.

Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer stated that it is her honor to recognize Mayor J. Christian Bollwage. Mrs. Hugelmeyer read the following resolution:

“WHEREAS, elected in 1992, J. Christian Bollwage has admirably served the City of Elizabeth and its people with strong leadership for the past 27 years, having guided significant economic prosperity in the City while fostering a vibrant community in which diversity serves as its heartbeat, and WHEREAS, J. Christian Bollwage, while overseeing civic and economic successes throughout the city, has actively sought opportunities to impact the community through education, and WHEREAS, J. Christian Bollwage has been closely involved at the Finance Academy that bears his name, serving as a member of the advisory board at the school while often interacting with students and staff, and WHEREAS, J. Christian Bollwage has visited schools and attended events throughout Elizabeth Public Schools such as high school graduation and L.E.A.D. graduation to deliver positive messages to students college about career readiness and drug and alcohol prevention among various other topics, and WHEREAS, J. Christian Bollwage not only speaks to the importance of college and career readiness when addressing students as the Mayor of Elizabeth, but also lives it as an adjunct professor of Public Administration at Kean University, bestowing his knowledge as a public servant upon his students to prepare society’s next generation of leaders, and WHEREAS, through his roles as mayor and educator, J. Christian Bollwage has sought the opportunity to engage Elizabeth Public Schools and Kean University leaders in collaborative efforts to build programs that allow students and their families to experience college opportunities early and often, and WHEREAS, J. Christian Bollwage, through these endeavors and others, has exhibited a standard of excellence in motivating our youth to be lifelong learners, caring individuals, and responsible citizens. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Elizabeth Board of Education hereby recognize J. Christian Bollwage for bringing honor and distinction to Elizabeth Public Schools while inspiring the future young leaders of our schools through his outstanding character and extraordinary record of public service to value education, knowledge, and civic engagement. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to J. Christian Bollwage with the Board of Education’s warmest congratulations and gratitude.”

Mrs. Hugelmeyer and Board members congratulated Mayor J. Christian Bollwage and presented him with a certificate of commemoration.

Mayor J. Christian Bollwage thanked the Board of Education for the honor. Mayor Bollwage stated that tonight is not about him but about three people who won an election and deserve to be sworn in for another term because of the great job that these nine people are doing in the educational process of 28,000 students we have in our City. Mayor Bollwage congratulated the great Board of Education.

Mrs. Pestana asked Supervisor of Art Tracy Monteiro to introduce the Elizabeth High School Marching Band.

Supervisor of Art Tracy Monteiro introduced the band members of the award winning 2019-2020 State Champion Elizabeth High School Marching Band who performed *Heist* featuring the classical music piece *Palladio*, written by Karl Jenkins and arranged by Band Director Benjamin Schwartz. Mrs. Pestana thanked them for a wonderful performance.

Mrs. Pestana asked Coach Jacques Gonzales to introduce the student athletes of the 2019 award winning Varsity Boys Soccer Team.

Elizabeth High School Varsity Soccer Coach Jacques Gonzales stated that the Boys Varsity Soccer Team is the 2019 Union County Co-Champions, Group 4 State Champions, Ranked No. 2 in the State of New Jersey and back-to-back State Sectional Champions. Mr. Gonzales thanked everyone who contributed to the 2019 season and especially thanked the coaching staff, the athletic department, and the student athletes for their dedication and hard work. Mr. Gonzales stated that the student athletes put in a lot of sweat and tears and had just one loss. Mr. Gonzales stated that even when the odds were against them they never gave up and they are the 2<sup>nd</sup> best public school team in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Gonzales thanked the Board of Education and Superintendent for allowing them to continue to make great things happen. Mr. Gonzales stated that many of the student athletes were honored at the State Banquet where he was honored to be named the State Sectional Coach of the Year. Mr. Gonzales introduced a video presentation of the accomplishments of the 2019 season of the Varsity Boys Soccer Team.

Mr. Neron stated that tonight we are honoring the Boys Varsity Soccer Team and Elizabeth High School Marching Band and congratulated the best soccer team and the best marching band in the country. Mr. Neron recognized Elizabeth High School Marching Band Director Benjamin Schwarz and the band members for their outstanding achievements. Mr. Neron stated that their extraordinary talents were on full display when the Elizabeth High School Marching Band won the State Championship, the US Bands Group V Open State Championship and earned trophies for Best Color Guard, Best Percussion, and Best Overall Effect. Mr. Neron stated that the band earned 6<sup>th</sup> Place at the Bands of America Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships with bands from Massachusetts, North Carolina, Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer recognized the band members including Cecilia Abreu-Gonzalez, Niaya Acebo, Klaudi Acevedo, Daniela Acosta, Mateo Acosta, Nicholas Agostinho, Brandon Aguirre, Joshua Allain, Leilani Alma, Deborah Alves, Sandra Amigon, Natalia Arcieri, Nicholas Arias Pesantez, George Arteaga-Lopez, Richard Avalos, Josue Aviles, Nicole Aviles, James Bally, Nayely Barba, Amarie Brea, Jordan Calixto, Daniel Cano, Bianca Castedo, Alan Cedeno, Leilani Corea, Cristina Corticada, Daniela Corticada, Joseph Corticada, Christopher Cruz, Kelly Druz, Allison Cueto, Angel DaSilva, David DaSilva, Eleni Demoleas, Jackeline Diaz, Matthew Diaz, Sofia Diaz, Brionna Douglas, Steven Echeverria, Geraldine Erazo, Anthony Escobar, Blariel Espinosa, Rafael Felix, Kathlyn Ferreira, Ronnie Figueroa, Emmanuel Garica, Nicole Garica, Yanis Garcia, Isabel Gonzalez, Jennifer Gonzales-Pasion, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Joel Gonzalez, Lizeth Gonzalez, Marcus Gonzalez, Yvette Gonzalez, Aileen

Guillen, Andres Hernandez, Anthony Hernandez, Youtham Ibrahim, Jacob Jauregui, Teresa Kiarie, Hyoboem Kim, Nicole Latorre, Daniel Lazo, Karen Lazo, Andy Lebron, Gregory Lebron, Pedro Lefebre, Carlos Lozano, Madlen Martinez, Ariana Matos, Ammy Mejia, Jazmin Merced, Evelyn Moncayo, Gabriel Montas, Nicole Mora, Gypsy Morales, Jose Morantes-Villanueva, Sabrina Moreira, Ariana Moreno, Erica Moreno, Sungja Mukanda, Jeremy Munive, ShaMeckah Murray-Blye, Laron Murray, Jannatul Mustari, Cristian Negron, Francesca Negron, Mariangel Nunez, Areli Ordaz, Michael Ordonez, Isabella Ortiz, Camila Osorio, Joshua Pagan, Darwin Parra, Galicia Parra, Mia Perez Pelaez, Elizabeth Pineda, Ariel Pupo, Anthony Pupo, Christopher Ramos, Isahac Ramos, Melanie Renjifo-Saa, Adrian Rocha, Manuela Rodriguez, Ashley Romero, Bryanna Rosario, Bryanne Rubio-Retana, Justin Ruiz, Levi Salas, Alyson Sanchez, Victoria Santangelo, Nuriel Santo-DeLaCruz, Evan Sebastiao, Jennifer Segura, Sarafina Selby, Franco Silva, Kaitlyn Smith, Ashly Solorzano, Mara Steed, Britney Suero, Alejandra Tasso, George Tice, Andrew Valencia, Bryan Valeria, Ashley Vasquez, Lilyette Verma, Stephanie Villa, Cyrus Waugh, Emily Waugh, Sophia Zayas, Verushka Zuzunaga; directors and coaches including Benjamin Schwartz, Rebecca Ingeri, Sharon Calixto, Caitlin Camuddio, Israel Delgado, Joshua Melo, Samantha Andrejcisk, Daquan Sessoms, Bruna Esteves, Alex Moreno, Nick Ingeri, Tyler Deverman, Lornaa Morales, and Aaron Alcine; and band parents Alexandra Corticada, Teresa Pupo, Rebecca Tasso, Margarita Matos, and Barbara Rodriguez. Mrs. Pestana and Board members congratulated them and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Mrs. Carvalho stated that the Elizabeth Varsity Boys Soccer Team had its best season ever with a record of 21 wins and 4 losses. Mrs. Carvalho stated that they ended the Fall season as the No. 3 ranked team in the State by NJ.com, Union County Conference Championship, Co-Union County Championship, North 2, Group 4 State Championship and several players received all-state, all-group, and all-conference recognitions for the contributions to this memorable season. Mrs. Carvalho recognized the student athletes from the Elizabeth High School Varsity Boys Soccer Team including Santiago Arias, Emiliano Caballero, Jacoby Calvo, Cristian Cuartas, Andrew Gamero, Mathew Giraldo, Fabrizio Godos, Kelvin Gyamfi, Kevin Lopez, Anthony Morales, Juan Montoya, Rafael Ortega, Victor Restrepo, Miguel Rojo, Jason Salamanca, Homero Sanango, Goncalo Seixas, Dylan Valencia, Stephen Valencia, Tomas Velasquez, Jayson Villatoro, Carlos Zarate, Jory Zuniga; coaches Jacques Gonzales, Lou Argondizza, Dennis Correia, Gustavo Della Corte, Colomb Thomas-Petit, and trainer Frank Collabella. Mrs. Carvalho and Board members congratulated them and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Mrs. Pestana stated that it was an honor and privilege for her to serve as President of the Board of Education. Mrs. Pestana stated that as a Board they made important progress this past year. Mrs. Pestana stated that through the funds secured for capital projects we were able to add air conditioning systems for School Nos. 2, 15, 16, and partially or fully replace roofing at School Nos. 4, 15, and Dwyer Annex. Mrs. Pestana stated that we took steps forward in our district's renewable energy program by placing solar panels on the roof of School No. 22. Mrs. Pestana stated that we passed a budget for the 2019-2020 school year that included a 0% tax increase for City residents in the same calendar year that we reached a three-year contract agreement with the Elizabeth Education Association and other collective bargaining units. Mrs. Pestana stated that a year ago she mentioned the important work ahead and her confidence that they would excel because of being surrounded by exceptional and dedicated people. Mrs. Pestana thanked her fellow Board members, teachers, administrators, families, community organizations, and elected officials for their wonderful contributions that led to the significant progress in 2019 and that many more successes lie ahead in 2020. Mrs. Pestana congratulated and offered best wishes to the new president and stated that while assuming the responsibilities that come with this position she hopes the new president can enjoy every opportunity to interact with our students. Mrs. Pestana stated that seeing them grow and excel has definitely been one of the most rewarding parts of being a member of this Board and this past year as President. Mrs. Pestana thanked her colleagues on the Board and the entire Elizabeth community for placing their trust in her to serve as President of the Elizabeth Board of Education. Mrs.

Pestana stated that she looks forward to serving alongside the new president as she continues her service to the students and the greater Elizabeth community.

Board member-elect Diane Barbosa took the oath of office administered by the Honorable Judge Jubilo Afonso.

Board member-elect Nathalie Hernandez took the oath of office administered by Councilman-at-Large Francisco Cuesta.

Board member-elect Stanley Neron took the oath of office administered by the Honorable Mayor J. Christian Bollwage.

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr. presented a Certificate of Election to newly sworn in Board members Diane Barbosa, Nathalie Hernandez, and Stanley Neron.

The members of the Board of Education met for the purpose of reorganization on Monday, January 6, 2020, at Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy, 40 Morrell Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr. presented the following statement at 7:46 p.m.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is the annual reorganization 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 December 20, 2019. In addition, this notice is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Mitchell Building, 500 North Broad Street, and pursuant to this act, a copy has been filed with the City Clerk of Elizabeth.

There will be a public portion for citizens to address the Board. Participants for the public portion must sign in prior to the commencement of public participation 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: Diane Barbosa, Charlene Bathelus, Maria Carvalho, Iliana Chevres, Nathalie Hernandez, Jerry Jacobs, Rosa Moreno-Ortega, Stanley Neron, Stephanie Pestana – 9

Absent: None

Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Schools Rafael Cortes, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Jennifer Ceden, Assistant Superintendent for Schools Judy Finch-Johnson, Chief of Operations Francisco Cuesta, Comptroller Rajeev Malhotra, Deputy Counsel Heather Ford and members of the public were in attendance.

Mr. Kennedy stated that tonight the Board is meeting for the purpose of reorganization. Mr. Kennedy stated that the Education Act requires that at the organization meeting the Board shall elect from its members a President and a Vice President who shall serve for terms of one year. Nominations will be made from among the membership of the Board present. Elections shall be by the majority of the vote present and voting which means this is the majority of the quorum. When nominations are made they do not require a second, however, in order to close nominations there must be a motion to second and then a vote to close nominations for the office of President or Vice President.

Mr. Kennedy called for nominations for Board President.

Ms. Bathelus nominated Mrs. Barbosa for President.

A motion was made by Ms. Bathelus, seconded by Mrs. Hernandez, that nominations be closed.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mrs. Pestana – 9

Negative: None

The following vote was taken on the election of Mrs. Barbosa for President.

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mrs. Pestana – 9

Negative: None

Mrs. Barbosa having received the required number of votes was declared President.

Mrs. Barbosa called for nominations for Vice President.

Mr. Neron nominated Mr. Jacobs for Vice President.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pestana, seconded by Mrs. Chevres, that nominations be closed.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mmes. Pestana, Barbosa – 9

Negative: None

The following vote was taken on the election of Mr. Jacobs for Vice President.

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mmes. Pestana, Barbosa – 9

Negative: None

Mr. Jacobs having received the required number of votes was declared Vice President.

Mrs. Barbosa congratulated Vice President Jacobs and asked if he would like to speak.

Vice President Jacobs thanked everyone and stated that he appreciates his Board colleagues for their support. Mr. Jacobs stated that he is looking forward to a great 2020 as we open a new decade for this Board to propel our district to new heights. Mr. Jacobs stated that it is a great honor for him to be able to serve under President Barbosa and he really appreciates her giving him this opportunity.

Mrs. Barbosa asked her fellow running mates if they would like to speak.

Mrs. Hernandez wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mrs. Hernandez stated that as she sits here amongst her Board family she is reminded of all those who have encouraged her, mentored her, stood by her, voted and supported her and she is graciously thankful. Mrs. Hernandez stated that it is with your faith in me and her faith in God that she continues to work day in and day out to advocate on behalf of all of our students. Mrs. Hernandez thanked her family and more importantly her daughter who so kindly shared her time with the other almost 30,000 students in the district and stated that she is the light of her life and her rock. Mrs. Hernandez stated that it is her passion for empowering our youth and guiding them towards their goals that she will continue to strive. Mrs. Hernandez stated that she will continue to take phone calls, emails, concerns and advice from our school communities to push forward towards a better tomorrow. Mrs. Hernandez stated that it is only together with parents, students, teachers, and our Elizabeth Board of Education employees including our custodians who maintain our schools, our security guards who maintain the safety of our students and staff, and our administration who run our day-to-day

operations, and this is the only way that we will provide a brighter future for our children together. Mrs. Hernandez stated that within the next three years she will dedicate herself to work to increase the resources for our schools, the equity between them, their culture and the environment, the community engagement and ensuring that their voices are being heard. Mrs. Hernandez stated that that she is here for all of our communities, she sits here for all, and works for all. Mrs. Hernandez stated that she promises to not stop working until every single one of our children has the utmost opportunity to succeed.

Mr. Neron first and foremost gave honor to God who is the head of his life for making this day possible and for keeping everyone here. Mr. Neron wished everyone a Happy New Year as we embark on a clear 20/20 vision for this new decade. Mr. Neron thanked his family, his wife, son, daughter, parents, and brother for always being there for him and being the foundation of his life and all the crazy goals he has. Mr. Neron stated that they are not that crazy because we are here today and able to pave the way for so many young people to create a brighter future and that was the intention of why he ran. Mr. Neron stated that it is hard to believe that we have now embarked on his third term as a member of the Board of Education with these eight great Board members that sit next to him and he is honored to serve with them. Mr. Neron stated that this could not be done without your support and all of you who sit here with us today and have been going door-to-door, believing, fighting the good fight, defending us when they talk about us and say crazy things and try to take us down. Mr. Neron stated that what great champions do is we get knocked down and we get right back up and that is what we plan to do for this district. Mr. Neron stated that no matter what kind of distractions exist we have a due diligence to make each other better. Mr. Neron stated that a lot of you like to hear him say iron sharpens iron. Mr. Neron stated that we make each other better and that is what we want to do for our children, our families, and entire community. Mr. Neron stated that as Board members, as a community, as a school district we need to band together to move this district forward to make sure we can be a model district not only for this state but for this country. Mr. Neron stated that he is totally committed to making that happen and never forgetting where he comes from and never forgetting the backs of people that he stands on for getting here. Mr. Neron stated that he would not be here and it is a very unlikely story to somebody like him that he would sit up here today and represent a school district and represent 29,000 school children. Mr. Neron said thank you, God Bless You, and let's keep fighting a good fight, let's keep believing in each other, and bring each other up and not tear each other down.

Mrs. Barbosa thanked them.

Board President Barbosa thanked everyone. Mrs. Barbosa stated that the whole reason is why and asked why do it again and why do this journey to be a Board member. Mrs. Barbosa stated that the reason is because her heart beats an extra beat when she walks into a special needs classroom, when they plan projects to help student achievements and when we as a Board decrease the achievement gap. Mrs. Barbosa stated that is why she sits here and does everything she possibly can to make the right decisions for her children, for our children, and for our district. Mrs. Barbosa stated that this job is tough but it becomes possible when you care. Mrs. Barbosa stated that we were all born to make a difference and her vision is to make a difference in your child's life. Mrs. Barbosa stated that this is a special day not only for those who sit here having been sworn-in but for our family, friends, and elected officials that support and empower us to continue. Mrs. Barbosa stated that her husband, twins, and mother ask why so many meetings and so many sleepless nights. Mrs. Barbosa stated that we have to remember everyone that walks in those doors, whether it is a school or the administration building, everyone has to be treated with dignity, respect, and have the best learning experience and work experience possible. Mrs. Barbosa stated that she understands how special this seat is and accepts to be the president of the Elizabeth Board of Education. Mrs. Barbosa stated that she looks forward to building our engagement, building our teamwork, and further building our district. Mrs. Barbosa stated that she will do her best to lead you and be the best she can. Mrs. Barbosa stated that humanity matters and we are humans, we are diverse, we are all one community, and we are one proud Elizabeth district family. Mrs. Barbosa stated that words are

inadequate to express her gratitude for their support and thanked everyone because she couldn't do this without them. Mrs. Barbosa thanked her husband, twins, parents, family, friends, colleagues, and community who believes in her. Mrs. Barbosa thanked the elected officials that continually serve and help the butterfly in her to fly. Mrs. Barbosa thanked her running mates, Superintendent, fellow Board members and district. Mrs. Barbosa thanked the pianist who accompanied her. Mrs. Barbosa presented the 2020 Elizabeth Board of Education members and stated that here's to strengthening, building, and moving our district forward and let's get to work.

#### Resolution – Appointment of Co-General Counsel

Mr. Kennedy read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Mr. Neron, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mmes. Pestana, Barbosa – 9

Negative: None

#### Resolution – Introduction of Rules of Governance

A motion was made by Mrs. Pestana, seconded by Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mmes. Pestana, Barbosa – 9

Negative: None

Mrs. Barbosa stated that she is deferring the appointment of the standing committees and designation of representatives until a later date except for the Union County Educational Services Commission Representative.

#### Union County Educational Services Commission Representative

A motion was made by Mrs. Pestana, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that Mrs. Hernandez represent the Board on the Union County Educational Services Commission.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mmes. Pestana, Barbosa – 9

Negative: None

#### Resolution – Official Results of the School Board Election

A motion was made by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Bathelus, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mmes. Pestana, Barbosa – 9

Negative: None

#### Resolution – Designation of Official Media Services

A motion was made by Mrs. Pestana, seconded by Mr. Neron, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mmes. Pestana, Barbosa – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – Designation of Depositories for School Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mrs. Pestana, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mmes. Pestana, Barbosa – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – Appointment of Insurance/Health Benefit Consultant

Mr. Kennedy read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Mrs. Hernandez, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mmes. Pestana, Barbosa – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – Appointment of Auditor

Mr. Kennedy read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Mrs. Pestana, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mmes. Pestana, Barbosa – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – Appointment of Chief Medical Inspector

Mr. Kennedy read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pestana, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mmes. Pestana, Barbosa – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – Appointment of Medical Inspectors

A motion was made by Mr. Neron, seconded by Mrs. Chevres, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mmes. Pestana, Barbosa – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – Appointment of Treasurer of School Moneys

A motion was made by Mr. Neron, seconded by Mrs. Pestana, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mmes. Pestana, Barbosa – 9

Negative: None



Resolution – Schedule of Board Meetings

A motion was made by Mr. Neron, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mmes. Pestana, Barbosa – 9

Negative: None

Board President 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.”

Since there were no citizens signed in to address the Board, Mrs. Barbosa declared this portion of the public meeting closed.

Mrs. Barbosa asked if there were any comments or concerns from Board members.

Mrs. Carvalho congratulated the President, Vice President, and re-elected Board members. Mrs. Carvalho stated that she looks forward to a very productive 2020 and thanked her colleagues for everything they do and stated that she looks forward to supporting each and every one of them.

Mrs. Barbosa wished everyone a Happy New Year.

On a motion by Ms. Bathelus, seconded by Mrs. Pestana, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Chevres, Hernandez, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mmes. Pestana, Barbosa – 9

Negative: None

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