

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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A special meeting of the Board of Education was called on October 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., in the Dunn Sports Center, 151 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Prior to the start of the meeting the students from Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 Jazz Band performed *All Blues* by Miles Davis. Mr. Nazco thanked the students for the wonderful performance.

Board President Fernando Nazco presented the following statement at 7:15 p.m.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is a special 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 Thursday, October 18, 2012. In addition, this notice is posted on the Bulletin Board in the lobby of 500 North Broad Street, and pursuant to this act, a copy has been filed with the City Clerk of Elizabeth.”

“I wish to extend a warm welcome to everyone present to this October 23, 2012 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. I also ask that you silence the sound on your electronic devices. Since it is legally mandated that these proceedings be accurately recorded, I may have to ask for order periodically should noise begin to interfere with our recording capabilities. I am pleased that you have taken time this evening to join us. 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 must sign in one hour prior to the advertised start of the meeting 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: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Monteiro, Perreira, Trujillo, Nazco – 7

Absent: Mrs. Munn, Mr. Padlo – 2

Superintendent of Schools Pablo Muñoz, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Board Counsel Kirk Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Schools Jennifer Barrett, Assistant Superintendent for Family and Community Outreach Jerome Dunn, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Olga Hugelmeyer, Assistant Board Secretary Donald Goncalves, Comptroller William Greene and members of the public were in attendance.

Mr. Nazco welcomed everyone and stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools is dedicated to recognizing students and team members who continually pursue excellence and contribute to the district’s vision of becoming one of the best school systems in America. Mr. Nazco stated that the Perfect Scores Award Ceremony was created to support this end by honoring students who achieve a perfect score on the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK).

Mr. Nazco stated that the NJ ASK is a state mandated test which is administered annually to third through eighth grade students in order to assess their proficiency levels in mathematics, language arts and science. Mr. Nazco stated that the ceremony includes the recognition of the perfect score students' teachers who have been instrumental in helping these students reach academic excellence. Mr. Nazco stated that there are 331 perfect scores being honored tonight.

Colors were presented during the Flag Ceremony by members of the Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy Marine Corps Junior R.O.T.C., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ricky Castaneda, ninth grade student from Elizabeth High School.

The *Star-Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key was performed by the Victor Mravlag School No. 21 @ 31 and William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31 jazz choir.

Mr. Francisco González gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Ethics was led by Juliana Rodriguez, student at Terence C. Reilly School No. 7.

Mr. Nazco introduced a video presentation of the Core Beliefs and Commitments.

Mr. Nazco introduced students from Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 jazz band who performed *Memory of Dunhuang* by Gao DiXiang. Mr. Nazco thanked the students for a wonderful performance.

Mr. Monteiro stated that he is overwhelmed with emotion in seeing all of the beautiful faces who have achieved 331 perfect scores which is the largest group in Elizabeth history. Mr. Monteiro stated that what makes it even better is to have 2,000 people sitting behind you brimming with pride for having helped you arrive at this celebration. Mr. Monteiro stated that they say nothing great is ever achieved without enthusiasm and he feels an energy here tonight that cannot be manufactured. Mr. Monteiro asked the students if they are excited to be here tonight, if they are proud of their schools and community, and if they believe that their teachers, parents, guardians and everyone here tonight want to see them achieve their dreams. Mr. Monteiro stated that he hopes they are because on the podium are the Board of Education members who give up their time so that we can create a school district that will help you achieve your greatest potential. Mr. Monteiro stated that this Board of Education believes in the children and you might not realize it yet but you already are an American success story.

Mr. Monteiro stated that it is unfortunate that throughout life you will find people that are naysayers and people who will try to discourage you and to not ever listen to those people and don't accept those who lack the integrity to tell you the truth. Mr. Monteiro stated that each and every one of you will prove them wrong. Mr. Monteiro stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools is the best urban school district in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Monteiro stated that these are your accomplishments and you deserve to be recognized. Mr. Monteiro stated that all over the State of New Jersey there are children who will never have the moment you are having tonight, they might even live in places like Westfield, Short Hills, and Princeton but you did it and you are from Elizabeth, New Jersey and we are so proud of you and all the parents here tonight. Mr. Monteiro commented that many of you did not have everything handed to you and earlier this evening he spoke with a single mother who moved to this country a few years ago with only four hundred dollars and thought that was sufficient to get her through the first four weeks but it took her more than six months to find a steady job and there were moments of anguish and despair and there were moments that she cried believing that she might actually have to return to her country, and she stayed because she didn't have enough money to return, always working and struggling. Mr. Monteiro stated that she said something that touched him, that she knew that she could at least give her children an education, that she knew that the schools were safe and that she had hope that she could fulfill the dreams of her child. Mr. Monteiro stated that families of the children here have paid an extraordinary price like his family did when they came to this

country so that you could achieve greatness. Mr. Monteiro stated that each and every one of you has already excelled at that and you renew our hope in the promise of our American dream.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina congratulated everyone and stated that this evening we are celebrating the success of our children. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that the State of New Jersey requires that all students take the NJ ASK to measure their progress and what they have achieved academically. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that we have seen the progress of our children and the dedication and the love that you give to your children and our children are our future. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that when many of us arrived in the United States we arrived here with the American Dream and tonight you have arrived at this point. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that your children are the biggest treasure that you have and this evening you are celebrating the fruit of your labor and it is very important that we continue to give the support to our children for the rest of their lives. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that we are the No. 1 Urban District in the State of New Jersey, we have been categorized as one of the best schools, we have 3 National Blue Ribbon Schools, we have six academies and we have constructed 17 schools so there will be less students in each classroom, we have large sports facilities, and have implemented uniforms for our children. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that years ago our district was categorized as one of the districts that did not achieve much in academics and today we have demonstrated that we are the No. 1 Urban School District in the State of New Jersey. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina congratulated everyone and commented that we should continue the progress.

Mr. Trujillo welcomed everyone and commented that we are so proud of all the children. Mr. Trujillo stated that Elizabeth is the fourth largest school district in the great State of New Jersey and being a large, urban school district there are a lot of challenges. Mr. Trujillo stated that there are those who feel we don't deserve the success that we have and often there are detractors who look down at us and feel that they are better than us just because we are from Elizabeth. Mr. Trujillo stated that we are succeeding in Elizabeth and our children are getting the education they need and that isn't done by accident, that it is done with hard work and dedication and it is a team effort. Mr. Trujillo stated that the Board of Education sets the policies and the policies are driven by the administrators, Mr. Pablo Muñoz and his staff, and it goes down to the classroom where the teachers make their lesson plans and drive the curriculum. Mr. Trujillo stated that the children are like sponges and absorb all this knowledge and when they take home the homework there is magic there too, that the television is turned off and often the parents sit at the table with them and take an interest in their education. Mr. Trujillo stated that when that all comes together the magic of the perfect score is made. Mr. Trujillo stated that he knows it isn't easy, that he has two children in the school district and he and his wife work very hard and know it isn't easy to turn off the television and sit at the table. Mr. Trujillo stated that it takes a lot of sacrifice to educate our children but we can't do it without the parents and their involvement is the key to their child's success. Mr. Trujillo stated that during election season you hear that education is important and that investing in education is important and we have to do our fair share which doesn't only mean investing resources but investing our time and loving our children and being part of their education.

Mr. Trujillo stated that earlier in the year the Board thought it was a good idea to move the Board of Education elections to November because we felt not enough people were participating and by doing that we opened a whole new door of the unknown and we don't know how many people are going to participate in this election. Mr. Trujillo stated that right now there is a soldier who is away on the other part of this earth serving our country so you and I have the right to vote on November 6th and that it is important that we vote and it is important that we pay attention to who we vote for and know who are our detractors. Mr. Trujillo stated that he won't tell you who to vote for and that he will only tell you who he is voting for and why. Mr. Trujillo stated that in Elizabeth, the fourth largest school district in the State of New Jersey, this Board of Education has delivered results. Mr. Trujillo stated that we built School Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 50, 51, and 52, we entered into a partnership with the Archdiocese for St. Hedwig's, St. Adalbert's, Blessed Sacrament, St. Catherine's and St. Patrick's. Mr. Trujillo stated that hopefully in January we will be opening School No. 8 at St.

Patrick's in Elizabethport. Mr. Trujillo stated that over the last ten years as this Board has become an independent Board we have created over 1,500 good paying jobs in the City of Elizabeth. Mr. Trujillo stated that School No. 21 is under construction and EHS Cicarell Academy is under construction and there will be more jobs and more education opportunities for our children. Mr. Trujillo stated that everyone should pay attention and as you read all the negative things, please stop and think that your children are succeeding and you have taken advantage of the opportunities and education in the City of Elizabeth. Mr. Trujillo stated that there are many faces like this around the City of Elizabeth and this success isn't easy and it isn't driven without your support. Mr. Trujillo stated that he hopes that on November 6th you have the courage to vote and support the Board of Education members' incumbent ticket to continue this progress and together we are going to be the No. 1 school district in the State of New Jersey and eventually in the nation.

Mr. Nazco thanked the Board members for their comments and introduced Superintendent Pablo Muñoz.

Superintendent Pablo Muñoz welcomed everyone to our Perfect Score Celebration and stated that we will honor the students who worked so hard last school year, the teachers who helped the students learn to achieve the perfect scores, and the top ten K-12 schools and top ten preschools. Mr. Muñoz stated that this is another chapter in our history of becoming one of the best school systems in the America and today we are the No. 1 Urban District in the State of New Jersey, we have two nationally ranked high schools, Elizabeth High School and Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy, and three National Blue Ribbon Schools which means we have three of the best elementary schools in all of America including Terence C. Reilly School No. 7, Victor Mravlag School No. 21 @ 31, and William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31.

Mr. Muñoz congratulated the 2011-2012 top ten performing K-12 schools including a tie for 9th place, Christopher Columbus School No. 15, Principal Richard Esperon, and Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30, Principal Arlene Campbell; 8th place, Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29, Principal Linda Seniszyn; 7th place, Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26, Principal Howard Teitelbaum; 6th place, Abraham Lincoln School No. 14, Principal Michelle Cunha; 5th place, Victor Mravlag School No. 21 @ 31, Principal Michael Webb; 4th place, Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy, Principal, George Mikros; 3rd place, William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31, Principal Michael Webb, 2nd place, Terence C. Reilly School No. 7, Principal Jennifer Cedeno; and 1st place, Elizabeth High School, Principal Michael Cummings. Mr. Muñoz and the Board members congratulated the principals and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Muñoz congratulated the 2011-2012 top ten performing preschools including 10th place, Elmora School No. 12, Principal Philip Gomez; 9th place, Proceed II Early Childhood Development Center, Director Xiomara Lara; 8th place, Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6, Vice Principal James Mondesir; 7th place, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 52, Principal Liteove Tighe; 6th place, Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, Principal Carlos Lucio; 5th place, Egenolf Early Childhood Center, Executive Director Lorraine Cooke; 4th place, Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30, Principal Arlene Campbell; 3rd place, Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29, Principal Linda Seniszyn; 2nd place, Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 51, Principal Jocelyn Rodriguez; and 1st place, Frances C. Smith Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 50, Principal Kathy DiProfio. Mr. Muñoz and the Board members congratulated the principals and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Muñoz stated that through the years since 2005 there has been an increase in the number of perfect scores, that in 2005 before the Board made a change in leadership there were 12 perfect scores, after the change in leadership there were 45 perfect scores in 2006, 23 perfect scores in 2007, 74 perfect scores in 2008, 275 perfect scores in 2009, 330 perfect scores in 2010, and 330 perfect scores in 2011. Mr. Muñoz stated that tonight we are happy to acknowledge the number of perfect scores including 81 perfect scores in third grade mathematics; 89 perfect scores in fourth grade with 52 in mathematics, 36 in science, and 1 in language arts; 53 perfect scores in

fifth grade mathematics; 39 perfect scores in sixth grade mathematics; 6 perfect scores in seventh grade mathematics; and 63 perfect scores in eighth grade with 59 in mathematics and 4 in science. Mr. Muñoz stated that for 2012 there are 331 perfect scores in the Elizabeth Public Schools. Mr. Muñoz stated that since 2005 there has been a change of 2,650% since we started our mission to become one of the best school systems in America.

Mr. Nazco thanked Superintendent Pablo Muñoz. Mr. Nazco stated that the support and guidance from the parents and guardians has helped these children to be the best students in the State of New Jersey and these students took the same test that was taken in places like Westfield, Summit, and Princeton and in that test they have proven themselves to perform at the highest level possible for the State of New Jersey. Mr. Nazco stated that this year we are celebrating 331 perfect scores of 300 on the NJ ASK State Assessment. Mr. Nazco stated that we are the best urban school district in the State of New Jersey and many of the children here are destined to attend the finest universities in our nation and we are convinced that we will be one of the best school districts in America within the next five years.

Mr. Nazco recognized the teachers who taught the students who achieved a perfect score on their State Assessments in 2011-2012 including third grade language arts teacher Jane Gladis; third grade mathematics teachers Ruby Bordoloi, Cara Caruano, Vanessa Clarke, Daniel Cress, Cheryl Episcopo, Ivette Figueroa, Maria Guarraci, Joanne Imperiale, Marguerite Jensen, Anne Margaret Johnson, Lisa Kaverick, Heather Klein, Maria Labrador, Samira Laskey, Elizabeth Lee, Susanna Lomaz, Michele Lourenco, Monica Luzardo, Milena Maya, Sarah Minervino, Gladys Miranda, Kristina Mitovski, Amber Palombo, Lisa Rafoa, Silvia Ramirez-Walp, Diane Seested, Jessica Serafin, Lisa Stankiewicz, Tequila Stuckey, Katia Teixeira, Gwen Tenenbaum, Amy Vergara Rios, Nilaja Watkins, and Kimberly Waugh.

Mr. González continued with the recognition of the fourth grade mathematics teachers Alison Beckles, Susan Cameli, Christopher Clarity, Erin Devaney, Nicole Gebhart, Shari Gershenfeld, Jane Gladis, Marcy Hackett, Scott Kauffman, Rafael Lopez, Heather McAteer, Michael Piazza III, Stefanie Sacca, Isabel Sousa, Katherine Spanos, Tanya Tenturier, Jannette Turano, Jennifer Whitford, and Adriano Zambrano; fourth grade science teachers Joel Arisso, Susan Cameli, Erin Devaney, Nicole Distefano, Elizabeth Duda, Colleen Flanigan, Maria Fuentes, Nicole Gebhart, Jane Gladis, Rosemary Grillo, Scott Kauffman, Mary Mula, and Michael Piazza III; fifth grade mathematics teachers Ellen Cohn, Melissa Florczak, Traci Freeman, Susan Hernandez, Theresa Kennedy, Ralph Marciano, Barbara Mason, Neda Ogbevre, Kimberly Pantano, Catherine Simon, Rosaria Smeraglia, Patricia Smutek, and Virginia Tropeano; sixth grade mathematics teachers Michelle Damanski, Loretta Davis-Chambers, Lorraine Gilbert, Arlene Greenfield, Carol Kowalski, Jessica Leroux, Robin Murphy, Peter Pantano, Alak Parmar, Mario Paternoster, and Erin Sugrue; seventh grade mathematics teachers Carmen Adamcik, Kristi Godfrey, Morgan Leavitt, Patricia Mahon, and Benson Onyeugbo; eighth grade mathematics teachers Patricia Bittner, Charmara Davis, Danielle Doyle, Shivy George, Kristi Godfrey, Abby Hersch, Adriana Kolovani, Brittany Komack, Jo Kumar, Michelle Marte, Phillip Orsini, Frederick Pata, and Romeo Simoes; and eighth grade science teachers Maria Borkowsky, William Clark, and Megan Roszkowski. The Board members congratulated the teachers and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Donoso recognized the students who received a perfect score on the 2011-2012 NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 3 Mathematics including Ishak Abdelrahman, Elissar Abou Jaoude, Miguel Alvarez, Christian Anguiano-Herrera, Kalyn Angulo, Kwame Ankama, Kennice Asse, Daniell Baliquig, Alexander Batista, Diana Benenaula, Mark Boktor, Kevin Bono Anza, Renzo Calle, Kevin Castillo, Matthew Castro, Yamileth Hernandez, Kiara Colon, Ricardo Conrado, Owen Cordoba, Dereck Corzo, Danielle Cullinan, Ryan Davis, Ryan Dia, Ariana Dilandro, Leslie Dominguez, Da’Nae Dunham, Brian Espinoza, Sofia Favale, Dyana Felipe, and Emilly Figueiredo.

Mr. Perreira continued with the recognition of the students who received a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 3 Mathematics including Hailey Figueroa, Zahlin Ford, Ashley Fuentes, Daniel Garcia, Nicole Garcia, Gina Gomez, Valeria Gonzalez, John Guzman, Aneesah Hall, Tiffany Henao, Oslay Hernandez, Julian Hincapie, Darnell Holt, Jr. Youssef Ibrahim, Olivia Iheke, Mohammad Islam, Carlos Jimenez, Nicholas Lage, Ivan Lin, Taysia Lincoln, Melany Lopez, Robert Lopez, Sebastian Massella, Brianna Minor, Kaitlyn Morales, Manuel Morales, Fabricio Badano, Istabraq Musa, Jannatul Mustari, Steven Narvaez-Mendieta, Daniela Oblitas, Valentina Osorio-Lopez, Felipe Paz, Pamela Pereyra, Melanie Renjifo-Saa, Nicholas Rios, Dency Rivera, Daniella Rivera-Agudelo, Andrew Rodriguez, Jacob Rodriguez, Sebastian Rodriguez, Franco Rondan, Kerolles Roshdey, Jose Sanchez, Elijah Santiago, Zoe Santos, Matthew Suri, Carolyn Vargas, Diego Vilchis, Wilona Wiafe, and Helen Yanes. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Perreira recognized the students who received a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 4 Mathematics including Alejandra Acevedo, Nehad Ali, Jason Alvarez, Reynaldo Arias, Santiago Arrendondo, James Bally, Melvin Bermudez, Jaden Brea, Cesar Chavez, Andrea Collier, Dennise Criollo-Quille, Lukas Czarnocki, Angel DaSilva, Veronica Davila, Santiago Diaz, Ayianna DosSantos, Bethany Gallagher, Ayami Gemino, Sebastian Grijalba, Steven Gutierrez, Rafa Hossain, Madison Huntley, Daniel Iregui, Kevin Jaramillo, Justin Londono, Johanna Martinez, Marilee Martinez, Angelica Mendoza, Joel Montalvo, Rowan Nagy, Zaki Najeeb, Tamara Nopo, Kelly Olivera, Kahleb Ortega, Ricardo Perez, Melvin Quintana, Joseph Riascos, Elvin Rodriguez, Juliana Rodriguez, Martin Rodriguez, Matthew Roman, Ricardo Ron, Steven Saavedra, Levi Salas, Kimverly Silva, Goncalo Teixeira, George Tice, Derick Vanegas, Kaileigh Volker, Samuel Sanchez, Jason Zambrano, and Wistel Zamor. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Perreira recognized Juliana Rodriguez who achieved a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments for Grade 4 Language Arts. Mr. Perreira congratulated Juliana Rodriguez for her achieving a perfect score on both of the NJ ASK State Assessments for Grade 4 Mathematics and Language Arts. The Board members congratulated Juliana Rodriguez and presented her with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Perreira recognized the students who received a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 4 Science including Adriana Abad, Reynaldo Arias, Ryan Arriaga, Akua Atweaban, Khalid Bashir, Alan Cedeno, Jesenia Cueto, Lukas Czarnocki, Vanessa Galarza, Ayami Gemino, Carla Henriquez, Tailia Hernandez, Rafa Hossain, Madison Huntley, Bryan Jaimes, Hyoboem Kim, Gianna Lamanna, Michael Laumbach, Daniel Lordelo, Carlos Maldonado, Navaeh Martins, Keren Morales, Adrian Nwosu, Devon Ortiz, Nicholas Pascariello, Ricardo Perez, Brandon Ramos, Joseph Riascos, Adrian Rocha, Beatriz Santos, Jonathan Solorzano, Alejandra Soto, Edward Talubas, Goncalo Teixeira, George Tice, and Samuel Sanchez. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Perreira recognized the following students who achieved a perfect score on both of the NJ ASK State Assessments for Grade 4 Mathematics and Science including Reynaldo Arias, Lukas Czarnocki, Ayami Gemino, Rafa Hossain, Madison Huntley, Ricardo Perez, Joseph Riascos, Goncalo Teixeira, George Tice, and Samuel Sanchez. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Nazco recognized the students who achieved a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 5 Mathematics including Marawan Aboelwafa, Andrew Aboy, Lesly Argueta, Najmir Armstead, Leslie AVECILLAS, Camila Calvino, Estefania Castillo, Paul Castro, Bryan Coronel, Erick Cortes, Geraldine Diaz, Justin Dolalas, Leslie Estevez, Romina Gadea,

Lennin Galan, Juliet George, Ahmed Ghani, Denny Goncalves, Daniil Grodskiy, Sarah Guerrero, Wilmer Guevara, Alexis Hernandez, David Hernandez-Guiro, Jessica Lage, Jennifer Lynes, Karl Manabat, Genesis Mata-Torres, Nicolas Mena, Armando Merino, Camilo Minier, Nathalia Perez, Carlos Morales, Kaylee Morales, Mitesh Narotam, Adrianna Nazco, Danny Nolasco, Alberto Polanco, Rolando Quintana, Antonia Ramirez, Kevin Ramos, Raquel Ramos, Anthony Rincon, Alejandro Rodriguez-Buseman, Ariadne Romero, Dennis Salmanowitz, Daniel Soto, David Szaro, Jasmine Tan, Geena Tutundzic, David Valencia, Christopher Vergara, Jason Wong, and Jonathan Zelaya. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Trujillo recognized the students who achieved a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 6 Mathematics including Stephany Aristizabal, Stephanie Barraza, Jocelyn Bejar, Abdul Bhuyan, Junior Brice, Katrina Capindica, Ovidio Chavez, Janiya Copper, Andres Cordero, Adrian Corona, Oscar Despaigne, Jr., Thomas Dolalas, Caleb Fornes, Anthonie Gallego, Giselle Garcia, Brian Gomes, Jeffrey Gonzalez, Walter Guzman, Matthew Herrera, Alejandra Hincapie, Martin Idrovo, Yelitza Lara, Jaquil Lovett, Justin Molina, Marcos Molina, Carolyn Moreira, Bruno Moscoso-Rodriguez, Jordy Orozco, Raul Palomo, Jhonatan Ramirez, Alyne Restrepo, Ruben Rivero Joshua Savinon, Kevin Szymborski, Linsey Thezard, Gianna White, Joseph Torsiello, Berenice Vilchis, and Indi Torres. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Trujillo recognized the students who achieved a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 7 Mathematics including Brandon Albornoz, Leslye Erazo-Diaz, Judelynn Jeannoute, Beven Mathew, Giselle Omar and Alicia Roman. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Trujillo recognized the students who achieved a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 8 Mathematics including Joshue Alvarez, Santiago Arango, Kimberly Avelar, Juan Ball, Jonnathan Baquero, Robert Barboza, Shauna Bolton, Woodley Bouzy, Windia Cassy, Ricky Castaneda, Priscilla Chinchilla, Emiliano Chirigliano, Hak DeSousa, Beren Delgado, Destiny Dozier, Bruna Esteves, Kevin Ferreira, Kevin Gallardo, Cinthia Garcia, Abraham Gomez, Willie Gutierrez, Mario Henao-Obando, Astrid Hernandez, Martin Hidalgo, Raymond Hildebrandt, Rana Ibrahim, Soongni Ilemabila, Jonathan Jaimez-Reyes, Alejandro Jimenez, Jesenia Lazo, Francis Legra, Rodrigo Leites, Nicole Lopez, Adriana Luis, Miguel Meireles, Linda Mendez, Arol Millado, Juan Miranda, Bruno Miura, Bismark Montiel, Tristen Moore, Daniela Moreira, Shane Ngai, Mathew Nunez, Isaiah Owens, Josue Palacios, Diego Perez, Mykhalo Petrovsky, Victor Prado, Daniel Restrepo, Jodie Saint-Val, Miguel Salcedo, Waad Sayed, Amy Sorto, Gabriel Valdez-Cagua, Steven Velez, Ashley Villarreal, Erik Wilson, and Leonardo Zuniga. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized the students who achieved a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 8 Science including Kevin Ferriera, Martin Hidalgo, Jonathan Jaimez-Reyes, and Raquel Jordao. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized the following students who achieved a perfect score on both of the NJ ASK State Assessments for Grade 8 Mathematics and Science including Kevin Ferreira, Martin Hidalgo, and Jonathan Jaimez-Reyes. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Nazco congratulated the students who achieved a perfect score, the teachers, and the parents and thanked everyone for attending.

On a motion by Mr. Trujillo, seconded by Mr. Donoso, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Monteiro, Perreira, Trujillo, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

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