

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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A special meeting of the Board of Education was called on October 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., in the Dunn Sports Center, 151 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Prior to the start of the meeting the students from Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30 Chorus performed *Elijah Rock*, author unknown, *I'll Be There* by Berry Gordy, Hal Davis, and Willie Hutch, and *Stand By Me* by Ben E. King, Jerry Leiber, and Mike Stoller. Mr. Monteiro thanked the students for the wonderful performance.

Board President Tony Monteiro presented the following statement at 6:45 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 Monday, October 20, 2014. 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 28, 2014 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."

"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: Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 8

Absent: Mr. Rodriguez – 1

Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Schools Linda Seniszyn, Assistant Superintendent for Schools Rafael Cortes, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Jennifer Cedeno, Assistant Board Secretary Donald Goncalves, Supervising General Counsel/Board Attorney Marvin Lehman and members of the public were in attendance.

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 Katherine Velasquez, eighth grade student from Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30.

The *Star-Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key was performed by the Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30 Chorus and Jazz Band.

Mr. Francisco González gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Ethics was led by Andrea Pachas, eighth grade student from Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30.

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

Mr. Monteiro introduced students from Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30 Jazz Band who performed *Cool Joe* by Benny Golson and Quincy Jones with student soloists Diego Garcia on tenor saxophone, Daniel Ortego on trumpet, and Gabriel Deolindo on bass guitar. Mr. Monteiro thanked the students for a wonderful performance.

Mr. Monteiro welcomed everyone and stated that he is overwhelmed with emotion seeing all of the happy faces of our youth and all the dreams that education has to offer. Mr. Monteiro stated that as Board President he is particularly proud of this group as they are the largest Perfect Score group in the history of this district with 497 Perfect Scores. Mr. Monteiro stated that this is also the largest group to ever attend a Perfect Score rally with over 2,000 people brimming with joy for having helped you arrive at this great celebration. Mr. Monteiro told the students that their parents, guardians, relatives, and friends all support their accomplishments. Mr. Monteiro stated that the students may not know this but the adults struggled to get you where you are today and worked so hard so that many of you can be here in the Elizabeth Public Schools in the State of New Jersey and in this great nation. Mr. Monteiro told the students that they will never achieve great things without enthusiasm. Mr. Monteiro asked the students if they are excited about being Number One, if they are proud of their schools, and if they are going to achieve great things and stated that he believes they are. Mr. Monteiro stated that there are a number of Board members here tonight who are truly committed to the students, the community and their education. Mr. Monteiro introduced Vice President Elcy Castillo-Ospina, Charlene Bathelus, Rafael Fajardo, Francisco González, Stanley Neron, Paul Perreira, and Carlos Trujillo. Mr. Monteiro introduced Superintendent Olga Hugelmeyer, New Jersey Assemblyman Joe Cryan, and stated that these individuals give up their time and energy so that they can create a school district that will help you achieve your greatness. Mr. Monteiro stated that the Board members believe in our City and even though they get attacked by some, they believe that we are the best in New Jersey. Mr. Monteiro stated that even though there are some who will try to mislead you, that is not the case and over the last ten years this district has built many, many new schools. Mr. Monteiro stated that we are currently under construction with the new Academic High School where many of you will attend. Mr. Monteiro stated that we have just recently announced that we will be building an additional gifted and talented school for 1,000 students. Mr. Monteiro stated that as many of you can see here tonight our scores are increasing so it is only natural that we increase the number of seats for the gifted and talented program. Mr. Monteiro stated that this Board is about achieving excellence. Mr. Monteiro stated that this Board and all the staff of the Elizabeth Public School system believe in the American Dream.

Mr. Monteiro stated that it is unfortunate that throughout life there are some naysayers and people who will try to discourage you. Mr. Monteiro stated that the reality is that throughout life you will find people who are negative and say you are not smart enough or not good enough. Mr. Monteiro stated that like many of you his parents came to this country many years ago from a different land and came with nothing but the clothes on their back to raise three boys. Mr. Monteiro stated that the times were very difficult back then and they struggled and moved from apartment to apartment. Mr. Monteiro stated that they believed in the American Dream because it was all about their children. Mr. Monteiro stated that the educational system back then wasn't the best and it certainly wasn't as good as it is today. Mr. Monteiro stated that as children he and his brothers always heard the little voices from the kids outside of Elizabeth who told us that we couldn't achieve greatness because we were from Elizabeth and we weren't smart enough, fast enough or good enough. Mr. Monteiro stated that his father and mother who worked seven days a week and fifteen hour days told us to never give up. Mr. Monteiro stated that they never gave up and came from a foreign country leaving everything behind. Mr. Monteiro stated that one day his middle brother received a phone call that his father, who owned a little bodega in Elizabethport with his mother, was shot by a poor soul who walked into the store and put a gun to his father's face and robbed him of only several dollars. Mr. Monteiro

stated that his father gave him what he had but he still pulled the trigger and shot his father. Mr. Monteiro stated that as young sons they ran to the hospital to find their father holding on to dear life and with God's good grace his father survived that horrific day. Mr. Monteiro stated that just this past Saturday his father turned eighty-four years old. Mr. Monteiro stated that two months after that horrible day his father said he was going back to the store and as sons they implored him not to go back to the store and not to open up. Mr. Monteiro stated that his father said no to his sons and that you never, ever give up and you shouldn't run from fear but run through it. Mr. Monteiro stated that his father didn't give up and he didn't want his three sons to give up. Mr. Monteiro stated that many years later those three boys from Elizabeth, who weren't good enough, weren't tall enough and weren't smart enough, became a judge, a Captain flying with United Airlines, and he is the President of the Board of the 4th largest school district in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Monteiro told the students to always believe in your dreams, dream often and dream big, but never, ever stop dreaming and you could be anything that you set your mind to. Mr. Monteiro stated that today they have proven that and the fact that they are all here today, 480 beautiful examples in this room and how wrong individuals can be about how smart we are and how good we are. Mr. Monteiro stated that even though the reality is that even though some will continue to refuse and to acknowledge our success the Elizabeth Public Schools is the Number One Urban School District in the State of New Jersey and we should be so proud of that. Mr. Monteiro stated that achievement is up and the facts speak for themselves and this is the largest group that has ever walked these halls all over the State of New Jersey. Mr. Monteiro stated that all over the State of New Jersey other children will never have a moment like you are a part of tonight and they might live in places like Westfield, Short Hills, and Princeton but you did it and you are from Elizabeth, New Jersey and you should be so proud of that. Mr. Monteiro stated that their family has paid an extraordinary price so that they can achieve their greatness. Mr. Monteiro stated that they renew our hope in the promise of the American Dream and for that we thank them. Mr. Monteiro thanked all the parents who participate and are engaged in our public school system. Mr. Monteiro stated that we know we don't just want to be the Number One Urban School District and we will be the Number One Public School District in the entire country. Mr. Monteiro thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Mr. Monteiro introduced a senior Board member who has been with the Elizabeth Board of Education for well over eighteen years and has led this wonderful transformation. Mr. Monteiro stated that ironically about ten years ago we were the 487th worst school district and today we are the Number One Urban School District in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Monteiro stated that twelve years ago we only had 23 Perfect Scores and today we have 497 Perfect Scores. Mr. Monteiro stated that you can see the correlation and someone who is very committed to this cause who took on this fight many years ago when his daughters were in the Elizabeth Public School system and it was a failing system. Mr. Monteiro stated that Mr. Fajardo took on the fight that we wouldn't let our schools fail and he went through a great deal of sacrifice and upheaval in his own life. Mr. Monteiro stated that today he couldn't be prouder of calling him his colleague and his friend, Board member Rafael Fajardo.

Mr. Fajardo stated that this is a very proud moment to be standing here in front of you and to see this wonderful event. Mr. Fajardo stated that a few years ago people could not believe that the Elizabeth Public School system could do it. Mr. Fajardo stated that those of us started this quest to climb that mountain for our children and his own children who attended the Elizabeth Public Schools. Mr. Fajardo stated that his entire family attended the Elizabeth Public Schools system and this is what it is all about families. Mr. Fajardo stated that we have built schools, we are training teachers, and we are giving computers to all the children so that they can compete with anybody in the United States of America because we are second to none. Mr. Fajardo stated that this is what this is all about education, education, education.

Mr. Monteiro thanked Board member Rafael Fajardo. Mr. Monteiro recognized former School Board Presidents Armando DaSilva and Fernando Nazco and former School Board member Stefano Calella who are present tonight.

Mr. Fajardo excused himself from the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Monteiro stated that we are very honored to have here with us tonight a representative from the great State of New Jersey where they know all too well what is taking place here in the Elizabeth school district. Mr. Monteiro stated that we are the fourth largest school district in the State of New Jersey and the three above us all have been taken over by the State but not this one because this one is doing outstanding. Mr. Monteiro stated that we couldn't be more pleased and honored to have with us our legislative district representative Assemblyman Joe Cryan.

New Jersey Assemblyman Joe Cryan congratulated the students for their great efforts and stated that he is proud of them. Assemblyman Cryan stated that when New Jersey asked these young people answered and we should be very proud of them indeed. Assemblyman Cryan told the students to follow their passion and when they get that chance they are going to move along and inspire other people and they are also going to have unique challenges. Assemblyman Cryan stated that along the way they are going to be questioned and sometimes folks will say it's not cool to get the 300 score. Assemblyman Cryan asked them how many times they have had to turn off the TV or not answer a text message or not do something they wanted because they had to study along the way. Assemblyman Cryan encouraged them to continue to make the right decisions and when they get the challenge and someone asks them to do what they shouldn't, don't do it, always be the yes and always be the one who includes people and always be the one who believes in the right thing and does it. Assemblyman Cryan told the students to always stand for what they believe in because they have been taught the right values. Assemblyman Cryan stated that tonight we celebrate a great night for the City of Elizabeth and every day we celebrate our great children. Assemblyman Cryan stated that together we will make sure that they have the things that they should have and encouraged the children to keep up the success, keep the progress and keep doing what you are doing.

Mr. Monteiro thanked Assemblyman Cryan and stated that Assemblyman Cryan fights hard in Trenton so they can send us more money to build and continue building these wonderful new schools here in the City of Elizabeth. Mr. Monteiro stated that the new school buildings are being built at no cost to the taxpayers in the City of Elizabeth.

Mr. Monteiro stated that we are the Number One Urban School District and we have 497 Perfect Scores. Mr. Monteiro introduced Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer.

Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer welcomed everyone to our Perfect Score Celebration and stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools is committed to equity and excellence for all students. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that excellence is achieved through high standards that ensure that all students grow to reach their highest levels year after year and are college and career ready as high school graduates. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that fostering an organization and culture of high expectations for all students requires the commitment of all of our team members. Mrs. Hugelmeyer introduced Assistant Superintendent for Schools Rafael Cortes, Assistant Superintendent for Schools Linda Seniszyn, and Interim Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Jennifer Cedenio. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that it is through the commitment and motivation from all of our principals, supervisors, teachers, guidance counselors, social workers, parents, and our Board of Education that excellence can be achieved. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that it is through the hard work of our students here each and every day that excellence can be achieved and it is for these reasons that we celebrate our students' achievement tonight. Mrs. Hugelmeyer quoted an unknown author, "Excellence can be obtained

if you care more than others think is wise; risk more than others think is safe; dream more than others think is practical; and expect more than others think is possible.”

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated our vision is that the Elizabeth Public Schools will be one of the best school systems in America and our school data is indicative of the fact that we outperform other large urban districts in New Jersey and we owe this success to the hard work of our school leaders, teachers, and our students. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that our mission is to provide excellent educational experiences and services to inspire every student to think, to learn, to achieve, and to care. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that she is proud that our school Board is committed to a vision of high expectations for student achievement and quality instruction that define clear goals toward our vision. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that our Board is accountability driven and focused on policies to improve student achievement. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that in her experience over the years in Elizabeth our Board is characterized as having strong shared beliefs and values about what is possible for students and their ability to learn and our school system and its ability for all children to reach those high levels. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that our school Board members invest countless hours on engaging our school community and improving student achievement through effective governance and this is why we are the Number One Urban School District in the State of New Jersey.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that our district’s crowning achievements include two national ranked high schools and the U.S. News and World Report evaluated more than 21,000 high schools across the nation and awarded schools Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards based on state proficiency standards and how well they prepare students for college. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that Elizabeth High School received a Gold award and Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy received a Silver award. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that a National Blue Ribbon Flag has become a flag of excellence and this recognition is awarded to schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students’ academic achievement. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that our district is proud to have three National Blue Ribbon Schools, Terence C. Reilly School No. 7, Victor Mravlag School No. 21, and William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31 which was awarded the Blue Ribbon Award in 2006 and again this year, 2014.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that each year we celebrate the top ten performing schools in the district and our approach gives top scores based on outcomes and our rankings are based on outstanding student test scores or in the case of preschool classrooms it is based on the scores of our classroom environments. Mrs. Hugelmeyer congratulated the 2013-2014 top ten performing K-12 schools including tenth place, Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy; tie for eighth place, Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30 and Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26; seventh place, Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29; sixth place, Victor Mravlag School No. 21; fifth place, Abraham Lincoln School No. 14; fourth place, Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy; third place, William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31; second place, Terence C. Reilly School No. 7; and first place, Elizabeth High School.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer congratulated the 2013-2014 top ten performing preschools including a tie for ninth place, Proceed I Early Childhood Development Center and Victor Mravlag School No. 21; a tie for seventh place, Wonder World and Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 29; sixth place, Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28; fifth place, Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 51; fourth place, Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26; third place, Terence C. Reilly School No. 7; second place, Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29; and first place, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 52.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that it is noted that nobody is perfect but our EPS students have proven that when it comes to scoring high on standardized tests they are in fact perfect. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the perfect scores of our students are from the hard work of our students, the hard work of their parents and the hard work of our teachers.

Mr. Trujillo excused himself from the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools has experienced extraordinary increases in the last few years and the perfect scores achieved in 2005 were only 12, in 2006 we had 45, in 2007 there were 23, in 2008 there were 74, in 2009 there were 275, in 2010 there were 330, in 2011 there were 330, in 2012 there were 331, and in 2013 there were 410. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that this year in grade 3 there were 145 perfect scores in math; in grade 4 there were 129 in math and 17 in science; in grade 5 there were 67 in math; in grade 6 there were 39 in math; in grade 7 there were 11 in math; and in grade 8 there were 77 in math and 12 in science; for a total of 497 perfect scores. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that demonstrates an increase of 4,042% overall from 2005 to 2014. Mrs. Hugelmeyer congratulated the students who achieved perfect scores on their NJ ASK assessments.

Mr. Monteiro introduced Board member Paul Perreira who recognized the students who received a perfect score in Grade 3 and the teachers who taught the students.

Mr. Perreira congratulated the students who received a perfect score and commented that it is a great night for all of us and we are so proud of you and next year we double the amount and we want to see you back again. Mr. Perreira recognized the students who received a perfect score on the 2013-2014 NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 3 Mathematics including Maruah Abedin, Jonathan Acevedo-Castaneda, Anthony Alicea, Andy Alvarez, Joe Alves, Gabriel Amaya, Marcel Aravantinos, Vanessa Arvaiza, Faris Areiqat, Isaac Ariza-Arango, Tariq Ashour, Ronaldo Avila, Josue Aviles, Nicolas Baez, Maria-Luisa Barbosa, Carlos Barreto, Cristopher Barrientos, Juan Bolanos, Anthony Bolton, Catherine Brizuela, Erica Caldas-Lopes, Edson Camara, Ahmir Canady, Jadon Carattini, Genisis Cardoza, Kylie Carrasquillo, Junior Cepeda, Qu'Sir Chambers-Lanier, Juelz Cheatham, Angel Cifuentes, David Coca, Gabriella Corona, Joseph Corticada, Jeniffer Cuahutitla, Canye Culver, Jordan Davila, David Delarosa, Iriana Diaz, Nick Diaz-Villa, Mauricio Escobar, Isabelle Fernandes, Jessenia Figueroa, Ismael Fuentes, Steven Gaitan, Nahuel Gallardo, Mina Gamal, Daniel Garcia, Carlos Garcia, Matthew Gonzalez, Jesus Guadalupe-Torres, Pablo Guillen-Rivera, Sergio Gutierrez, Aliza Gutierrez, Stephanie Gutierrez-Carmona, Joel Hanna, Amir Harris, Lindsey Hernandez, Heiner Hidalgo, Nicolas Hurtado, Michael Inga, N'Hoj Jefferson, Giovanni Jimenez, Bryan Larin, Lucia Laumbach, Gregory Lebron, Deejuanae Lewis, Yvonne Li, Benjamin Llames, Christopher Lopez, Yamila Martinez, Alondra Martinez, Jewel Medina, Chaniya Medina, Jadalynn Mendez, Giancarlo Mendoza, Yarisell Mendoza, Shaynah Merilan, Juan Moncaleano, Sarai Morales, Sean Morales, Sandy Mosaed, Joce Naguib, Asjal Nasir, Joseph Nazco, Eli Nolasco, Nathaly Nunez, Oluwatosin Ojo, Marisa Olavarria, Gift Omogunloye, Valeria Ordonez-Perez, Brian Ortega, Ernesto Ospina, Angelo Paiva-Bonilla, Cameron Patrick, Angelina Pereyra, Francisco Perezcotto, Axel Pillacela, Eric Poplawski, Anthony Pupo, Yanira Pyroll Gabriela Ramirez, Alejandro Ramirez, Lucas Reguinho, Fritz Rene, Sebastian Rincon-Garcia, Heather Rivera, Mario Robles-Ramos, Luisa Rocio, Damien Rodriguez, Max Rodriguez, Kaylin Rodriguez, Amari Rodriguez, Joel Rojas, Jorge Rosa, Bryanne Rubio-Reana, Elijah Sabedra, Brian Salas, Carlos Saldana, Krystel San Lucas, Cristian Sanchez, Jesus Santa Cruz, Anna Santos-Almeida, Ka-Deen Scarlett, Stephanie Seabra, Sarah Senatus, Johan Serna, Daniel Shapirto, Jah'Sir Shumate, Daniel Sousa, Jourdyn Stinnett, Aisha-Aina Tasso, Juneris Traveras, Avian Tirado, Zachary Valentin, Emily Valerio, Genesis Vanegas, Nicole Vargas, David Velez, Jose Venero, Jessica Verma, Mylen Videla, Felipe White, Daijah Wilson, Victor Zane, and Elisa Zapata. Mr. Perreira and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Perreira recognized third grade mathematics teachers who taught the students with Perfect Scores including Jaelyn Crismale, Sofia Dias, Amy Dreher, Cheryl Episcopo, Suzanne Fenelli, Ivette Figueroa, Marta Floyd, Maria Fuentes, Angie Garcia, Courtney Glover, Arlene Greenfield, Maria Guarraci, Susan Hernandez, Nicola Jeffery, Marguerite Jensen, Mary Johnston, Donna Junio, Lisa Kaverick, Nicole Kovacs, Maria Labrador, Amanda Lamorte, Elizabeth Lee-Reilly, Susanna Lomaz, Marylou Margadonna, Gregory Marsal, Vera Matos-Pereira, Milena Maya, Marivel Medeiros, Brenda Mesko, Nicole Miller, Sarah Minervino, Gladys Miranda, Johanna Ojeda, Amber Palombo, Monica Passione, Lisa Rafoa, Silvia Ramirez-Walp, Josephine

Rodriguez, Gina Rysinski, Blanche Scaturro, Diane Seested, Jessica Serafin, Ingrid Soares, Patricia Swick, Katia Teixeira, Gwen Tenenbaum, and Nilaja Watkins. Mr. Perreira congratulated the teachers and thanked them for working so hard for making sure the students were able to achieve their best which is a perfect score. The Board members congratulated the teachers and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Neron congratulated the students who received a perfect score and commented that it is a great night for all of us and we are so proud of you. Mr. Neron recognized the students who received a perfect score on the 2013-2014 NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 4 Mathematics including Juliana Abdelsayed-Roblero, Unique Acevedo, Kevin Acosta, Camila Aime, Daniel Almonte, Danae Arbelo, Paul Baez, Massimo Boccardo-Hollenstein, Allison Bravo, Melanie Bueno, Natalia Bukowska, Kimberly Caicedo, Erick Carbajal, Stephanie Carreto, Carlos Castaneda, Camila Castanon, Maria Castillo, Kevin Castillo, Moises Cespedes, Wesley Corea, Daniela Corticada, Scarlett Cruz, Eduardo DaCosta, Alyssa DaCosta, Cristiana DeSousa, Alexis Delgado, Charles, Diaz, Diana Domingues, Melissa Dominguez, Rafael Duran-Tinoco, Thiare Espinal, Vlarie Espinosa, Ruth Fernandez, Mia Fernandez, Mauro Ferreira, Vanya Funez, Lizeth Garzon, Karina Gatica, Gabriella Gonzalez, Marcus Gonzalez, John Goytia, Johnny Gutierrez, Jessica Guzman, Jadan Harris, Cristian Hernandez, Lesly Hernandez, Andres Hernandez-Guiro, Youtham Ibrahim, Giovanni Jackson, Samantha Jacob, Joseph Jara-Galindo, Jacob Jauregui, Aamani Jenkins, Luca Kinzel, Cierra Knight, Juan Ladino-Gonzalez, Emily Lazo, Samantha Llanos, Andy Lopez, Ronald Lovaina, Mikaela Luque, Kevin Machado, Stephanie Maya, Curtis McDougald, Aurio Medina, Sabrine Meilad, Geanly Mejia, Nicole Mendo, Ian Molina, Daniel Montoya, Anthony Morales, Erick Morey, Shimmeqa Morrison, Aidan Munoz, Isaiah Nana, Naya Nascimento, Allyson Navarro, Cristian Negron, Jade Nelson, Anthony Neyra, Christopher Noel, Jose Noppo, Jason Nya, Brenon Okano, Valerie Orellana, Jeynelee Ortiz, Emily Ospina, Lindsey Ospina, Jimmy Otarola, Collin Owens, Nicole Perdomo, Mia Perez-Pelaez, Matthew Pires, Kelvin Portillo, Caleb Prempeh, Bianca Quispe, Aaliyah Ramos, Nathaly Rendon, Kevin Rios-Ramirez, Zoe Rivera, Isabella Rivera, Amanda Rivera, Josue Rodas-Monasterio, Alexa Rodriguez, Meryann Rodriguez, Ashley Romero, Jazlyn Sacoto, Jamiel Saenz, Nicholas Salgado, Wonderful Santerre, Isabela Segarra, Mahele Temanna, Rafael Teheran, Layla Texeira, Irena Tutanari, Cesar Urbina-Martinez, Cristian Vasquez, Renata Vasquez, Ashley Vasquez, Jared Vega, Daniel Velasquez, Gabriel Velez, Juan Venero, Kylie Ventura, Rene Ventura, Catherine Vera, Brad Vicente, Carlos Villavicencio, and Michael Walski. Mr. Neron and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Neron recognized the teachers who taught the students who received a perfect score including Nino Armento, Alison Beckles, Joanna Britanak, Susan Cameli, Christopher Clarity, AnnMarie Dolan, Lauren Esposito, Joann Fletcher-Johnson, Jane Gladis, Elise Gorner, Marcy Hackett, Anne Margaret Johnson, Heather Kalish, Scott Kauffman, Veronica Kauffman, Rafael Lopez, Michele Lourenco, Hedda Maleh, Ralph Marciano, Steven Marshall, Linda Mayer, Nicole Rueda, Stefanie Sacca-Rivera, Robyn Schwartz, Nicole Scocca, Isabel Sousa, Tanya Tenturier, Stephanie Torres, Tanisha Tutt, Jennifer Whitford, Susan Surmay Wood, and Michele Zuber. Mr. Neron and Board members congratulated the teachers and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Neron recognized the students who received a perfect score on the 2013-2014 NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 4 Science including Hiram Acosta, Daniel Almonte, AnnLaurie Andre, Susana Antunes, Erick Carbajal, Daniela Corticada, Simmi Dharan, Nicole Estrada, Sarah Giraldo, Adamaris Grande-Arriola, Teresa Kiarie, Valerie Marmol, Jorge Mora, Brendon Okana, Collin Owens, Jose Rodas-Monasterio, and Justin Pardo-Quizhpe. Mr. Neron and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Neron recognized the teachers who taught the students who received a perfect score including Diane Borchers, Christopher Clarity, Colleen Flanigan, Jessica Jourdain, Heather Kalish, Nicole Rueda, and Nicole Webb. Mr. Neron and Board members congratulated the teachers and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. González recognized the students who received a perfect score on the 2013-2014 NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 5 Mathematics including Magdalena Angeles, Nicole Aviles, Jackeline Barranzuela, Hector Bolanos, Kevin Bonilla, Jennifer Bueno-Guertasaca, Amy Cantillo, Erwin Carreto, Matthew Castro, Dereck Corzo, Sofia DaSilva, Brandon DaSilva, Ryan Dias, Nicole Diaz, Ariana Dilandro, Leslie Dominguez, Alexander Duque, Madlen Estfanous, Sofia Favale, Alyssa Feliciano, Youssef Ibrahim, Mohammad Islam, Filip Laba, Ivan Lin, Javier Linero-Quintana, Cristina Lopes-Esteves, Robert Lopez, Nathaly Marcelo, Sebastian Massella, Jayden Medina, Brian Melendez, Melissa Miketen, Ammika Millado, Gabriel Montas, Istabraq Musa, Jannatul Mustari, Maira Nadeem, Steven Narvaez-Mendieta, Kemiyah Nelson, Daniela Oblitas, Vitor Paiva, Soraya Pina, Ananto Prattay, Sean Quaye, David Radovic, Jesus Ramirez, Nicholas Rivera, Johanna Rivera-Moreno, Angeline Rodriguez, Mirian Rodriguez, Franklin Rodriguez, Minskhy Roger, Carolina Saire, Lisbel Samon-Gonzalez, Refka Seliman, Mazen Shamy, Franco Silva, Jonathan Silva, Matthew Suri, Ivona Szaro, D’ontae Tinsley, Carolyn Vargas, Samuel Viveiros, Katherine Wilches, Helen Yanes, Dimiana Zakaria, and Jason Zuloaga. Mr. González and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. González recognized the teachers who taught the students who received a perfect score including Christopher Adamick, Michael Billian, Richard Bohach, Joseph Catena, Uticka Chaney-Wilson, Lauren Depp, Ellen Cohn, Keith DePre, Erin Devaney, Traci Freeman, Jacqueline Gaston, Vincent Giuliano, Christine Lucia, Dana Malcolm, Sheldon Melbourne, Kimberly Pantano, Kayla Podell, Benjamin Privish, Robin Schrotter, Rosaria Smeraglia, Brendee Solomon, Joshua Solomon, Phyllis Taub, Story Thompson, and James Villarino. Mr. González and Board members congratulated the teachers and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Assistant Superintendent for Schools Linda Seniszyn recognized the students who achieved a perfect score on the 2013-2014 NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 6 Mathematics including Nehad Ali, Reynaldo Arias, Santiago Arredondo, Akua Atweaban, James Bally, Katrina Bergen, Joao Bitencourt, Natali Cardoza, Dennise Criollo-Quille, Jesenia Cueto, Victoria DosSantos, Emon Faiman, Kathleen Felli, Julian Ferrer, Vanessa Galarza, Karisma Holloway, Madison Huntley, Hyoboem Kim, Jessica Martinez, Johanna Martinez, Eva Mosquera, Kevin Ochoa, Adamary Perez, Ricardo Perez, Joseph Riascos, Gabriel Rivera, Kiasia Robinson, Nicole Rodriguez, Juliana Rodriguez, Matthew Roman, Justin Ruiz, Beatriz Santos, Diana Segarra, Luiza Silva, Jonathan Solorzano, Alejandra Soto, Goncalo Teixeira, George Tice, and Andres Troncoso. Mrs. Seniszyn and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Seniszyn recognized the teachers who taught the students who received a perfect score including Ewelina Bernatowicz, Ligia Cravo, Loretta Davis-Chambers, Nancy Frigoletto, Sandra Haase, Edward King, Jessica Leroux, Peter Pantano, Alak Parmar, Mario Paternoster, Allison Post and Erin Sugrue. Mrs. Seniszyn and Board members congratulated the teachers and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Jennifer Cedenó recognized the students who achieved a perfect score on the 2013-2014 NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 7 Mathematics including Najmir Armstead, Lazaro Barrios, Chelsea Bermeo, Ahmed Ghani, Denny Goncalves, Diego Martinez, Mitesh Narotam, Danny Nolasco, Maxdavis Oparanozie, Jason Salmanowitz, and Jason Wong. Mrs. Cedenó and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Cedenó recognized the teachers who taught the students who received a perfect score including Valentina Beqaj, Charmara Davis, Andrew Hutnik, Isaac Rimler, and Tina Zagha. Mrs. Cedenó and Board members congratulated the teachers and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer recognized the students who achieved a perfect score on the 2013-2014 NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 8 Mathematics including Luz Alfaro, Ronald Almagro, Jahaad Anderson, Angela Andrianopoulos, Stephanie Barraza, Jocelyn Bejar, Bailey Bertot, Abdul Bhuyan, John Bonilla, Junior Brice, Rolando Cano-Perez, Nelson Capela, Wai Chan, Ovidio Chavez, Brett Coleman, Jeremy Cruz, Maycol DeAquinho, Melanie Diaz, Gregory Diaz, Thomas Dolalas, Juliet Dominguez, Sebastian Echegaray, Jonathan Edwards, Carmen Flores, Giselle Garcia, Jeffrey Gonzalez, Ryon Harris, Matthew Herrera, Alejandra Hincapie, Martin Idrovo, Abigail Iheke, Juan Ladino-Gonzalez, Yelitza Lara, Robert Laumbach, Lisa Lopes, Sebastian Lopez, Jaquil Lovett, Allison Macias, Shunny Maisuria, Anthony Maldonado, Kiara Marques, Joel Martinez, Erika Martinez, Martha Mejia, Marcos Molina, Jose Montalvo, Bruno Moscoso-Rodriguez, Sayuri Naito, Juan Carlos Narvaez, Jordy Orozco, Carlos Ortiz, Nataly Osmá, Raul Palomo, Cory Phillippe, Albert Pimental, Leonardo Plaza, Luis Pupo, Jhonatan Ramirez, Joseph Ramos, Michael Ratsimbazafy, Amadeus Reid, Ruben Rivero, Marlon Rodriguez, Sebastian Rueda-Gallego, Taijah Santiago, Elisha Singleton, Lorena Solorzano, Kevin Tejada-Huezo, Linsey Thezard, Yahaira Torres, Joseph Torsiello, Alejandra Urbano, Bethany Vazquez, Natalia Velez, Irais, Ventura, Jonathan Vides, and Kevin Zheng. Mrs. Hugelmeyer and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer recognized the teachers who taught the students who achieved a perfect score including Kevin Ahimovic, Patricia Bittner, Ad Campo, Keturah Childs, George Ciggelakis, Heather Dill, Danielle Doyle, Kristina Eide, Shivy George, Abby Hersch, Harry Huber, Adriana Kolovani, Brittany Komack, John Kumar, Steven Litchfield, Sabine Louis, Michelle Marte, Phillip Orsini, Solaris Ortiz, Frederick Pata, Samantha Piscitelli, and Jossie Suero-Abreu. Mrs. Hugelmeyer and Board members congratulated the teachers and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer recognized the students who achieved a perfect score on the 2013-2014 NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 8 Science including Jocelyn Bejar, Brett Coleman, Adrian Corona, Jeremy Cruz, Thomas Dolalas, Jeffrey Gonzalez, Matthew Herrera, Marcos Molina, Juan Carlos Narvaez, Nataly Osmá, Luis Pupo, and Joseph Torsiello. Mrs. Hugelmeyer and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer recognized the teachers who taught the students who achieved a perfect score including Maria Borkowsky, Jahari Jacobs, Dallis Johnson, and Magdalena Zaremba Dabrowski. Mrs. Hugelmeyer and Board members congratulated the teachers and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer recognized the Teach to One teachers who taught the students who achieved a perfect score including Tracy Espiritu, Rebecca Kornblum, and Marvelis Perreira. Mrs. Hugelmeyer and the Board members congratulated the teachers and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Monteiro introduced the principals of the top ten schools including Michael Cummings, Principal of Elizabeth High School; Michael Webb, Principal of William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31; Theodore Panagopoulos, Interim Principal of Terence C. Reilly School No. 7; George Mikros, Principal of Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy; Kathleen Badalis, Principal of Abraham Lincoln School No. 14; MariCeli Sanchez, Principal of Victor Mravlag School No. 21; John Mellody, Principal of Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29; Howard Teitelbaum, Principal of Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26; Arlene Campbell, Principal of Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30, and Michael Ojeda, Principal of Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy. Mr. Monteiro and Board members congratulated the principals and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Perreira excused himself from the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

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

On a motion by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. González, Neron, Monteiro – 5

Negative: None

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