

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Elizabeth, New Jersey

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called on February 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in the Multi Purpose Room, Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education, 544 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Board President Carlos Trujillo presented the following statement at 7:55 p.m.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is a regularly scheduled 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, February 14, 2011. 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 and to our television viewers to this February 17, 2011 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: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva (arr. 9:39 p.m.), Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 9

Absent: None

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Board Attorney Kirk Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Schools Jennifer Barrett, Assistant Superintendent for Family and Community Outreach Jerome Dunn, Assistant Superintendent for Schools Aida Garcia, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Olga Hugelmeyer, Assistant Board Secretary Donald Goncalves, Executive Director of Human Resources/Labor Attorney Karen Murray and members of the public were in attendance.

Pastor Renato Castro of Iglesia Christiana Pentecostal “El Shaddai” gave the invocation.

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 Josue Robles, tenth grade student at Elizabeth High School.

National Anthem

The Pledge of Ethics was led by Nayelli Riano, tenth grade student at Elizabeth High School.

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

Mr. Trujillo introduced students from the Elizabeth High School Jazz Band who performed *True North* by Mike Dana and *Mas Production* by Matthew Harris. Mr. Trujillo thanked them for the wonderful performance.

Mr. Trujillo recognized students from the High School Boys Soccer Team for student excellence in sports including Kevin Hernandez, All Union County Second Team, All Conference Watchung Division; Luis Salcedo, All Conference Watchung Division; David Zorrilla, All Conference Watchung Division; Kevin Olaya, All Conference Watchung Division Honorable Mention; and Gustavo Zambrano, All Conference Watchung Division Honorable Mention; Head Coach Joseph Cortico and Assistant Coach Jacques Gonzales. Mr. Trujillo and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Trujillo recognized students from the High School Boys Football Team for student excellence in sports including Phillip Walker, NJSIAA First Team All Group 4 – Offense, All Union County First Team – Offense, All Conference Watchung Division – Offense; Devante Boles, All Union County Second Team – Offense, All Conference Watchung Division – Offense; Kevin Zaki, All Union County Third Team – Defense, All Union County Watchung Division – Defense; Elijah Hughes, NJSIAA Third Team All Group 4 – Defense, All Union County First Team – Defense, All Conference Watchung Division – Defense; Marcus Parker, All Conference Watchung Division – Defense; Ezekiel Villafana, All Conference Watchung Division – Defense; Jonathan Bonilla, All Conference Watchung Division – Defense; Carlos Cardenas, All Conference Watchung Division – Offense; Jahad Thomas, All Conference Watchung Division – Offense; Donnell Hubbert, All Conference Watchung Division Honorable Mention; and Head Coach John Quinn. Mr. Trujillo and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Trujillo recognized students from the High School Girls Volleyball Team for student excellence in sports including Jennifer Espinal, All Union County Second Team; Sheila Soriano, All Union County Third Team; and Head Coach Tania Labrador. Mr. Trujillo and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Trujillo recognized Natalie Antunes, High School Cross Country Team for student excellence in sports for being selected to the All Union County Third Team and Head Coach Larry Morgan. Mr. Trujillo and Board members congratulated Natalie Antunes and presented her with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Trujillo recognized students from the Jr. Varsity Soccer Team for student excellence in sports for being the Union County Tournament Champions including Bryan Aguirre, Alessandro Arnoux, Tegron Charles, Andre B. Clermont, Luis Diaz, Andres Duque, Renzo Falcon, Wyatt Franco, Israel Jimenez, Alexsander Juarez, Diego Lopes, David Moncada, Harry Malhi, Jorge Martinez, Brian Matos, Julian Mera, Vitor Nunes, Herton Oliveira, Eduardo Peralta-Vega, Luis Pino, Michael Silva, Camilo Toro, Carlos Ulloa, and Coaches Fillipo Russo and Luis Argondizza. Mr. Trujillo and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Trujillo stated that Superintendent Pablo Muñoz is not here tonight as he is presenting a report of the district's work and progress with the Panasonic Foundation. Mr. Trujillo stated that in his absence Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Olga Hugelmeyer will be representing the administration tonight.

Resolution – Uniform Question

Mr. Donoso read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Donoso, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Mr. Nazco stated that this is an important question to ask the City residents to approve on April 27th, that his three children attend the public schools here in Elizabeth and they all attend a school that requires uniforms. Mr. Nazco stated that it is appropriate to wear the uniforms and read from the resolution that it will “result in better behavior, greater school spirit and safety and higher academic achievement.” Mr. Nazco stated that it is imperative that we pass this resolution tonight and on April 27th so that all children that attend the schools in our district have the same uniforms, that it gives them a sense of pride, fitting in socially, that things can be difficult and this evens the playing field for everyone and that it is a tremendous advantage to have all the children in uniforms.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that as an educator she strongly supports the idea of uniforms, that she would like to be a role model and is trying every Board meeting to wear something that resembles a school uniform, that she wants the students to wear uniforms to have pride and as they enter the buildings they will feel they belong. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina encouraged the parents to support the new vision of the district for all of the students to wear uniforms.

Mrs. Munn stated that this is a very important resolution that she supports and encouraged others to support it. Mrs. Munn stated that there is a gang problem in the City of Elizabeth and this will help as it says in the resolution to “discourage gang affiliation” so we will know our children, what schools our children attend and be able to at least secure them and continue to secure our children in this district. Mrs. Munn stated that this is a very important resolution and encouraged the parents, teachers and everyone to support this resolution.

Mr. Perreira stated that everyone eligible to vote on April 27th needs to vote and support this resolution and that all the points made by his fellow Board members are important. Mr. Perreira stated that we have to be cognizant of the times we live in and there is definitely a gang problem that our City does not want to acknowledge. Mr. Perreira stated that the City does not want to get the resources they would if they did acknowledge the gang problem. Mr. Perreira stated that this is one way that the district and voters can acknowledge the gang problem and this is a way to fight it. Mr. Perreira stated that if students wear uniforms then you know who belongs to the school and who does not and that the students can't wear any gang colors. Mr. Perreira stated that he supports this resolution and everyone needs to be behind it.

Mr. González commented that he agreed with the comments from his fellow Board members and supports school uniforms. Mr. González encouraged all voters to support school uniforms and vote for this on April 27th, that this is important so we can be sure we can identify students and keep gangs out of schools. Mr. González stated that gangs are here, they are trying to get to our students and this is a way to fight it. Mr. González encouraged everyone to come out and vote on April 27th on this very important question that we are passing tonight as a resolution.

Mr. Trujillo stated that he supports this resolution for many of the same reasons that his colleagues have stated, that our children and their future is at risk, and that gangs in our schools is a reality that can no longer be ignored. Mr. Trujillo stated that we are putting this on the ballot because we want the community to take ownership of the problem, that we can only offer solutions and that it is the community's responsibility to take ownership of this problem. Mr. Trujillo stated that this is not going to solve it but it is going to help combat it, that every child deserves a chance to grow up in an Elizabeth that is drug free and gang free. Mr. Trujillo stated that tonight you saw how children can excel and join other groups like the Jazz Band. Mr. Trujillo stated that he has said this before, that when gang members want to recruit our children to join their gangs and create havoc in our City we give them alternatives, we give them saxophone, guitar, flute, drums, soccer ball, baseball, basketball, and volleyball. Mr. Trujillo stated that these are alternatives to the gangs and it is important that the residents of the City of Elizabeth understand that this question gives you ownership of the problem and helps you become part of the solution, and you will send a clear message that we are united behind our children and their safety. Mr. Trujillo stated that we cannot sit back and let this go away because it will not, that this starts on April 27th and continues for many, many years. Mr. Trujillo stated that this Board is open to the community's solutions and this is something the community has asked for and now it is time to put all those zealots who prefer to put their personal agendas ahead of our children to put it to rest. Mr. Trujillo stated that there are those in the community who do not support school uniforms simply because they do not support our children. Mr. Trujillo asked the community to stand behind this question and on April 27th come out and vote yes for this and bring a friend. Mr. Trujillo congratulated the Board for their courage showing true leadership in supporting this resolution and that he is proud to be here with his fellow Board members.

Resolution – Land Question

Mr. González read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mr. Donoso, that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Trujillo requested that the resolution be amended.

Mr. Gonzalez withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Trujillo, seconded by Mr. Donoso, that the amended resolution be adopted.

Mrs. Munn stated that this has been a passion of hers from the first day of being elected to the Board, that not every child is going to college, that we need a technical/vocational school to teach skills to our students so that when they graduate they can get a job making \$30 or \$40 an hour. Mrs. Munn stated that it is important that we educate the students in all areas of their life not just academically but to go into the community, give back to the community and be able to use a skill and that we are responsible for that, as Board members and as educators it is our responsibility not to just educate them for college but to educate them in life. Mrs. Munn stated that she highly supports this and is dedicated to see this project move forward and encouraged and recommended everyone to support this.

Mr. Nazco asked what other school district in the State of New Jersey has had the success that we have had opening new facilities over the past ten years and stated that we have opened new schools in this district including School Nos. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 50, 51, 52 and we are currently in the process of rebuilding School No. 21. Mr. Nazco stated that this week the NJ SDA approved the new Academic High School and that the people of the City and the people of the State recognize the ability that we have as a Board and as a school district to build these new facilities for the children of our City. Mr. Nazco stated that it is important and imperative because our high school is so overcrowded and yet there is such a need for this new vocational school that it is imperative, one of the most important issues that we can face as a community to secure the land for this new high school, that we have a proven record of building new facilities

that are state of the art, second to none, many of you have visited these and we happen to be in one tonight. Mr. Nazco stated that the advantage for our children to attend these new schools is paramount and urged the parents and citizens to support this question on the ballot on April 27th.

Mr. González stated that he is a proud graduate of Edison VoTech and supports this resolution, that we have had to cut a lot of these programs in the past for different reasons and we need to rebuild our vocational/technical skill set for our students. Mr. González stated that we need a facility that will be appropriate, that we need to partner with the unions such as the electricians' union and the plumbers' union to help us build the curriculum and to help us get the land and build the school so that we can train our students to be good citizens and to have careers that they can give back to the community. Mr. González stated that he supports this resolution and question so we can have the land to build a vocational/technical high school for the children of Elizabeth.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated she is involved with special education and that is a population that highly requires vocational skills, that most of our children do not have the ability to go to college, however all children can be educated and we must educate them and prepare them for the world. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that there is a population that highly needs our help and we have the opportunity to help and encouraged every parent and every citizen to vote in favor of this proposal.

Mr. Trujillo stated that he would like to add to his amendment, withdraw his previous motion and make a motion, that it is important that we as a community become partnerships in the solutions we offer for our children's education especially when building facilities. Mr. Trujillo stated that a friend made a comment that we go a long way sometimes to put property away for animals, we build green zones where there is no hunting, no building, and the animals are protected in these lands, and that is great. Mr. Trujillo asked but shouldn't we protect our children and save land for them so we can build high schools and other educational facilities. Mr. Trujillo stated that it is important that we remember our children when we make these decisions, and anyone who has lived here over the last ten years has realized that Elizabeth has not done the best it could with the resources in the City, that they went after ratables and got into bed with crooked construction companies who came in and built bad homes, and they overcrowded our schools and walked away with a ton of cash from these homes as they took advantage of the real estate market and left us with overcrowding and that isn't fair, not only to our educators who have stake in this and have to educate our children every day in crowded conditions but it isn't fair to our children, they had no fault, they had no voice, and they had no choice. Mr. Trujillo stated that it is time we try to reverse that.

Mr. Trujillo stated that he would like this to read, since this is City owned property, "where if the City doesn't give it to us then we are prepared to buy it." Mr. Trujillo stated that we want the land, that this is important, that he could not think of a bigger investment in our children's future, that if you look around this City there isn't anything to build on, and asked where would you put a high school. Mr. Trujillo stated that the Census shows that we continue to grow, that nothing indicates the contrary, that we will continue to grow, and that we are a young City with many children in our district and the high schools will only get more crowded. Mr. Trujillo stated if we could take steps today especially with real estate being so cheap. Mr. Trujillo stated that Mrs. Munn mentioned that she was on board with this and commented that this is one of the main reasons why he got involved with politics. Mr. Trujillo stated that he remembers this fight when this piece of land should have been given to us by the City of Elizabeth and instead they decided to go to bed with a sleazy low-down contractor, and that's who they chose over our children. Mr. Trujillo stated that when they witnessed their error and this Board had the courage to sue then they backed down and withdrew the contract but the damage was done. Mr. Trujillo stated that the money was spent and there was no school to be

built and our children were left holding the bag. Mr. Trujillo stated that it didn't just stop at the local level, this went all the way to Trenton to the previous administration, when we had a Governor who would prefer to side with a State Senator over our children. Mr. Trujillo stated that it was self interest before our children, self interest before our City because our City is our children, they are our future and there will be no Elizabeth without the children, with no education there is no Elizabeth. Mr. Trujillo stated that he wants to see another high school here and not just the one we got approved. Mr. Trujillo stated that there is new administration with a commitment to education in urban cities like Elizabeth, that ten projects were approved from a list of fifty, and we were number 2, and we will be breaking ground on a new high school soon and this is something to be proud. Mr. Trujillo stated that there is a parcel of land and we want it, that if the City of Elizabeth doesn't have the courage to give it to us, then he will suggest to this Board that we buy it if the taxpayers give us the authority on April 27th and would like the question to reflect that. Mr. Trujillo stated that it is time the City of Elizabeth takes responsibility for its children's future and invests in what we are doing, and it is time that the questions like this come up on the ballot.

Mr. Trujillo requested that the resolution be amended to read if the City of Elizabeth does not give us the property, then we are prepared to purchase it from the City.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the minutes of the meetings of January 20, and February 3, 2011 be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Secretary and Treasurer's Report for the Month of December 2010

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. Nazco, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Personnel Report – Leaves of Absence, etc.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Tuition Report

A motion was made by Mr. Perreira, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Considerations

A motion was made by Mr. Perreira, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

A motion was made by Mr. Gonzalez, seconded by Mr. Nazco, that the requests be approved with a waiver of fees.

The amended motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities with Fees

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, that the requests be approved as recommended.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

A motion was made by Mr. Perreira, seconded by Mr. Nazco, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Excellence News

Assistant Superintendent Olga Hugelmeyer highlighted the excellent news around the district including the highest achieving eleventh and twelfth grade students were rewarded with vouchers for two tickets to a New Jersey Devils' home game as part of the New Jersey Devils' Student Honor Roll Program, Black History Month celebrations throughout the district, eighth grade students at Terence C. Reilly School No. 7 created projects to educate others about genocide, multicultural experience at Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6, sixth grade students from Victor Mravlag School No. 21 @ 31 and William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31 received awards for achieving the highest grade point average, educational activities centered around The Polar Express at Joseph Battin School No. 4, Peer Reading Activities at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, visit from the Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey at Nicholas S. LaCorte-Peterstown School No. 3, Students of the Month celebration at Benjamin Franklin School No. 13, Winter Concerts at Terrence C. Reilly School No. 7, students from Victor Mravlag School No. 21 @ 31 and William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31 went on a cultural field trip to the Morristown Museum to see the musical group Latin Rhythms, students in the 7th

grade Spanish classes from Terrence C. Reilly School No. 7 studied renovating space in midtown Elizabeth, Students of the Month Breakfast at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26, Munch Program at Benjamin Franklin School No. 13, second grade students at Robert Morris School No. 18 planned on becoming President of the United States, the Elizabeth High School Chapter of NJ SkillsUSA presented an assembly to Social Studies classes about the meaning and symbolism of the American Flag, Students of the Month Celebration at Joseph Battin School No. 4, Math Family Fun Night at Robert Morris School No. 18, seventh grade students at Winfield Scott School No. 2 studied Japanese internment from World War II, Real World Math Experience at Charles J. Hudson School No. 25, Groundhog Day Celebration at Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30, students in seventh and eighth grade Literature classes studied the Holocaust and Japanese internment, Parent Workshops at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26, Heart Health Month at Benjamin Franklin School No. 13, Chinese New Year Celebration at Benjamin Franklin School No. 13, Groundhog Day Celebration at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, Fun in the Snow Math Project at Robert Morris School No. 18, Groundhog Day Celebration at Madison-Monroe School No. 16, educational consultant Dr. Edward Albert presented a workshop on Behavior Management Prevention to the staff at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, and the Super NJ ASK Challenge was held at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27.

Mr. Trujillo thanked Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Olga Hugelmeyer for her report.

Authorizations Report – Authorization to Participate, etc.

A motion was made by Mr. Perreira, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Supplemental Authorizations Report – Authorization to Adopt Goals, etc.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

2nd Supplemental Authorizations Report – Authorization for Use of Board of Education Bus

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Finance and Accounting Report – Authorization to Pay Vouchers

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. Nazco, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Supplemental Finance and Accounting Report – Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Award of Contracts Report – Award of Contracts, etc.

A motion was made by Mr. Nazco, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Supplemental Award of Contracts Report – Change Orders

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

2nd Supplemental Award of Contracts Report – Award of Contracts

A motion was made by Mr. Perreira, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Miscellaneous Communication

None.

Claims List

A motion was made by Mr. Nazco, seconded by Mr. González, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Mr. Nazco, Perreira (abstain- Candelario Trujillo) – 7

Abstain: Mr. Trujillo – 1

Negative: None

Resolution – Music in Our Schools Month

Mr. Donoso read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Donoso, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – National School Social Workers’ Week

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Read Across America

Pastor Burgos read the resolution.

A motion was made by Pastor Burgos, seconded by Mr. González, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – St. Joseph’s Day

Mr. Nazco read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Nazco, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – St. Patrick’s Day

Mr. Perreira read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Perreira, seconded by Mr. González, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Women’s History Month

Mrs. Munn read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Youth Art Month

Mr. González read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – National School Breakfast Week

Mrs. Munn read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. Donoso, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – National Nutrition Month

Pastor Burgos read the resolution.

A motion was made by Pastor Burgos, seconded by Mr. Donoso, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Abstain: Mr. DaSilva – 1

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo commented that our food service workers are some of the least paid in the district and hardest workers preparing breakfast and lunch for over 20,000 students.

The second reading of the Revised Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Policy File Code 6114 was done.

Resolution – Revised Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Policy File Code 6114

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. González, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 9

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo presented the following public participation statement.

“At this time, the microphones are open for public comment to those who have signed in prior to this session. 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.”

Mr. Trujillo called twice upon the first participant, Anne-Valerie B., to address the Board. Ms. Anne-Valerie B. did not come forward to address the Board.

Since there was no response, Mr. Trujillo called upon the next participant, Pia Carbajal to address the Board.

Pia Carbajal, 19 Dehart Place, stated that the staff and students are working hard at Joseph Battin School No. 4, that she supports student uniforms, that there is a gang problem in the City, that the School No. 4 PTO is very active and held a parent workshop to know who are your children's friends and that it is very important to be involved with your children and to know their friends.

Mr. Trujillo thanked her for her comments and commended Mrs. Carbajal on her work at Joseph Battin School No. 4.

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

The President requests a motion to go into Private Session to consider matters exempt under the Open Public Meetings Act, specifically for discussion of personnel, specifically, F.L., and L.R., and workers' compensation claims, specifically, S.E.

The Board will reconvene in public to take formal action.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mr. Donoso, to go into private session at 9:45 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 9

Negative: None

The Board reconvened in public at 10:45 p.m. to continue with the meeting and take formal action.

Mr. Trujillo amended the Private Session Statement to include discussion of workers' compensation claim, specifically A.S., and technology contract update.

Resolution – Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim No. 2010-5796 – S.E.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim No. 2010-9701 – S.E.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – Confidential Settlement Agreement between EBOE and F.L.

A motion was made by Mr. Perreira, seconded by Mr. González, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – Confidential Settlement Agreement between EBOE and L.R.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – Technology Contract Update

A motion was made by Mr. Nazco, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 9

Negative: None

Supplemental Personnel Report – Resignations, etc.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 9

Negative: None

2nd Supplemental Personnel Report – Leaves of Absence, etc.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – Reorganization

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – Reorganization - Personnel Actions

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos (abstain- A.D., Y.M., L.F., J.D.), Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva (abstain- J.D.), Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco (abstain- C.P., C.R., A.S.), Perreira (abstain- L.R., G.D.) – 8

Abstain: Mr. Trujillo – 1

Negative: None

On a motion by Mr. Nazco, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 9

Negative: None

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