

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Elizabeth, New Jersey

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called on April 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., at Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28, 25 First Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Board President Stanley Neron presented the following statement at 6:42 p.m.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is a regularly scheduled program and 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 Tuesday, April 11, 2017. 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, New Jersey.”

“We want to welcome everyone present here at Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28 and to our television viewers to this April 13, 2017 meeting of the Board of Education. We are here to govern, provide management oversight, and make policy for the district. The Superintendent manages the district. This is a meeting of the Board in public, not a meeting of the public.”

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

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

Present: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina, Perreira (arr. 7:15 p.m.), Rodriguez, Neron – 8
Absent: Mrs. Amin – 1

Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Schools Rafael Cortes, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Jennifer Cedeno, Comptroller Rajeev Malhotra, Co-General Counsel Jonathan Williams, Esq. of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP, and members of the public were in attendance.

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

Mr. Neron stated that a young man, Michael Eargle, EHS Class of 2007, tragically left us too soon because of a senseless act of violence. Mr. Neron called for a moment of silence to remember Michael Eargle and reflect upon how we can help our community to heal and rise above the violence that continues to rob communities throughout this nation of their youth, their promise, and their future.

Pledge of Allegiance

The *Star Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key was performed by trumpeter Nichole Toro-Guerrero, seventh grade student at Juan Pablo Duarte-Jose Julian Marti School No. 28.

Pledge of Ethics

Mr. Neron welcomed everyone to School No. 28 and stated that April is Autism Awareness Month. Mr. Neron stated that in honor of Autism Awareness Month schools and administrative offices throughout our district have installed a blue light at the entry of the buildings in support of our families who have been affected by autism. Mr. Neron stated that Board member Diane Barbosa visited students in the autism program this past Tuesday as part of Visiting Tuesdays initiative. Mr. Neron stated that it is important that we show our support for these families as well as all the families of our students with special needs. Mr. Neron stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools promise is to ensure that every child achieves excellence and we are here to make certain that all students in our school system receive a high quality education. Mr. Neron introduced a video presentation of Autism Awareness.

Mr. Neron introduced students Eric Teixeira, guitar and vocalist, and Nichole Toro-Guerrero, trumpeter, who performed *Good Riddance* by Green Day. Mr. Neron thanked the students for a wonderful performance.

Mr. Neron introduced students from the Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí Elementary Choir who performed *Al Shlosha D'varim* by Allan Naplan. Mr. Neron thanked the students for a wonderful performance.

Ms. Bathelus recognized students at Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28 who excel in character education and leadership including Jancely Alarcon, Jakson Baires, Imani Bell, Alexandra Bertoa, Estefani Calvario, Erick Guzman, Kyrsten Hernandez, Cristian Luzua, Milagros Martinez, Angelina Ortega, Amy Paz, Alejandra Piedrasanta, Yailyn Ramos, Kiara Rodriguez, and Eric Teixeira. Ms. Bathelus and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Mr. Rodriguez recognized the Spring Tournament Bowling Competition Winners including students Diolgo Cunha, Gold Medal; Gissel Lainez-Reyes, Silver Medal; Christopher Phillip, Bronze Medal; Gilberto Saucedo, Bronze Medal; and Steve Morales, fifth place; advisor Katherine Peros and coach Alex Figueroa. Mr. Rodriguez stated that Diogo Cunha qualified to try out for the 2018 Special Olympic USA Games in Seattle, Washington. Mr. Rodriguez and Board members congratulated the students, advisor, and coach and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Mr. Rodriguez recognized the Special Olympics of NJ Central Sectional Competition Winners including students Ismael Abusharea, Natasha Jimenez, Alex Laureano-Serrano, and Bill Sanchez. Mr. Rodriguez and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Mr. Rodriguez recognized the Union/Middlesex County Area 5 Bowling Competition Winners including students Yaisha Garcia, Daniel Velazquez, and Luis Vigil. Mr. Rodriguez and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

The bowling competition students and advisor Katherine Peros thanked Diana Pinto-Gomez, Principal of John E. Dwyer Technology Academy and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

Mrs. Carvalho stated that in celebration of Youth Art Month artwork from students throughout the county are displayed each year and this year several students from the Elizabeth

Public Schools have their artwork on display at The Plaza at Elizabethtown Gas Company/Liberty Hall Center in Union. Mrs. Carvalho recognized participants in the Union County Youth Art Month including Joseph Battin School No. 4 students Yaimary Arguelles, State YAM Winner; Shernick Bathelus, Jerry Bonilla, Diana Garcia, Valerie Guzman, Melanie Reynosa, Angeline Rodriguez, Cristina Ruiz; art teachers Kristine Downey and Tracey Gale; Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6 student Eneri Bello; art teacher Elizabeth D'Alessandro; Elmora School No. 12 students Issabelle Cruz, State YAM Winner; Audre Bondarenko; art teacher Kristin Downey; Madison-Monroe School No. 16 students Gianna Mercado, State YAM Winner; Jocelynn Cadena, Raxell Banegas; art teacher Ada Flores; Woodrow Wilson School No. 19 students Sharika Ahmed, Vielka Fernandez, and Kobe Pauta; art teacher Jana Ortiz; and Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 students Jeffrey Adbducakhmanov, Willy Barhona, Jeremiah Coral, Mauro Garcia, Mariana Guzman, Mateo Penuela; art teacher Chrysoula Campbell. Mrs. Carvalho and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Miss Goncalves recognized the students who participated in the Union County Teen Arts Festival including Edwin Willis, Winfield Scott School No. 2; Mel Morales, Nicholas S. LaCorte-Peterstown School No. 3; Michael Peixeto, Joseph Battin School No. 4; Danny Adams, Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5; Azul Alegre, Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6; Ashley Vizcaino, Terence C. Reilly School No. 7; Emily Jean, iPrep Academy School No. 8; Mia Sunter, Elmora School No. 12; Mariflor Melgarejo, Benjamin Franklin School No. 13; Lina Larotta Moya, Abraham Lincoln School No. 14; Stefany Melgar, Christopher Columbus School No. 15; Katherine Jimenez, Madison-Monroe School No. 16; Victoria Almeyda, Woodrow Wilson School No. 19; Sara Fleming, Victor Mravlag School No. 21; Sadie Vizcaino, William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31; Imane Baker, Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23; Nicol Rodriguez, Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26; Malak Abdellitaf, Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27; Sumiyah Crudup, Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28; Jocelyn Acosta and Camilia Marquez, Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30; Moses Mosquito, Thomas A. Edison Career & Technical Academy; Alyson Castillo, John E. Dwyer Technology Academy; Alejandra Franco, Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health & Public Safety Academy; George Laine and Evelyn Moncoyo, Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy; Nestor Garcia, Carol Jimenez, Sebastian Paredes, and Daniel Soto, Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy; Kaitlin Agostino, Ena Husic, and Korina Rivera, Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy. Miss Goncalves and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Mrs. Barbosa recognized team members for their commitment to excellence and to the educational success of students at Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28 including Naomi Montalvo and Stefanie Zeik-Marino, PreK teachers; Julissa Urena, first grade teacher; Elizabeth McLaughlin, Lauren Volpe, Johana Ojeda, language arts teachers; Denise Renda, language arts coach; Palak Shah, mathematics teacher; Kimberly Sutherland, mathematics coach; Susana Dardier, speech teacher; Vicente Virriteri, ESL teacher; Marta Ortega, music teacher; Kimberly Lavin, gym teacher; Jessica Trujillo, social worker; Wilma Helm, Cassandra Pedrosa, guidance counselors; Maria Almeida, secretary; Maryse Desir, Ruthie Page, and Juan Robles, security guards. Mrs. Barbosa and Board members congratulated them and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Mr. Nina recognized the Elizabeth Public Schools Music Department which was selected for the second consecutive year as one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. Mr. Nina introduced Supervisor of Music Dennis Argul and music teachers who provide our talented students with exceptional music instruction. Mr. Nina and Board members congratulated them and presented Supervisor of Music Dennis Argul with a certificate of commemoration for the music department.

Supervisor of Music Dennis Argul thanked the Board for the recognition and the music teachers for their excellence in music education.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that the City of Elizabeth is issuing Elizabeth Municipal Identification Cards at the Elizabeth Public Library.

Board President Neron presented the following public participation statement.

“At this time, the microphones are open for public comment to those who have signed in. I shall call individuals to the microphones based on the order of the sign-in. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes in duration. The total time of public comment shall be limited to sixty minutes. No individual is able to yield their time to another individual. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually. The following rules for public participants shall apply: time limits will be strictly enforced, no personal attacks on individuals, no vulgar or indecent language, a person may address the Board no more than once during a single meeting, speakers should refrain from naming individuals, and comments or questions posed during public participation will not be debated. As a reminder, this is a meeting of the Board in public, not a meeting of the public.”

Mr. Neron called upon the first public participant, Christina Moreira, to address the Board.

Christina Moreira, 805 Gebhardt Avenue, stated that there is not a written policy on medical bills for students hurt on a bus. Mrs. Moreira spoke about the recent murder of a young man in the City, the doctrine of necessity, agendas not being posted, the Board voting on the whole agenda instead of individual items, and Pat Politano’s inaccurate statement regarding public input for naming of the school. Mrs. Moreira stated that this is not the change we asked for from the new Board.

Mr. Neron thanked her for her comments and called upon the next public participant, Maria Lorenz, to address the Board.

Maria Lorenz, 103 Murray Street, spoke about a missing child, ethics charges against four Board members, the inaccurate information in Pat Politano’s statement about public input for naming the school, and stated that the Board should be focusing on the non-performing schools.

Mr. Neron thanked her for her comments and called upon the next public participant, Kason Little, to address the Board.

Kason Little, student, spoke about the inaccurate article by Pat Politano that there was no public input in naming the school and asked the Board if students are the first priority.

Mr. Neron thanked him for his comments and called upon the next public participant, Salaam Ismail, to address the Board.

Salaam Ismail, 513 Richmond Street, United Youth Council, stated that when kids speak you should stop and listen. Mr. Ismail stated that two years ago he presented gun violence awareness to the Board and it fell on deaf ears and now one of our own, Michael Eargle, was killed by gun violence. Mr. Ismail spoke about the curriculum of inclusion and asked the Board to look at this area. Mr. Ismail spoke about the Youth March on the Capitol in Trenton on April 22nd and asked the Board members for help but has heard nothing.

Mr. Neron thanked him for his comments and called upon the next public participant, Rev. Joe Adair, to address the Board.

Rev. Joe Adair, Second Macedonia Baptist Church, stated that he is the President of the NAACP and has seven children who graduated from the Elizabeth Public Schools and has seven grandchildren in the district. Rev. Adair spoke about the need for the curriculum of inclusion and that the Board should consider naming a school after educator Charles Harris. Rev. Adair spoke about the senseless murder of Michael Eargle.

Mr. Neron thanked him for his comments. Since there were no other public participants signed in to address the Board, Mr. Neron closed this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Perreira stated that this is the second time he has heard about the comments for naming the school. Mr. Perreira stated that this can be an issue for the students and the community. Mr. Perreira stated that perhaps we can put together a link on the website for suggestions and then choose three names for the students and community to vote.

Mr. Nina stated that he would like to untable the Claims List – Document Solutions.

A motion was made by Mr. Nina, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, to untable Claims List – Document Solutions.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina, Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 8

Negative: None

Claims List – Document Solutions

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Miss Goncalves, that the Claims List – Document Solutions be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina, Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 8

Negative: None

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Miss Goncalves, that the minutes of the meetings of March 9 and 16, 2017 be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Abstain: Mr. Perreira – 1

Negative: None

Secretary and Treasurer's Report for the Month of February 2017

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina, Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 8

Negative: None

Mr. Neron introduced Peter Vosseler, Supervisor of Anti-Bullying/EEOC/Affirmative Action/Guidance to present the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Investigative Results.

Supervisor of Anti-Bullying/EEOC/Affirmative Action/Guidance Peter Vosseler stated that according to Board Policy 5131.1 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) and New Jersey Statute 18A:37 the results of each investigation shall be reported to the Board of Education no later than the date of the next Board meeting following completion of each investigation and include any services provided, training established, discipline imposed, or other action that was taken or recommended. Mr. Vosseler stated that since our last Board meeting there have been 38 new cases. Mr. Vosseler stated that at the next regularly scheduled meeting after Board members receive the report of HIB investigations, the statute requires that the Board issue a decision in

writing to affirm, reject, or modify the Superintendent's decision pertaining to the cases that were reported to the Board members at the last meeting.

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

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina, Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Invoking the Doctrine of Necessity

Mr. Kennedy read the resolution.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina, Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Abstain: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Perreira – 2

Negative: None

Mr. Neron asked for a motion to approve the following:

Personnel Report

Supplemental Personnel Report

2nd Supplemental Personnel Report

Tuition Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Miss Goncalves, that the Personnel Report, Supplemental Personnel Report, 2nd Supplemental Personnel Report, and Tuition Report be accepted.

The motion (except for the Personnel Report – Adjustment of Salary for L.C., D.M., and D.M. which did not receive the required number of votes) was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus (abstain- Personnel Report, Supplemental Personnel Report, 2nd Supplemental Personnel Report), Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina (abstain - Personnel Report – Adjustment of Salary for L.C., D.M., and D.M.), Perreira (Personnel Report – Adjustment of Salary for L.C., D.M., and D.M.), Rodriguez, Neron (Personnel Report – Adjustment of Salary for L.C., D.M., and D.M.) – 8

Negative: None

Mr. Neron asked for a motion to approve the following:

Superintendent's Report – Considerations

Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities (with waiver of all fees)

Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

Authorizations Report

Supplemental Authorizations Report

2nd Supplemental Authorizations Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Miss Goncalves, that the Superintendent's Report – Considerations, Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities (with waiver of all fees), Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities, Superintendent's Report – Field Trips, Authorizations Report, Supplemental Authorizations Report, and 2nd Supplemental Authorizations Report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa (abstain- Superintendent's Report – Field Trips requests from School No. 18 to Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, NJ; to Valenca Restaurant, Elizabeth, NJ; School No. 19 to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty; Allaire State Park, Wall Township, NJ; School No. 21 to Native Lands at Veterans Memorial Park, Parsippany, NJ), Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho (abstain- Superintendent's Report – Considerations for H.K.), Miss Goncalves (abstain- Superintendent's Report – Field Trips requests from School No. 18 to Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, NJ; to Valenca Restaurant, Elizabeth, NJ; School No. 19 to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty; Allaire State Park, Wall Township, NJ; School No. 21 to Native Lands at Veterans Memorial Park, Parsippany, NJ), Messrs. Nina, Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron (abstain- Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities request by City of Elizabeth, Department of Recreation) – 8

Negative: None

Mr. Neron asked for a motion to approve the following:

Finance and Accounting Report
Supplementary Finance Report
Award of Contracts Report
Supplemental Award of Contracts Report
Miscellaneous Communication (none)
Claims List

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the Finance and Accounting Report, Supplementary Finance Report, Award of Contracts Report, Supplemental Award of Contracts Report, Miscellaneous Communication (none), and Claims List be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa (abstain- Award of Contracts for Bayada Health Care, Inc., George McCloskey, Ph.D., ASL Interpreter Referral Services, Inc., Preferred Home Healthcare Services, and Sadecky's Puppets), Ms. Bathelus (abstain- Award of Contracts for Lifetouch Photography, Metro School Plan Inc., Bank of America, Whitman, Nickerson Corporation), Mrs. Carvalho (abstain- Finance and Accounting Report for USA Architects), Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina (abstain- Finance and Accounting Report), Perreira, Rodriguez (abstain- Finance and Accounting Report), Neron – 8

Negative: None

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

6146(X)	Exhibit	Graduation Requirements
6171.4	Policy	Special Education
6171.4(X)	Exhibit	Parental Rights in Special Education/Procedural Safeguard Statement

Mr. Neron asked for a motion to approve the following:

Resolution – Better Speech and Hearing Month
Resolution – Bilingual-Multicultural Education Month
Resolution – Kindness Awareness Month
Resolution – National School Nurses Day
Resolution – National Teacher Appreciation Week
Resolution – Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month
Resolution – Special Education Week
Resolution – Holocaust Remembrance Day

Resolution – Member Participation in a Cooperative Pricing System – E&I Cooperative Services
 Resolution – Union County Educational Services Commission Coordinated Transportation Services 2017-2018
 Resolution – Essex Regional Educational Services Commission Home Instruction Services 2017-2018
 Resolution – Expansion of Services for Suplee Clooney and Co.
 Resolution – Appointing Unifirst Corp. and Approving Form of Contract
 Resolution – Revised Policy and Exhibits
 Resolution – Appointing Sam Tell & Son, Inc. and Approving Form of Contract
 Resolution – Appointing Maximum Quality Foods, Inc. and Approving Form of Contract
 Resolution – Payment for Medical-Health Insurance Waiver
 Resolution – Memorandum of Agreement between EBOE and Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters Local Union 715, Sheet Metal Workers’ Int. Assoc. Local Union No. 22, Plumbers Local Union No. 24, and the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades AFL-CIO District Council No. 711
 Resolution – Memorandum of Agreement between EBOE and Elizabeth Non-Certified Administrators’ Association July 2015-June 2016
 Resolution – Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Coordinated Transportation Services 2017-2018 School Year
 Resolution – Rotary Club of Elizabeth 100th Year of Service to Community
 Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim (2009-16604) – M.G.
 Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim (2016-10138) – Y.S.
 Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim (2015-14243) – J.S.
 Resolution – Termination effective April 14, 2017 – W.P.
 Resolution – Appointing Appco Paper and Plastics Corp. and Approving Form of Contract
 Resolution – Approving Renewal of Contract Between Board of Education and Armored Services Incorporated
 Resolution – Appointment of Vice Principal effective April 18, 2017 – Stephanie Zeik-Marino

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Mr. Nina, that the above resolutions be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina, Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 8

Negative: None

Mr. Neron thanked the students, staff, vice principal, principal, and the school community at Juan Pablo Duarte-Jose Julian Marti School No. 28 for coming. Mr. Neron stated that he is going to make a passionate plea to the Board for gun violence awareness.

Mr. Rodriguez congratulated the Elizabeth High School Band on another winning performance. Mr. Rodriguez stated that on April 23 there will be an Elizabeth High School Minutemen Baseball Game for Autism Awareness.

The President requests a motion to go into Private Session to consider matters exempt under the Open Public Meetings Act, specifically for discussion of legal matters, specifically, special education presentation. The Board will reconvene in public to take formal action.

A motion was made by Mr. Nina, seconded by Ms. Bathelus, to go into private session at 8:35 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina, Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 8

Negative: None

Mr. Perreira excused himself from the meeting at 11:04 p.m.

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Carvalho, to reconvene in public session at 11:05 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Negative: None

Mr. Neron thanked everyone for attending and stated that this month is Autism Awareness Month. Mr. Neron stated that the EPS website shows the events taking place in the community. Mr. Neron stated that the Lions Club is holding a Health Fair at Kean University on April 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mr. Neron stated that Saturday there is an Easter egg hunt at Warinanco Park from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

On a motion by Ms. Bathelus, seconded by Mrs. Carvalho, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Negative: None

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