

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Elizabeth, New Jersey

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called on May 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, 505-517 Morris Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Board President Stanley Neron presented the following statement at 6:55 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 May 8, 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 Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27 and to our television viewers to this May 11, 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 may sign in up to the start of the public speaking portion of the meeting so that they may have the opportunity to speak. The sign-in sheet states the name, address, telephone number and reason that the person wants to comment, whether it is an agenda item or a general education comment.”

Present: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina, Perreira, 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, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Frank Cuesta, Comptroller Rajeev Malhotra, Avis Bishop-Thompson, 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fancy Janvier, eighth grade student at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27.

The *Star Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key was performed by TyNeisha Summers, senior at John E. Dwyer Technology Academy.

The Pledge of Ethics was led by Fancy Janvier, eighth grade student at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27.

Mr. Neron stated that we are celebrating diversity in the City of Elizabeth. Mr. Neron stated that we are honoring three cultures tonight, Cuban, Portuguese, and Haitian.

The Cuban National Anthem was played.

The Portuguese National Anthem was played.

The Haitian National Anthem was performed by students from Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23 and John E. Dwyer Technology Academy.

Mr. Neron welcomed everyone to Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27 as we recognize our teachers and educational service providers who were selected as the 2016-2017 Governor's Educator of the Year Program. Mr. Neron introduced a video presentation of Celebrating our Educators.

Mr. Neron introduced students from Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28 who performed a dance to honor the Cuban heritage, *Se Hunde el Barco* by Porfi Jimenez. Mr. Neron thanked the students for a wonderful performance.

Mr. Neron introduced Sofia Favale, eighth grade student at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, who recited a poem *Cultivo una Rosa Blanca* by José Julián Martí. Mr. Neron thanked Sofia Favale for a wonderful performance.

Mr. Neron introduced the Rancho Portuguese Instructive Social Club who performed a routine to *Cantar e dançar de Portugal*. Mr. Neron thanked them for a wonderful performance.

Kinberd Joseph, eighth grade student at Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23 introduced Board President Stanley Neron who recited *Great Past, Great Future* in honor of the Haitian heritage.

Mr. Neron introduced students from Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23 accompanied by Board member Charlene Bathelus who performed a dance to *Haiti Will Rise*, an adaptation by Erna LeTemps of *Still I Rise* by Maya Angelou, and accompanied by vocalist Erna LeTemps, teacher at Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23. Mr. Neron and Board members thanked them for a wonderful performance.

Mr. Neron stated that earlier there was a reception for the teachers and educational service providers and thanked Paul Conte, commercial foods teacher and the students from Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy for the selection and preparation of the food. Mr. Neron thanked EEA President Joe Cortico and EASC President Ben Candelino for their support and sponsoring the food this evening for our teachers and educational service providers.

Mr. Neron introduced Avis Bishop-Thompson, Esq. of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP, who is our Board Attorney tonight in the absence of Co-General Counsel Jonathan Williams, Esq.

Mr. Perreira thanked the teachers and educational service providers for all of their hard work. Mr. Perreira stated that we are recognizing different cultures for community excellence in the City of Elizabeth and introduced Melisa Aguila Rua, senior at John E. Dwyer Technology Academy and Manuel Rodriguez, teacher at Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health and Public Safety Academy in recognition of Cuban Heritage Month. Mr. Perreira invited everyone of Cuban heritage to join them. Mr. Perreira and Board members congratulated Melisa Aguila Rua and Manuel Rodriguez and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Mrs. Carvalho introduced Union County Freeholder Sergio Granados and Councilman-at-Large Manny Grova, Jr. in recognition of Portuguese Heritage Month. Mrs. Carvalho invited everyone of Portuguese descent to join them. Mrs. Carvalho and Board members congratulated

Union County Freeholder Sergio Granados and Councilman-at-Large Manny Grova, Jr. and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Mr. Neron recognized the students in the Haitian Clubs at John E. Dwyer Technology Academy and Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health and Public Safety Academy and club advisor Edwige Nonez in honor of Haitian Heritage Month. Mr. Neron invited everyone of Haitian descent to join them. Mr. Neron and Board members congratulated the Haitian Clubs and club advisor Edwige Nonez and presented them with a certificate of commemoration.

Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer thanked the members of the Board for bringing our community together for such a joyous occasion. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools is home to many outstanding educators including those who serve inside our classroom as well as those who provide support through educational services. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that they are the backbone of the district's wonderful programs and initiatives that are preparing our students for postsecondary and career success. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the men and women who we are recognizing this evening embody the characteristics of great educational leaders both inside and outside of the classroom and they go above and beyond to positively influence the educational development of our students. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that not only do they seek to develop a special understanding of all their students but also to use that knowledge to inspire them to embrace the learning process and to achieve excellence. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the encouragement they provide to their students is instrumental to their development into well-rounded, successful adults. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that those of us that have chosen to dedicate our lives to education know that it takes more than great skill and hard work to make a difference and it requires a steadfast sense of challenge and discovery, a passion for teaching and learning, a devotion to motivating students to unlock and reach their full potential, and an unwavering commitment to excellence as exceptionally demonstrated by this evening's honorees.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer congratulated the distinguished members of the 2016-2017 Governor's Educator of the Year Program and thanked them for serving as great examples to their fellow educators as well as an inspiration to their students. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the New Jersey Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professionals Recognition Program highlights educational innovation, student achievement, the rewards of teaching, and important services outside the classroom environment that lead to student success. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that we are honored to recognize and celebrate our educators during Teacher Appreciation Week for their tremendous commitment in teaching, developing, and preparing our nation's children to become the future leaders of our community. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that on this special day we join all members of our Elizabeth Public Schools Professional Learning Community in thanking you for making a positive difference in student achievement and preparing our students for success in college, career, and our technological global society. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that they have our appreciation, admiration, and respect for the dedication, commitment, and professionalism they bring to their students and school building each day.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer thanked Paul Conte, commercial foods teacher, and the students from Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy for the selection and preparation of the food for the reception for the teachers and educational service providers recognized as 2016-2017 Governor's Educators of the Year.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer recognized the 2016-2017 Governor's Educators of the Year including 7th and 8th grade language arts teacher Maryse Baird and personal assistant Yisely Arias, George Washington Academy School No. 1; fifth grade teacher Susan Toledo and personal assistant Ana Pena, Winfield Scott School No. 2; 6th-8th grade mathematics teacher Harry Huber and school psychologist Ashleigh Young, Nicholas S. LaCorte-Peterstown School No. 3; music teacher Ruth Mueller and nurse Ellen Paternostro, Joseph Battin School No. 4; 7th and 8th grade science teacher Joany Rivera Santos and LDTC Elise Apollon, Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5; 3rd grade teacher Susanna Lomaz and classroom assistant Dawn O'Connell, Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6; drama teacher Tiffany Festa-Sneddon and speech therapist Mary Jo Daniel, Terence C. Reilly School No. 7; bilingual teacher Sandra Amoedo-Ferreira and guidance

counselor Lisa Rappa, iPrep Academy School No. 8; ESL teacher Tammy Freeman and nurse Martha Concepcion, Jerome Dunn Academy School No. 9; 7th grade mathematics teacher Mathai Thomas and social worker Maria Brito, Elmora School No. 12; learning language disabilities teacher Cheryl Ferry and classroom assistant Carla Twyne, Benjamin Franklin School No. 13; bilingual kindergarten teacher Elizabeth Garcia and guidance counselor Jessica Sofranko, Abraham Lincoln School No. 14; kindergarten teacher Elizabeth Graney and social worker Colleen Reynolds, Christopher Columbus School No. 15; 5th grade teacher Joanna Britanek and personal assistant Giacomina Merlo, Madison-Monroe School No. 16; 7th and 8th grade teacher Danielle Doyle and media specialist Paul Richter, Robert Morris School No. 18; 7th grade teacher Sergio Francisco and social worker Antonio Sapio, Woodrow Wilson School No. 19; interventionist Carol Firetto and school psychologist Jessica Riccardi, John Marshall School No. 20; cognitive moderate teacher Stephanie Gomes and school psychologist Mali Land, Victor Mravlag School No. 21; 2nd grade teacher Laura Sutura and LDTC Marian O’Leary, William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31; kindergarten teacher Edyta Drobniowska and guidance counselor Jason Colcol, Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23; kindergarten teacher Kelee Mitchell Hall and guidance counselor Nicole Webb, Charles J. Hudson School No. 25; art teacher Alisa Brennan and instruction coach David Reese, Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26; 8th grade teacher Jacqueline Borys and school psychologist Komal Patel, Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27; PreK teacher Stefanie Zeik-Marino and social worker Pamela Eduardo, Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28; 5th grade teacher Brendee Solomon and LDTC Edward Davidoski, Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29; 7th and 8th grade language arts teacher Cory Banta and personal assistant Amanda Fischer, Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30; PreK teacher Edward Dieguez and social worker MaryPat LaVecchia, Frances C. Smith Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 50; PreK teacher Celia Millan-Berdu and social worker Catherine Hagler, Donald Steward Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 51; PreK teacher Judy Landaverde and child development associate Karen Behm, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 52; world history teacher Gennaro DeFrancesco and guidance counselor Safiyya Howell, Academy of Finance; social studies teacher Crystal A’Hearn and social worker Dawn Dinardo-Lippi, John E. Dwyer Technology Academy; social studies teacher Michelle Raimondi and school psychologist Diana Capece, Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy; mathematics teacher Grace Kumar and social worker Margaret Lundrigan, Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy; bilingual mathematics teacher Freddy Hernandez and guidance counselor Marc Korbman, Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health and Public Safety Academy; mathematics teacher Harry Kelada and guidance counselor Valerie Hendon, Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy; drama teacher Sandra Toll and literacy coach Donald Steup, Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy. Mrs. Hugelmeyer and Board members congratulated the teachers and educational service providers and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Mr. Neron called for a short recess at 8:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

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, Jill Brown, to address the Board.

Jill Brown, 25 Stoneleigh Park, Westfield, stated that she is a vendor working for the Board and spoke about the progress of the school culture program.

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

Joy DeSouza, 153 Race Street, spoke about positive behavior in schools and an incident with a substitute teacher in a school.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer requested that she speak with Interim Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Frank Cuesta.

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

James Carey, 239 Third Street, spoke about the recent tragic event of the murder of Michael Eargle in the City.

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

Tamyra Robinson, 111 Pine Street, spoke about her son being denied access to prekindergarten.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer requested that she speak with Assistant Superintendent for Schools Rafael Cortes.

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

Christina Moreira, 805 Gebhardt Avenue, spoke against the naming of the school for the Mayor and stated that Pat Politano's contract for public relations is up and some of the Board members have conflicts with the public relations firm.

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

Kason Little, student, stated that they should treat students with respect and show them that they can be part of the decision of naming the school and spoke about gun anti-violence and gave condolences to Michael Eargle's mother. Kason Little stated that the Board is disrespectful to people coming to speak.

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

Maria Lorenz, 103 Murray Street, stated that the presentations should be done at another time, the Pledge of Ethics states that you learn from your mistakes, and an email was sent on May 8th stated that the naming of the Bollwage Academy will be held on June 15th. Mrs. Lorenz stated that Pat Politano gave contributions for the election of several Board members.

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

Salaam Ismial, 513 Richmond Street, United Youth Council, stated that last month he spoke and there has been silence from the Board members and no one responded to him. Mr. Ismial stated that they disrespected the black community.

Mr. Neron gave his condolences to Michael Eargle's mother who was in attendance and stated that he will not die in vain. Mr. Neron stated that the Board members did not mean to be disrespectful and apologized. Mr. Neron stated that this Board of Education is going to make a change.

Mrs. Carvalho stated that we were there and she sat at the Dunn Center for the wake of Michael Eargle. Mrs. Carvalho stated that this isn't political and not to tell us that we don't care.

Ms. Bathelus stated that no one is trying to disrespect the black community and she is part of the Black community. Ms. Bathelus stated that she is a black woman and has two brothers who live at home that she has to worry about every single day and black family members that she has to take care of and someone very close to her dealt with gun violence. Ms. Bathelus stated that she has no issues with making sure that they talk about gang violence and that Mr. Neron and she have already talked about coming together with a program.

Mrs. Barbosa stated that she wants to end this and for one minute look up and be proud to be part of the community.

Mr. Perreira stated that he lives in this City and is a father of two children. Mr. Perreira stated that he will support and work with any community initiatives and any initiatives that we put together in the district. Mr. Perreira stated that he understands the matters that we deal with and our children deal with day to day. Mr. Perreira stated that he can't say that he has lived through it himself but he does feel for the family and as a father he understands what they are going through. Mr. Perreira stated that anything that they think that the board can do better we are willing to listen and to please work with us. Mr. Perreira stated that he will work with everyone and try to put together a plan that will make everybody in this community happy.

Miss Goncalves stated that as Ms. Bathelus mentioned we are trying to work on putting together a program to try to prevent this from happening again to any of our students, former or present, and that is our goal.

Mrs. Eargle stated that she is the mother of Michael Eargle and thanked the Board of Education for having her son's funeral at the Dunn Center.

Salaam Ismial stated that there is a newly formed Black Alliance of the City of Elizabeth and spoke about gun violence. Mr. Ismial stated that they are outraged over the unfair treatment of blacks for hiring and promotions and wants a sit-down with the board because blacks are not afforded the same opportunities and he gets a lot of complaints. Mr. Ismial stated that 20% of students are black and 19.8% of the City is black and they want their fair share of jobs.

Mr. Neron stated that the Superintendent is going to schedule a meeting. Mr. Neron thanked him for his comments and called upon the next public participant, Steven Urdaneta, to address the Board.

Steven Urdaneta, student, stated that with the high school hours reduced he is losing classes and spoke in favor of the A and B Block scheduling.

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. Neron stated that the Board members take all the issues very seriously. Mr. Neron stated that it has always been the Board that names the schools and shortly we will have a school named after Mayor Bollwage.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the students have been involved with designing a logo for the school.

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Miss Goncalves, that the minutes of the meetings of April 6 and 13, 2017 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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Nina, seconded by Miss Goncalves, 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

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Mr. Nina, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote (except for F.M. and V.M. which did not receive the required number of votes):

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho (abstain- J.Z., M.G., A.D., M.G., F.M., V.M.), Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina (abstain- M.D., D.M., B.C., C.D., F.M., V.M.), Perreira (abstain- M.P., M.B., D.M., L.R., C.C., D.F.), Rodriguez (abstain- F.M., V.M.), Neron (abstain- C.T., D.M., E.R., F.M., V.M.) – 8

Negative: None

Supplemental Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, 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

Tuition Report

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Carvalho, 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

Supplemental Tuition Report

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Carvalho, 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

Superintendent's Report – Considerations

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Ms. Bathelus, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho (abstain- J.C.), Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez (abstain- J.C.), Neron (abstain- J.C.) – 7

Abstain: Mr. Nina – 1

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, that the report be accepted with a waiver of all fees.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina, Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron (abstain- City of Elizabeth, Department of Recreation) – 8

Negative: None

Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, 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

Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Abstain: Mrs. Carvalho, Mr. Nina – 2

Negative: None

Mr. Neron stated that in the absence of Peter Vosseler, Supervisor of Anti-Bullying/EEOC/Affirmative Action/Guidance, Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer presented the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Investigative Results.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer 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. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that since our last Board meeting there have been 35 new cases. Mrs. Hugelmeyer 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. Nina, 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

Authorizations Report

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Carvalho, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho (abstain- O.H.), Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira (abstain- O.H.), Rodriguez, Neron (abstain- O.H.) – 7

Abstain: Mr. Nina – 1

Negative: None

Finance and Accounting Report

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho (abstain- Strategic Message Management, Inc., USA Architects, Wonder World), Miss Goncalves (abstain- Strategic Message Management, Inc., USA Architects, Wonder World), Messrs. Nina, Perreira (negative- Strategic Message Management, Inc.), Neron – 7

Abstain: Mr. Rodriguez – 1

Negative: None

Supplemental Finance Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Mr. Nina, 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

Award of Contracts Report

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Carvalho, 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

Supplemental Award of Contracts Report

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Ms. Bathelus, 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

2nd Supplemental Award of Contracts Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Miss Goncalves, 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

Miscellaneous Communication (none)

Claims List

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho (abstain- Strategic Message Management, Inc., USA Architects, Wonder World), Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina, Perreira (negative- Strategic Message Management, Inc.), Rodriguez (abstain- Strategic Message Management, Inc.), Neron – 8

Negative: None

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

Resolution – Cuban American Day

Resolution – Haitian Heritage Month

Resolution – 2017-2018 Maximum Travel Expenditure

Resolution – Contract for Professional Services – Education Law Center

Resolution – Authorizing Board President and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to Execute a Deed Notice Termination, New Deed Notice, and Remedial Action Permit Application Affecting School No. 52

Resolution – Approving Correction to Form of Contract with Cream-O-Land Dairies LLC

Resolution – Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative Coordinated Transportation Services for 2017-2018 School Year

Resolution – Authorizing Board President and Administrator to Approve Lease Agreement for Property Located at 533-547 Division Street

Resolution – Payment for Unused Vacation Days

Resolution – Authorizing the Award of Professional Service Contract and Participation in the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) ACES Plus Program – Renewable Energy Consulting Services

Resolution – Appointing Askari Construction, Inc. and Approving Form of Contract

Resolution – Appointing Nardone Brothers Baking Company, Inc. and Approving Form of Contract

Resolution – Temporary Short Term Loan

Resolution – Portugal Day

Resolution – Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim (2015-10964) – J.P.

Resolution – Qualifying and Appointing a Public Relations Firm – Strategic Message Management, Inc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho (abstain- Authorizing Board President and Administrator to Approve Lease Agreement for Property Located at 533-547 Division Street; Appointing Nardone Brothers Baking Company, Inc. and Approving Form of Contract; Authorizing the Award of Professional Service Contract and Participation in the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) ACES Plus Program – Renewable Energy Consulting Services), Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Nina, Perreira (negative- Qualifying and Appointing a Public Relations Firm – Strategic Message Management, Inc.), Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Abstain: Mr. Nina – 1

Negative: None

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

Resolution – Authorizing Entry into a Tax-Exempt Lease-Purchase Agreement with Municipal Leasing Consultants (Dunn Sports Center Bleachers)

Resolution – Appointing Chappelle Mechanical, Inc. and Approving Form of Contract

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Miss Goncalves, 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

The first reading of the following revised policy was done:

6146 Policy Graduation Requirements

Mr. Neron thanked everyone for attending.

On a motion by Mr. Perreira, seconded by Mr. Nina, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 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

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