

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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A Special Meeting of the Board of Education and Public Hearing on the Budget was called on May 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education, 544 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07207.

Board President Rosa Moreno-Ortega welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega called for School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr. to read the following statement at 6:34 p.m.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is a Public Hearing on the Budget for the school year beginning July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. 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 Friday, April 29, 2022. 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.

I wish to extend a warm welcome to everyone present for this May 5, 2022 meeting of the Board of Education. 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.

We are here this evening to hear the public express their views regarding the proposed 2022-2023 budget, in accordance with New Jersey Statute 18A:22-13, and I quote, ‘On the date and at the time and place so fixed, the Board of School Estimate or the Board of Education, as the case may be, shall hold such public hearing at which time the taxpayers and other interested persons shall have an opportunity to present objections and to be heard with respect to said budget and the amounts of money necessary to be appropriated and the various items and purposes for which the same are to be appropriated for the use of public schools in the district for the ensuing school year.

There will be a public portion for citizens to address the Board. Participants for the public portion must personally sign in prior to the 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: Nathalie Alcaide-Hernandez (via online platform), Diane Barbosa, Maria Carvalho, Iliana Chevres (via online platform then in-person at 6:56 p.m.), Charlene Bathelus Dorgely (arr. 6:40 p.m. via online platform), Jerry Jacobs, Stephanie Goncalves Pestana, Rosa Moreno-Ortega – 8

Absent: Stanley Neron –1

Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Schools Rafael Cortes, Assistant Superintendent for Schools Judy Finch-Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Jennifer Cedeno, Chief of Operations Francisco Cuesta, Comptroller Rajeev Malhotra, Co-General Counsel Jonathan Williams, Esq., DeCotiis, FitzPatrick and Cole, LLP, and members of the community were present.

Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega called for Mr. Kennedy to read the following public participation statement:

“At this time, the microphones are open for public comment to those who have personally signed in prior to this session. I shall call individuals to the microphone based on the order of the sign-in. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes in duration. The time limit will be strictly enforced and audio transmission will be terminated at the end of three minutes. The total time of public comment shall be limited to 60 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 participation 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. Kennedy called upon the first public participant, Girard Epps, to address the Board.

Girard Epps, Elizabeth, spoke about Kelly Services.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked him for his comments.

Mr. Kennedy called upon the next public participant, Luann Breese, to address the Board.

Luann Breese, Point Pleasant Beach, spoke about special services.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked her for her comments.

Mr. Kennedy called upon the next public participant, Maria Lorenz, to address the Board.

Maria Lorenz, Elizabeth, spoke about special education.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked her for her comments.

Mr. Kennedy called upon the next public participant, Kason Little, to address the Board.

Kason Little, Elizabeth, spoke about an incident.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked him for his comments.

Mr. Kennedy called upon the next public participant, Justin Pines, to address the Board.

Justin Pines, Teaneck, spoke about an incident.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked him for his comments.

Mr. Kennedy called upon the next public participant, Sheryl Mays, to address the Board.

Sheryl Mays, Jersey City, spoke about an incident.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked her for her comments.

Mr. Kennedy called upon the next public participant, Madelyn Hoffman, to address the Board.

Madelyn Hoffman, Flanders, spoke about an incident.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked her for her comments.

Mr. Kennedy called upon the next public participant, Emily Crowley, to address the Board.

Emily Crowley, Pitman, spoke about an incident.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked her for her comments.

Mr. Kennedy called upon the next public participant, Jonathan Yelverton, to address the Board.

Jonathan Yelverton, Linden, spoke about an incident.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked him for his comments.

Mr. Kennedy called upon the next public participant, Diana Tabor, to address the Board.

Diana Tabor, Elizabeth, spoke about an incident.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked her for her comments.

Mr. Kennedy called upon the next public participant, Jeremiah LaPorte, to address the Board.

Jeremiah LaPorte, Elizabeth, spoke about an incident.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked him for his comments.

Mr. Kennedy called upon the next public participant, Biggs, to address the Board.

Biggs, Elizabeth, spoke about an incident.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked him for his comments.

Mr. Kennedy called upon the next public participant, John Griffin, to address the Board.

John Griffin, President of the Elizabeth Education Association, spoke about problems with contract negotiations.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked him for his comments.

Mr. Kennedy called upon the next public participant, Nick Nicoletta, to address the Board.

Nick Nicoletta, EEA 2nd Vice President, spoke about problems with contract negotiations.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked him for his comments. Since there were no other participants for public speaking, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega closed this portion of the meeting.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega called for a short recess.

The Board reconvened in public at 7:52 p.m.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega introduced John Swisher, Partner, Suplee Clooney & Company to present the Independent Auditors Report for the district.

John Swisher, Partner, Suplee Clooney & Company presented the Independent Auditors Report for the year ended June 30, 2021 inclusive of the Auditor's Management Report and reported that the District's financial statements are fairly stated and an unmodified opinion in the report. Mr. Swisher stated that there were no findings and recommendations contained in the Auditor's Management Report and the Corrective Action Plan to be adopted as required by N.J.A.C. 18A:23-5 to publicly review and discuss at a public meeting of the Board of Education. Mr. Swisher stated that concluded his report and asked if there were any questions from the Board members.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board members.

Mr. Jacobs thanked Mr. Swisher for the reports and audit. Mr. Jacobs stated that he has been on the Board for five years and in his first year there were twenty-three findings. Mr. Jacobs stated that we are in the second year with no findings which is an exceptional job. Mr. Jacobs stated that the credit goes to Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Malhotra, and the accounting staff. Mr. Jacobs stated that as a district and a Board we are very grateful because we are such a large district. Mr. Jacobs stated that this is the fifth year with no tax increase because of the fiduciary responsibility of the business office ensuring that we have the funds and the reserve balances and we are able to carry those funds in our fund balance. Mr. Jacobs stated that we have been able to increase our capital reserves to over \$30 million. Mr. Jacobs stated that this Board has made great progress and decisions in opening as many facilities and schools that we can in the district to accommodate ourselves since we are now the second largest school district in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Jacobs stated that is due to the work and guidance of the business office and it really is a big achievement. Mr. Jacobs stated that when you look at other districts that are sized as ours they are not performing in the same manner. Mr. Jacobs gave big kudos to the business office and thanked Mr. Swisher for his work.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked Mr. Swisher for the report.

Board President Rosa Moreno-Ortega introduced Superintendent Olga Hugelmeyer to present the 2022-2023 School Year Budget of the Elizabeth Board of Education.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer welcomed everyone to the presentation of the Public Hearing for the proposed 2022-2023 School Year Budget of the Elizabeth Board of Education.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that we are currently the second largest district in New Jersey servicing 28,088 students. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the overview of the district and stated that we have 37 schools including 3 early childhood centers, 20 neighborhood schools, 6 magnet schools, and 8 high schools. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that we serve 23.6% English language learners, 10.0% special education students, 1.8% students who are both special education and English language learners, 64.7% general education students, and .79% of our students are homeless. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the ethnicity is 74.5% Hispanic, 16.2% Black, 7.4% White, 1.7% Asian, and 0.2% other. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that 79.3% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that we have 4,198 team members. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the enrollment has grown in the past eleven years from 23,391 students in 2011-2012 school year to 28,088 students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer asked how we define every child achieving excellence and stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools' equity goal is that we believe all students can learn and achieve at high levels regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, neighborhood, household income, or home language. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that we believe teachers make a positive difference in student achievement and teachers will prepare all students for success in college, career, and our technological global society. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that we believe effective leaders demonstrate unwavering commitment to high levels of achievement for all students. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that parents and caregivers are both valued partners and active participants in their children's learning and a shared sense of mutual responsibility for learning is the foundation for family involvement to ensure student success. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that we believe every member of the Elizabeth Public Schools team has a responsibility in producing and supporting high levels of achievement for all students.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the budget considerations for school-based needs, historical tax levy data, prior years' spending data, technology infrastructure, strategic goals, enrollment and data projections, staffing, and facilities. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the budget considerations shall be carefully organized and planned to provide adequate accounting for each program expenditure, understanding of the financial needs of anticipated program developments, and be within the financial limitations of the district, taking into consideration the statutory limits on the tax levy. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the school administrators work with building level staff to determine the school-based needs for the upcoming year. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the data is analyzed to examine the previous five years of historical tax levy data, tax certioraris, and tax growth. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the administrative cabinet analyzes prior years' spending as well as considers current year's needs. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools is mapping infrastructure components to increase accessibility and bandwidth. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the district strategic plan is used to determine long and short term budgetary goals. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that enrollment reports are examined to develop trend line reports and current registration projections are considered to determine grade and course section needs. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that based on the strategic planning goals, student needs, enrollment study, bargaining agreements, and anticipated vacancies, staffing decisions are made. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that planning for future capital improvement includes addressing aging infrastructure, upgrades to facilities to meet students' needs, and equipment replacement.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the increase in State aid. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that Governor Phil Murphy's administration proposed \$9.2 billion for New

Jersey Pre-K to 12 schools for the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools received an 8.30% increase in state aid for the 2022-2023 school year budget.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the budget highlights. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the highlights include opening of Bollwage Finance Academy Ninth Grade Annex, Benedictine Academy Ninth Grade for 150 students, expansion of the Point of Entry Program, and expansion of the Autism Program for a total of \$1,532,550. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the budget includes the expansion of the JBJ Stem Academy for eleventh grade with an additional 80 students for a total of \$1,321,000. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the budget includes the opening of School No. 20 Annex at Our Lady of Fatima for an additional ten classrooms for grades 4 and 5 for 200 students for a total of \$488,100. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the budget includes the opening of a new School No. 3 Annex at Our Lady of Guadalupe for 16 additional classrooms for grades 3, 4, and 5 for 350 students for a total of \$4,346,000. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the budget also includes 108 new certified and non-certified positions for a total of \$9,488,000.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented PowerPoint slides showing the Capital Reserve Funding Projects for the 2022-2023 School Year. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the projects include the remodeling of bathrooms at the Main Complex at John E. Dwyer Technology Academy and Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health and Public Safety Academy including 36 bathrooms, new fixtures, tiling, walls, stalls, and lighting for a total of \$1,500,000; and the construction of the new Fieldhouse complex behind Williams Field bleachers with boys and girls locker rooms, weight room, trainers/treat room, film/meeting room, and homework room for a total of \$1,750,000.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the next area focuses on our financials, our drivers, and our programs and services. Mrs. Hugelmeyer introduced School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr. to present the financials.

Mr. Kennedy stated that tonight he is presenting the financials for the 2022-2023 School Year Budget. Mr. Kennedy presented a PowerPoint slide showing the development of a needs-based budget and stated that the first phase is gathering input from the stakeholders. Mr. Kennedy stated that the second phase is determining the needs based on the October 15th enrollment and doing a class size analysis. Mr. Kennedy stated that the third phase is determining priorities and adjusting budget by having face-to-face meetings with all the principals, review of all curricular inventories and requests, face-to-face meetings with instructional and operations directors, and doing a comparative analysis of expenditures for the 2021-2022 budget versus the proposed budget. Mr. Kennedy stated that the next step is the budget review process and includes a line-by-line department budget review, allocation of funds within the school-based budgets based on enrollment, programs, and equitable need, review by a financial consultant, and collaboration with and review by the Elizabeth Board of Education finance committee. Mr. Kennedy stated that the last step is the budget hearing.

Mr. Kennedy presented a PowerPoint slide showing the 2022-2023 Budget Revenue and stated that the vast majority of the revenue will come from New Jersey State Aid, \$541,068,370., which is 77.9% of our revenue. Mr. Kennedy stated that the next largest source of our revenue is from federal aid which is \$81,764,819., which is 11.8%; the local levy from the Elizabeth taxpayer is \$59,813,124., which is 8.6% of our budget, balance appropriation is \$9,854,182., which is 1.4%, and miscellaneous revenue is \$1,929,720., which is .3% for a total budget of \$694,430,215. Mr. Kennedy stated that there is \$0 debt service. Mr. Kennedy presented a PowerPoint slide showing the 2022-2023 Budget Expenditures and stated that our budget expenditures include \$538,446,088. for instruction which is 77.5% of our total budget; \$23,236,172. for administration which is 3.4% of our budget; \$67,496,146. for operation and maintenance of plant which is 9.7% of our budget; \$65,251,809. for other which includes community services, employee benefits,

transportation, and capital outlay which is 9.4% of our budget. Mr. Kennedy presented a PowerPoint slide showing the 2022-2023 Budget Expenditures and stated that instruction is 77.5% of the budget, operation and maintenance of plant is 9.7%, benefits, transportation and capital outlay is 9.4%, and administration is 3.4% of the budget. Mr. Kennedy stated that 77.5% of the budget is for instruction.

Mr. Kennedy presented a PowerPoint slide about the American Rescue Plan. Mr. Kennedy stated that the American Rescue Plan (ARP) provided \$130 billion in funding to states and districts across the country to help K-12 schools reopen during the pandemic and recover. Mr. Kennedy stated that the Department acted swiftly to release these funds to states and has called on states to act with the same urgency to ensure ARP dollars are reaching districts and classrooms to meet the immediate needs of students, families, educators, and communities. Mr. Kennedy presented a PowerPoint slide showing the American Rescue Plan Funding Allocation. Mr. Kennedy stated that the priorities for the ARP-ESSER funds and the ESSER II, Learning Acceleration and Mental Health Funds include facility improvements; technology resources; academic, enrichment, and intervention K-12 programs for summer, afterschool, and Saturday; wellness program and professional development; strategic staffing for additional supports; and literacy and mathematics professional development and in-person classroom support for teachers. Mr. Kennedy stated that the amount of funding for the ARP-ESSER is \$42,773,788. and the funding for the ESSER II, Learning Acceleration and Mental Health Funds is \$30,549,325. for a combined total of \$73,323,113.

Mr. Kennedy stated that the 2022-2023 comparative per pupil cost is \$19,438. per student and includes \$11,508. for classroom instruction, \$80. for equipment costs, community services and special schools, \$3,074. for cleaning, repair, and maintenance of our schools, plant and property, \$153. for athletics and extracurricular activities, \$2,878. for support services including health, guidance, child study teams, library, and professional development, and \$1,745. for central administration, school administration, business services, human resources, telephone and postage. Mr. Kennedy stated that the State of New Jersey regional administration cost per student is \$2,308. and here in Elizabeth the cost for our administration is \$1,745. per student.

Mr. Kennedy stated that the 2022-2023 budget and tax levy proposed is in accordance with the rules and regulations as promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Education. Mr. Kennedy stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools prepares its budget following instructions incorporated into the Budget Guidelines and Electronic Collection Manual published by the NJDOE Office of Finance. Mr. Kennedy stated that the instructions ensure that budgets and information submitted for approval to the Executive County Superintendent and Business Administrator are complete and correct.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer thanked Mr. Kennedy for his presentation. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated the next area of the 2022-2023 budget presentation is our program and services. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the process for the development of the 2022-2023 budget is building a budget that follows the principles of our 3 E's, Equity, Expectations, and Excellence. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the NJ Department of Education has budget development priorities including maintaining our school system, building professionalism/resources, raising standards and expanding opportunities, and protecting our investment and planning for the future/resources.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the first budget development priority is maintaining our school system and the budget goals for maintaining our school system include adequate staffing for instruction; increase in supplies, equipment, textbook allocations for new students; academic programs; safe and caring initiatives; home and school relationships; academic safety nets; athletic and co-curricular activities; student assessment; and technology. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing graphs of the enrollment trends over the past ten years.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that there has been a 16.5% increase in the total population from 24,112 students in 2011-2012 to 28,088 students in 2021-2022. Mrs. Hugelmeyer explained the enrollment graphs showing the enrollment for the past ten years for special education, English language learners (ELLs), and high school students. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide about meeting the education needs of the newly arrived migrant students. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that since October 15, 2021 there have been 1,205 additional students enrolled in the district including 453 general education, 633 ELLs, and 119 students with disabilities.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the adequate staffing for instruction. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the teacher to pupil ratio is 1:19 for grades K-5, 1:21 for grades 6-8, and 1:19 for grades 9-12. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the 2022-2023 budget includes an increase of 78 new certified positions. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the starting salary for the Elizabeth Public Schools teacher with a bachelor's degree. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that, according to the NJEA Division of Research and Economic Services, there are only 74 school districts in New Jersey with a bachelor's degree starting salary at or above \$60,000. for those on a teacher's salary guide. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools teacher's salary guide for a bachelor's degree is \$61,296. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the increase in non-certified positions and stated that there are an additional 30 non-certified positions in the 2022-2023 budget. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that there is an increase in supplies, equipment, and textbook allocations for an anticipated 2% increase in new students in schools.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented PowerPoint slides showing the academic programs including refurbishment for grades K-12 core instructional program materials including general education, bilingual, and special education; MyAccess writing program; science program for grades K-5 and refurbishment for grades 6-12 including general education, bilingual, and special education; gifted and talented refurbishment; International Baccalaureate refurbishment for grades 6-8; art, dance, drama, music, physical education, and health refurbishment; library refurbishment for grades K-1 and grades 9-12; and career and technical education for grades 9-12. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the 2022-2023 budget includes \$600,000. for a new science program for grades K-5. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the academic programs also include the Marine Corp Junior Reserve Officers in Training Corp (JROTC); partnerships for grades 9-12 with National Academy Foundation (NAF) for grades 9-12 and Federal Express/Global Logistics Partnership; advanced placement exams; PreK disabilities supplies and materials; transition program for our over age high school students remaining in school until they are 22 years of age; refurbishment of SONDAY multisensory reading program for students with disabilities in grades K-8; and Edmark utilized by our autism/moderate cognitive/multiple disabilities programs.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the safe and caring initiatives including contracted services for nursing, speech, occupational therapy and physical therapy, chief medical inspector, behavioral services, and student drug screenings. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the safe and caring initiatives include substance abuse coordinator services, investigators and school security guard services, school guidance counselor services, social worker services, school nursing services, child study team services, American Red Cross CPR training, before school breakfast programs, high school Saturday programs, Positive Behavior Supports in Schools (PBSIS) supports, Recovery High School tuition and transportation, and alternative education programs for at-risk learners. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the guidelines for transportation of students on buses and stated that the transportation eligibility is 2.0 miles and beyond for students in grades PreK-8, 2.5 miles and beyond for students in grades 9-12, students with disabilities, preschoolers that require transportation as per their IEP, homeless and displaced students, and foster children.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the home and school relationship and stated that this includes community services; PowerSchool Student Information System;

PowerSchool Schoology Learning Management System; Welcome Centers for centralized registration; high school registration for after school, Saturday, and summer; community attendance liaisons; Special Education Parent Advisory Committee; Bilingual Education Parent Advisory Committee; student handbooks and parent handbooks; communication materials and brochures designed to promote school and district programs available in multiple languages; high school information sessions; community education program; Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Seminars; District website; school events including National Honor Society, Back to School Nights, and awards ceremonies. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the academic safety nets and stated that the summer academics include promotion/retention program for grades K-8; summer literacy interventions program; summer remediation and advanced credit for grades 9-12; Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC); home instruction services; Reading is Essential to Adolescent Development (READ) for grades K-3; Algebraic Thinking for grades 6-8; Developing Mathematical Understanding for grades 4-5; recreation program for special education; extended school year (ESY) for students with disabilities PreK to age 21; and summer arts enrichment for grades K-11. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the academic safety net programs for students with disabilities including the opening of two new self-contained autism classrooms; TouchMath for grades K-8; Edmark for autism, mild cognitive, and multiple disabilities; 504 Plan Related Services; extended school year for students with disabilities PreK to age 21; contracted services for nursing, speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and behavioral services; Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services; Rethink; Union County Educational Services Commission Transition Partnership; and Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program (VB-MAPP).

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the academic safety nets for before and after school and academic interventions and stated that they include before school and after school basic skills and enrichment programs; after school enrichment program for grades K-8; Saturday recreation program for students with disabilities; after school clubs for high school students; attendance recovery program for high school students on Saturday; and graduation rate improvement program (GRIP) for high school students on Saturday. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the academic interventions include Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) for grades 6-12; Agile Minds: Mathematics for 8th grade; Response to Intervention (RTI); Hispanics Inspiring Students Performance and Achievement (HISPA) role model program for grades 6-8; SONDAY multisensory interventions; Orton Gillingham; and Leveled Literacy Interventions. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the academic interventions include Khan Academy at no cost; ST Math for grades K-5 for all students; SuccessMaker for reading and mathematics for grades K-8 for general education, bilingual in class support, bilingual math self-contained, and special education; and Achieve 3000 for ELA for grades K-8 in self-contained bilingual classrooms. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the programs for bilingual students include self-contained bilingual and ESL services, native language materials, transition services, bilingual magnet program for grades 4-8 (Spanish), Point of Entry for grades 9-12, and Esperanza Literacy Intervention. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that home instruction includes contracted providers, hospital home instruction, and after school home instruction. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the athletic and co-curricular activities including a complete array of clubs and activities, athletic summer camps, intermural sports for grades 6-8, athletic programs for grades 9-12, summer band camp for grades 9-12, New Jersey State Police Top Physical Challenge, Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Health Bee, Special Olympics, and Saturday and Summer Recreation Program for students with disabilities. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the student assessments and stated that it includes the High School Graduation Appeals Portfolios, State Testing Program for NJ Student Learning Assessment (NJ SLA), Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM), Developmental Reading Assessment

(DRA) and Evaluacion del Desarrollo (EDL), College Board Assessments, Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), Advanced Placement (AP), PreK IDEA Proficiency Test (Pre-IPT), New Entrant Testing for English Language Learners, translation services for student assessments, and Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program (VB-MAPP) for students with disabilities. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the technology in maintaining our schools and stated that the technology includes Information Technology (IT) Technicians, internal and external communications for the e-mail system, phone system, robo-call system (Blackboard APP Connect), technology training, continued maintenance of technology resources at the district and school level, district, school, and teacher webpages, maintenance of internal bandwidth capacity, Microsoft Office 365, email addresses for students in grades 6-12, Destiny: Follett Library Management System, maintenance of equipment for tv studio, maintenance of one-to-one devices for grades 2-12, Frontline Applitrack human resources system, SHI Student Staff ID System/TPASS Visitor Security System, Versatrans System transportation software system, and financial systems.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the next budget development priority is our programs and services including raising standards and expanding opportunities. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the budget goals including the resources to close the achievement gap, resources to enhance technology standards for students and teachers, college and career readiness, visual and performing arts enrichment, and review of instruction. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the resources to close the achievement gap and stated that it includes an office of equity and inclusion, coordinator of community education programs, guidance counselor to track and monitor out-of-district students, leveled curricular materials, data analyst to identify strengths and weaknesses of at-risk populations, culturally relevant supplemental curricular materials, consultants to examine the curriculum of inclusion, 15-hour sheltered instruction module for all instructors at no cost, summer transition program to 9th grade, and Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI) partnership.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the resources to enhance technology standards for students and teachers and stated that it includes computer literacy for teachers in grades K-5, partnerships for grades 9-12 including the National Academy Foundation and Global Logistics/Federal Express; certification exams for engineering and Global Logistic exams; National Academy Foundation program for Be Future Ready: Academy of Information Technology and Project Lead the Way; and structured learning experiences, advisors, and internships including United Way of Greater Union County, ShipCo, automotive technology, print services, health sciences, cosmetology and barbering, commercial foods, fashion, and marketing.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the career and college readiness programs and stated that they include International Baccalaureate for grades K-8, Naviance for College and Career Readiness for grades 9-12, Dual Enrollment Partnerships with Kean University, New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), New Jersey City University, Middlesex County Community College (MCCC), transition program for students with disabilities, college visits, and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) for grades 6-12. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the new AVID sites and stated that Joseph Battin School No. 4, Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29, and Chessie Dentley Roberts Academy School No. 30 will be new AVID sites. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the addition of three schools will mean there are 29 Elizabeth Public Schools that will be in partnership with AVID in the 2022-2023 school year.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the visual and performing arts including the Teen Arts Program, summer arts institute, music theater orchestra, high school performing arts program after school, Disney Musicals in Schools, HBO partnership, and Visual

Arts Center of New Jersey. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the review of instruction includes revisions of curricula, revision of benchmarks, and iObservation (Danielson and Marzano evaluation systems).

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the building professional resources including mentoring first-year teachers, new teacher training, Montclair State University Network for Educational Renewal, content area trainings (including bilingual and special education), Harassment Intimidation and Bullying (HIB), language arts literacy training for K-3 with on-site coaching, mathematics training for grades K-8 and high school Algebra I Advanced and Algebra II with on-site coaching, training for librarians on literacy instruction, safety and security of our schools, personalized learning environments and differentiating instruction, Handle with Care, Global Compliance Network Professional Development System, administrators' institute, and district professional development days.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented PowerPoint slides about protecting our investments and stated that the capital and maintenance projects include replacing classroom air conditioning at one school, renovating bathrooms at two schools, repairing/replacing bleachers at one school, renovating the cafeteria at one school, ceiling replacement at two schools, radiator covers at one school, replacing the classroom door at one school, cleaning duct work vents at one school, replacing floor and carpets at ten schools, replacing flushometers at two schools, replacing grease traps at eight schools, improving heating and replacing radiators at two schools, improving lighting at two schools, replacing bell and intercom system at one school, repairing drainage problem at one school, new lockers at two schools, installing master clock at one school, installing new push hardware playground at one school, new cold water main at one school, replacing missing classroom numbers at two schools, replacing roof leaders and skirts on TCUs at one school, sound system intercom upgrade at seven schools, replacing shades at thirteen schools, replacing bathroom stalls at one school, replacing stage curtains at one school, replacing counterbalance at three schools, replacing and installing wall mats at three schools, replacing chalkboard with white boards at three schools, replacing all steam and return lines in drench at one school, replacing all metal pull station covers at one school, new steam return in tunnel at one school, replacing exterior doors at one school, replacing projection screen in auditorium at one school, asphalt replacement at two schools, repointing brick on main building at one school, add bathrooms in kindergarten classrooms at two schools, replacing gym ceiling at one school, replacing cold water main at one school, converting nursing room to conference room at one school, converting classrooms at three schools, replacing and/or installing new doors at three schools, replacing gym floors at three schools, replacing greenhouse glass room at one school, additional heat in the weight room at one school, HVAC installation at three schools, painting entire building at two schools, painting classrooms at three schools, roof replacement at nine schools, ShopRite and backing room at one school, replacing hot and cold water lines in tunnel at one school, exterior wall weatherproofing at one school, and building black box theater space at one school.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented PowerPoint slides on the return on our investments and stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools welcomed back students and team members to in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the U.S. News and World Report Best Elementary Schools Rankings include William F. Halloran School No. 22 ranked No. 6 in New Jersey for elementary and No. 50 in New Jersey for middle schools and Terence C. Reilly School No. 7 ranked No. 39 in New Jersey for elementary and No. 11 in New Jersey for middle schools. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the U.S. News and World Report Best U.S. High Schools Rankings include Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy ranked No. 262 in the U.S. and No. 13 in N.J. and Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy ranked No. 1,116 in U.S. and No. 45 in N.J. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the Jay Mathews Challenge Index of High School Rankings for the Top 300 Most Challenging High Schools in the United States includes

Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy ranked No. 192 in the United States. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the College Board AP 2022 Advanced Placement Computer Science Female Diversity Award includes Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented PowerPoint slides showing the post-secondary institutions and stated that there are many academic colleges and universities, technical schools, and military branches in which Elizabeth Public Schools Class of 2021 graduates committed to enroll or enlist. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that two students from John E. Dwyer Technology Academy were accepted to Harvard University and Yale University. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing Pearson's TestNav Connect Platform and stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools is one of two New Jersey districts to pilot Pearson's TestNav Connect Platform. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the Job Fair and stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools human resources department hosted a successful job fair for teachers. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation and stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools was recognized as a 2022 best community for music education by the NAMM Foundation. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools received a \$22,000 grant from Sound Start Foundation for the Save the Music Intro to Music Grant for music programs at Nicholas S. LaCorte-Peterstown School No. 3 and Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools partnered with the New Jersey State Police for the 10th Annual Coat Drive for students. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools partnered with Moving New Jersey Forward Foundation and Quattro to collect food and equipment to support displaced Ukrainians. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools partnered with Be the Change (Kean University) to support the people of Ukraine through a toys for change collection. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools hosted an Amistad Collaborative Forum. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools students participated in collaboration with the City of Elizabeth, Elizabeth River/Arthur Kill Watershed Association, and Future City, Inc. for Environmental Week, "It is Up to Us, Resilience/Climate Change." Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing Elizabeth Public Schools students along with City of Elizabeth councilmembers and officials confronting climate change in Elizabeth. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide showing Elizabeth Public Schools Nurse Coordinator Marie Noonan who was named President of the Union County School Nurses Association and representative for Union County to the NJ State School Nurses Association. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that Elizabeth high school student Gregory McQueen, track and field athlete, signed with the Division I Rutgers University. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that Elizabeth high school student Mathew Giraldo, soccer athlete, signed with Division I Fairleigh Dickinson University. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that the Elizabeth Minutemen Boys Basketball Team won the Group 4 State Championship. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that the Elizabeth Minutemen Boys Soccer Team won the North 2, Group 4 State Championship. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that Gregory McQueen was the Elizabeth High School Winter Track & Field NJSIAA Meet of Champions Winner in the 200 M Dash with a time of 21.82. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that the Elizabeth High School 4x800 Relay Team was the winner of the Union County Relays, Group 4 State Relays and Emerging Elite National Championship at the Nike Indoor Nationals. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that the Elizabeth Varsity Competition Cheerleading Team won 1st Place in the High School Game Day NCA Division. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that the Elizabeth High School Soccer Players rang the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that

the Elizabeth High School Marching Band won the NJ MBDA Class AAA State Championship. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that the Elizabeth High School Winter Color Guard returned to action after a decade long absence and won three main 2022 Scholastic A Competitions. Mrs. Hugelmeyer presented a PowerPoint slide and stated that Italy Ja'rae Lee, an eleventh-grade student from Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy, won the 2022 NJ Poetry Out Loud Competition and will compete in the Nationals against 55 states and territories for the national title and the chance to win scholarships totaling \$50,000. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that concludes the return on the investment of the 2021-2022 budget and that is why we come to work every day and that is why we work so hard and so diligently across the organization in all the departments and all of the schools in order to ensure we support our children so that they can achieve excellence.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the Board of Education and Central Office believe in an open and transparent budget process, all Board of Education meetings are open to the public, and agendas and meeting minutes are available at www.epsnj.org. Copies of the tentative 2022-2023 budget are on file at the Board of Education Mitchell Building, 500 North Broad Street, and a copy of the proposed budget is posted online at the district's website, www.epsnj.org.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer gave a special thank you to our Board of Education. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that this concludes the budget presentation.

Mrs. Barbosa excused herself from the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked the Superintendent for the presentation. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that this is a happy moment for the Elizabeth Public Schools. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that having a budget for 2022-2023 with this great news is an exciting moment. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that especially, when you see and read the news around New Jersey, some of the big districts don't have the great news this moment. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that this week most of the districts presented budgets for 2022-2023 and we have close districts like Westfield Public Schools, Asbury Park, Jersey City Public Schools that cannot share this great news with the community. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that she is very proud. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that as Board President, in January she presented her two priorities, safety and closing the achievement gap. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that after two years of the pandemic, our parents want the children educated. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that if you see the data based on our issues right now, the United States received a lot of immigrants from different places. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that it is not to compare one district versus another but as a teacher in Jersey City Public Schools when she counts how many students she lost these years due to different factors and because we lack to provide good services, from September of this year to now she lost 23 students to different classes and 7 of them now go to the Elizabeth Public Schools. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that we have to be honest with the community that we are the second largest district with 28,088 students and it is amazing to present this wonderful news. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that we covered every area and we will be able to open school annexes and provide services. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that she wanted to make sure that the budget process was very transparent. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that we had face-to-face conversations with principals, directors, and staff members. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that as Board President this year it is a pleasure and a very happy night for her. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that unfortunately she is not happy for some of the students in New Jersey who are in a crisis. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that some of the other districts cut a lot of programs in art, theater, and science. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that here in Elizabeth we can celebrate that we will be able to pass a budget that we provide the best education in Elizabeth Public Schools. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that as a teacher and Board President it is a very happy moment for good news. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked Superintendent Hugelmeyer, assistant superintendents, and staff who worked on this.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked the finance committee and stated that it is not easy with many meetings. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that she appreciates the hard work and dedication and thanked the finance committee.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega asked if any Board members would like to comment.

Mr. Jacobs thanked his fellow colleagues on the finance committee, Stanley Neron and Maria Carvalho. Mr. Jacobs stated that the three of them have been on the finance committee for the last four years and we have seen the progress that has been made and continues to happen with this district. Mr. Jacobs thanked Superintendent Hugelmeyer for presenting a great budget and we can't say anymore about how excited we are and the possibilities that are happening in our school district. Mr. Jacobs stated that under the leadership of Superintendent Hugelmeyer along with working with Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Malhotra, and the accounting staff we hit the ball out of the park. Mr. Jacobs stated that with this budget we are adding 78 new positions and we are opening new schools for the second year in a row to accommodate our growing student population as the second largest district. Mr. Jacobs stated that this is a fully funded budget which means that there have been no cuts to services or programs. Mr. Jacobs stated that it is a great thing that we can say in Elizabeth that we have been able to maintain the programs and services for all of our students here in Elizabeth. Mr. Jacobs thanked Board President Moreno-Ortega for the opportunity to serve as chairperson of the finance committee. Mr. Jacobs thanked the administration and staff for everything they have done to bring this budget to fruition.

Mrs. Carvalho thanked everyone who was a part of working on this budget. Mrs. Carvalho stated that year after year we sit there and it doesn't seem to get any easier especially this year coming out of the pandemic and trying to balance everything. Mrs. Carvalho stated that it's almost as if we are going to keep going and keep doing because we have no other choice but it's not a choice, it's who we are and what we do when we get together, sit down, and figure things out. Mrs. Carvalho stated that the Superintendent has an amazing team. Mrs. Carvalho stated that she doesn't know how Mr. Kennedy's team does it but they put it together and figure it out every year. Mrs. Carvalho stated that Mr. Malhotra knows when to say no and when to say yes and knows how to keep us on our toes. Mrs. Carvalho thanked everyone including the assistant superintendents, staff, and law department. Mrs. Carvalho stated that year after year you present endless opportunities for our children. Mrs. Carvalho stated that you presented us with a budget that we can work with not only for our citizens in the City of Elizabeth, for our EPS family which is our employees, and most importantly for our students. Mrs. Carvalho thanked them for listening to us when we sit at the table because that's the only way this works.

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, Y.M., C.A., and personnel report, and workers' compensation matters, specifically, J.B. and C.R. The Board will reconvene in public and may add to the agenda and take formal action.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pestana, seconded by Mrs. Chevres, to go into private session at 9:20 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Alcaide-Hernandez (via online platform), Carvalho, Chevres, Bathelus Dorgely (via online platform), Mr. Jacobs, Mmes. Goncalves Pestana, Moreno-Ortega – 7

Negative: None

Mrs. Barbosa returned to the meeting at 9:55 p.m. via online platform.

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Mrs. Goncalves Pestana, to reconvene in public session at 10:40 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Alcaide-Hernandez (via online platform), Barbosa (via online platform), Carvalho, Chevres, Bathelus Dorgely (via online platform), Mr. Jacobs, Mmes. Goncalves Pestana, Moreno-Ortega – 8

Negative: None

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega asked Mr. Kennedy if there were additional items to add to the agenda.

Mr. Kennedy read the following additions to the agenda:

Resolution – Transfer of Y.M.

Resolution – Transfer of C.A.

Personnel Report

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega called for Mr. Kennedy to take us through the agenda to vote.

Resolution – Acceptance and Approval of the Corrective Action Plan for the Audit for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

There were no findings and recommendations contained in the Auditor's Management Report and the Corrective Action Plan to be adopted as required by N.J.A.C. 18A:23-5 to publicly review and discuss at a public meeting of the Board of Education.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Alcaide-Hernandez, Barbosa, Carvalho, Chevres, Bathelus Dorgely, Mr. Jacobs, Mmes. Goncalves Pestana, Moreno-Ortega – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Adoption of the 2022-2023 School Budget

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Alcaide-Hernandez, Barbosa, Carvalho, Chevres, Bathelus Dorgely, Mr. Jacobs, Mmes. Goncalves Pestana, Moreno-Ortega – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Transfer of Y.M.

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

The motion did not pass. (See below for a revote on this matter)

Affirmative: None

Negative: Mmes. Alcaide-Hernandez, Barbosa, Carvalho, Chevres, Bathelus Dorgely, Mr. Jacobs, Mmes. Goncalves Pestana, Moreno-Ortega – 8

Resolution – Transfer to Reading Specialist – C.A.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Alcaide-Hernandez, Barbosa, Carvalho, Chevres, Bathelus Dorgely, Mr. Jacobs, Mmes. Goncalves Pestana, Moreno-Ortega – 8

Negative: None

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Alcaide-Hernandez, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Alcaide-Hernandez, Barbosa, Carvalho, Chevres, Bathelus Dorgely, Mr. Jacobs, Mmes. Goncalves Pestana, Moreno-Ortega – 8

Negative: None

Mrs. Carvalho made a motion to amend the Resolution for Transfer of Y.M. to be a denial for the recommendation for transfer.

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Mrs. Bathelus Dorgely, for denial for the recommendation for transfer of Y.M.

The motion for denial for the recommendation of transfer of Y.M. was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Alcaide-Hernandez, Barbosa, Carvalho, Chevres, Bathelus Dorgely, Mr. Jacobs, Mmes. Goncalves Pestana, Moreno-Ortega – 8

Negative: None

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega asked if the Board members had any comments.

Mrs. Carvalho congratulated everyone on the great job to pass the budget.

Mrs. Barbosa congratulated our teachers and stated that it is teacher appreciation week. Mrs. Barbosa thanked the teachers for all they do every single day to teach our children.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega wished a Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in the district and our Board family.

On a motion by Mrs. Barbosa, seconded by Mrs. Alcaide-Hernandez, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Alcaide-Hernandez (via online platform), Barbosa (via online platform), Carvalho, Chevres, Bathelus Dorgely (via online platform), Mr. Jacobs, Mmes. Goncalves Pestana, Moreno-Ortega – 8

Negative: None

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