

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called on June 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., in the MultiPurpose Room, Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education, 544 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Board Vice President Elcy Castillo-Ospina presented the following statement at 7:45 p.m.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education. Pursuant to New Jersey Statutes and the rules adopted by the Board of Education, notice of this meeting was sent to Worrall Community Newspapers, The Star Ledger and Cablevision of Elizabeth on Friday, June 6, 2014. In addition, this notice is posted on the Bulletin Board in the lobby of 500 North Broad Street, and pursuant to this act, a copy has been filed with the City Clerk of Elizabeth.”

“I wish to extend a warm welcome to everyone present and to our television viewers to this June 12, 2014 meeting of the Board of Education. We are here to govern, provide management oversight, and make policy for the district. The Superintendent manages the district. This is a meeting of the Board in public, not a meeting of the public.”

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

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

Present: Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez – 6

Absent: Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 3

Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Family and Community Outreach Jerome Dunn, Acting Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Rafael Cortes, Acting Assistant Superintendent for Schools Linda Seniszyn, Assistant Board Secretary Donald Goncalves, Comptroller William Greene, Supervising General Counsel/Board Attorney Marvin Lehman, and members of the public were in attendance.

Reverend Steffie Bartley, Pastor of New Hope Memorial Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Daniel Ortega, seventh grade student at Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30.

## National Anthem

The Pledge of Ethics was led by Talissa Molina, eighth grade student at Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina introduced a video presentation of the Core Beliefs and Commitments.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina thanked the assistant superintendents, administrators, principals, vice principals, staff, and parents for coming tonight.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina introduced students from the Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30 Jazz Band who performed *Respect* by Otis Redding. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina thanked the students for the wonderful performance.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina introduced students from the Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30 Concert Band who performed *America the Beautiful* by Samuel A. Ward. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina thanked the students for the wonderful performance.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina introduced students from the Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy Choir who performed *You Raise Me Up* by Rolf Lovland, lyrics by Brendan Graham. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina thanked the students for the wonderful performance.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina introduced Superintendent Olga Hugelmeyer to present a special superintendent's report.

### Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that for over 40 years Assistant Superintendent Jerome Dunn has devoted his life to education and has always had the best interest of the children at heart. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that it has been her honor and privilege to work with Mr. Dunn and he has exhibited a driving commitment to equity and excellence be it in PreK-12 or adult education. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that Mr. Dunn has been a tireless advocate for children and our youth and meeting the individual needs of all students has been a life-long priority. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that Mr. Dunn's role as an Assistant Superintendent for Family and Community Outreach has been always focused on establishing school and community partnerships and successfully sharing of resources which have helped to expand learning opportunities for everyone. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that she is very proud of how much they have accomplished working together and today Elizabeth is recognized as one of the highest performing urban school systems and Mr. Dunn has been an integral part of that success. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that Mr. Dunn has always reminded her of the importance of working as a team and as a team they have accomplished so much. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that this evening he is surrounded by the team that he has helped to nurture and words are not enough, that he is incredibly compassionate and he has worked tirelessly and demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the success of our community. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that she would be remiss if she didn't touch on the qualities that make Mr. Dunn the man that he is. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that this is a story of a child from the south who moved to Newark, NJ attending school there and successfully graduating from Weequahic High School. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the riots of 1967 and the racial turmoil of the time, could in fact, define someone in many ways and Jerome Dunn took those experiences and applied them in a very positive way by attending Newark College, now known as Kean University, and completing his degree in social studies and immediately committing himself to the education of our youth. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that all of us know that what Jerome believes is to take on the future by molding the minds of today and to know Jerome is to know a person of compassion, commitment, and perseverance. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that she would like to share the words of Jerome Dunn right from his application signed on March 23, 1972, "The most significant influence in developing my fitness to teach or desire to teach has been my self-motivation

because of environmental conditions. Being from an area considered underprivileged, my main objective or goal is to return to this type of area and help its young people. By help, I don't mean in terms of money or direct physical help. The help that I am referring to is awareness. The reason why I consider this so important is because I know myself, as an individual cannot perform any spectacular feat, which will cause an overall change in their lives. But once they are made aware to the importance of such things as self pride, meaningful education and given motivation, they too will develop a goal or purpose in mind." Mrs. Hugelmeyer quoted Langston Hughes, "When a man starts out to build a world, he starts first with himself." Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that this is the essence of Jerome Dunn and the person he has always been, changing the world, starting with himself and changing generations of Elizabethans in the process. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that anyone that has attended Elizabeth schools knows the name Jerome Dunn and it is a name that will ring in the hearts of thousands of people for many years to come. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that our heart is heavy with his decision to leave us and it is only balanced with our joy that he will deservedly be spending time with his family and especially his grandchildren who truly will need to experience his genuine appreciation for life and the belief that is within all of us that there is a child that is just waiting to become a productive and compassionate citizen of our community. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that is the world that Jerome Dunn has helped to create here in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina thanked Superintendent Hugelmeyer for her wonderful report.

Resolution – Jerome Dunn, Assistant Superintendent for Family and Community Outreach

Mr. Fajardo read the resolution.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, Gonzalez, Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Mr. González commented that for the last nine years he has been on this Board Mr. Dunn has always been a source of everything especially when it comes to family and parents. Mr. González stated that when there is an issue or concern with a parent Mr. Dunn always follows up to a resolution. Mr. González thanked Mr. Dunn for serving the children of the City of Elizabeth for 42 years and wished him best of luck with his new grandson and may he bring him many joys. Mr. González stated that it has been a pleasure serving on this Board having met Mr. Dunn first as a principal and now as an Assistant Superintendent. Mr. González thanked him for everything and commented may God bless him.

Mr. Neron congratulated Mr. Dunn and commented that they worked together very closely for many years and he helped to pave the way for many young men and people in the community to become leaders. Mr. Neron thanked him for his many years of service and stated that the words thank you are not enough. Mr. Neron stated that he salutes him for all the work that he has done and what he has represented and wished him all the best.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina commented that it has been a pleasure having Mr. Dunn as Assistant Superintendent and thanked him for being a leader. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that education is his forte and thanked him for his guidance, patience, kindness, and love for the district.

Mr. Fajardo commented that he has so much in his heart to say as he has known Mr. Dunn for many years. Mr. Fajardo stated that when the decision was made to appoint him to the position of Assistant Superintendent it was the right decision because we knew in our heart it would work and we knew at the time how big his heart is and Mr. Dunn defines the slogan honor, duty, loyalty. Mr. Fajardo commented that may the Lord almighty continue to shine his face

upon him. Mr. Fajardo thanked him for his hard work for the children of the City of Elizabeth and thanked him for being his friend.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that he has had the pleasure to work with Mr. Dunn only a few months but he got to know him three years ago every time he had to sign in to speak at the Board meetings. Mr. Rodriguez stated Mr. Dunn always greeted him with a smile, was always kind, and he really appreciated that. Mr. Rodriguez stated that over Mr. Dunn's 42 years of service he has touched thousands of lives and has made this City and this district better for being here. Mr. Rodriguez thanked him for his hard work.

Ms. Bathelus thanked Mr. Dunn and stated that over the last year and a half she called numerous times asking many questions and help for other people and he always called within a day or two. Ms. Bathelus congratulated him on his new endeavors.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina and Board members presented a plaque of commemoration to Mr. Jerome Dunn and congratulated him.

Assistant Superintendent for Family and Community Outreach Jerome Dunn thanked the current Board members and former Board members throughout the years who had the faith to place him in various leadership roles in serving the children here in Elizabeth. Mr. Dunn stated that he often thought what do you do and what do you say for your last year, for your last month, and even for your last week. Mr. Dunn stated that he received a little message from a friend and read *And Then It Is Winter*, author unknown:

"You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young and embarking on my new life. And yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. And I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my babies go? And where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...most of my friends retired and really getting gray...they move slower and they really see an older person in me now. Some are in better shape than me but I see the great change. Not the ones that he remembers who were young and vibrant but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things. But, at least I know, that the winter has come. Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done, things I should have done. But of course, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime. So, if you're not in your winter yet let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish, start today! Don't put things off too long because life goes by quickly so do what you can today because you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not. You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life so live for good today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember. Hope that they will appreciate you and love you for all the things that you have done. Life is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who came after."

Supervisor of Art Tracy Monteiro thanked him for teaching her to always be kind and treat people well. Ms. Monteiro stated that after many years of serving the district through community outreach Mr. Dunn was a good leader and through even more years of serving as principal Mr. Dunn was a great leader. Ms. Monteiro stated that the last several years of serving as Assistant Superintendent Mr. Dunn was an awesome leader from whom we all can learn a lot. Ms. Monteiro presented a memory album from the art teachers and principals in all the schools in remembrance for all that he has done for all of the schools in the district and hopes that he cherishes it for years to come.

Pastor Steffie Bartley stated that Mr. Jerome Dunn was one of the people instrumental in bringing a whole group from Hillside to Elizabeth. Pastor Bartley stated that he always tells the story of a basketball team called Blue Magic and Mr. Dunn and others had him sitting on the bench and after three quarters he took off his jersey, threw it on the floor, and walked all the way back to Hillside. Pastor Bartley stated that Mr. Dunn tells that story to say look what God has done to him now. Pastor Bartley stated that Mr. Dunn never gave up on him and saw things in him that he didn't see in himself. Pastor Bartley stated that Mr. Dunn is a great leader and a great friend. Pastor Bartley stated that there is a book on how to become a friend and it says that a man went out looking for friends and couldn't find any and then a man went out being a friend and friends were everywhere. Pastor Bartley thanked Mr. Dunn on behalf of all the young men that he knows from Hillside here in Elizabeth, the religious leaders, and the parents that Mr. Dunn spends hours trying to work out problems and commented may God bless Mr. Dunn.

Rose Carreto, Elizabeth Education Association President, stated that it is her pleasure to wish Assistant Superintendent Jerome Dunn best wishes on his retirement and it has been her great honor to work with him for the past sixteen years. Ms. Carreto stated that the EEA and she will truly miss Mr. Dunn who has always made himself available to the EEA. Ms. Carreto thanked him for always taking the time for her phone calls and returning her phone calls even at 10:00 p.m. after a busy day. Ms. Carreto stated that Mr. Dunn demonstrated his dedication and commitment to EEA members and did whatever it took to get the job done even coming to the EEA office to address member concerns. Ms. Carreto stated that he has a calming way about himself. Ms. Carreto stated that Mr. Dunn has been a great leader during his career at the Elizabeth Public School district and thanked Mr. Dunn for giving so much of himself to the students and to the members of the EEA.

Liteove Tighe, Elizabeth Administrative and Supervisory Council President, commented that she is grateful for the support and guidance that Mr. Dunn has given her during their time at the Elizabeth Public Schools. Mrs. Tighe stated that during one of Mr. Dunn's visits at School No. 52 she introduced him to this wonderful student Micay who was so excited because Mr. Dunn, the Assistant Superintendent, sat with him and spoke with him and made him feel very special. Mrs. Tighe stated that Micay drew a picture for Mr. Dunn who put the picture on his office door. Mrs. Tighe stated that when it was time for Micay to leave the early childhood center Mr. Dunn came to see him off and spoke with his mother to make sure she knew how much we cared for her son and his well-being. Mrs. Tighe stated that Mr. Dunn made Micay and his mom feel very special. Mrs. Tighe introduced Micay and asked him to come forward. Mrs. Tighe thanked Mr. Dunn and quoted Maya Angelou, "I've learned that people will forget what you said people will forget what you did but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina introduced a video presentation about Jerome Dunn.

Arlene Campbell, Principal of Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30, presented Mr. Dunn with a portrait.

Supervisor of Music Denis Argul and Music Teacher Meredith Foreman performed *Georgia On My Mind* by Howard Hoagland Carmichael.

Judy Finch-Johnson, Director of Athletics, shared a story that when she was new in her position as Athletic Director and looking for help with a problem her husband and brother-in-law said that Mr. Jerome Dunn could answer all her questions and handle all her problems. Mrs. Finch-Johnson stated that she knew him as a principal and from that moment he helped her and it was great. Mrs. Finch-Johnson stated that the following winter he was appointed Assistant Superintendent and she was reporting to him. Mrs. Finch-Johnson shared a story about a time that she was having a problem with a coach and an athlete and went to Mr. Dunn who said that as long as you keep the kids first when you are making your decisions you can't go wrong. Mrs.

Finch-Johnson stated that stuck with her and she applies it every day. Mrs. Finch-Johnson stated that Mr. Dunn has leadership, skills, and knowledge of athletics and since 2006 they have had 2 State Championships in football, numerous Group IV Champions in basketball, soccer, baseball, County Championships in tennis and track. Mrs. Finch-Johnson stated that tells what type of person she is under and what type of leader he is. Mrs. Finch-Johnson stated that she appreciates everything he has done to help her grow in her role and thanked him for all of his help and he is going to be missed.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina commented that Mr. Dunn will always be in their hearts and thanked him for his years of service to the district.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized Maria Gonzalez, twelfth grade student from Elizabeth Public Schools at ECLC of New Jersey for student excellence for receiving the Governor's Award in Art Education, the Dr. Frank Stockbine, Jr. Award for Excellence in the Performing Arts for Vocal Music. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina and Board members congratulated Maria Gonzalez and presented her with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized Steven Arias, twelfth grade student at John E. Dwyer Technology Academy for student excellence for receiving the Rebecca S. McDonald Award. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina and Board members congratulated Steven Arias and presented him with a plaque of commemoration.

Ms. Bathelus recognized Esther Jean Louis and Harry Malhi, seniors at Elizabeth High School, who were recognized as scholar athletes by the Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference for their excellent grades, sport performance, school involvement, and community service activities. Ms. Bathelus stated that each student was the recipient of a plaque, watch, and \$1,000. scholarship by the UCIAC. Ms. Bathelus and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Ms. Bathelus recognized Fabrice Juin, senior at Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy, who was recognized as a scholar athlete by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association for his excellent grades, athletic performance, and outstanding school and community citizenship. Ms. Bathelus stated that Fabrice Juin was the recipient of a plaque and a \$500. scholarship by the NJSIAA. Ms. Bathelus and Board members congratulated Fabrice Juin and presented him with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Neron recognized students in the Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30 Concert Band for their superior performance results at the Music in the Parks Festival held in May at Dorney Park, Pennsylvania including Sebastian Rodriguez, Franco Rondan, and Andrew Valencia, fifth grade students; Brandon Aguirre, Diane Diaz, Jael Espinoza, Camila Osorio, Maciel Perez, Britney Suero, and Jeventina Zelaya, sixth grade students; Jason Calero, Gabriel Deolindo, Diego Garcia, Angel Gonzalez, Samuel Hodges, Christopher Lutz, Jose Magana, Joahn Martinez, Ariel Reyes, and Yonah Sosa, seventh grade students; Johann Adzakro, Darren Cooper, Charlene Crespo, Kimberly Espinosa, Christynah Estivene, Alejandra Hincapie, Andrea Ibarra, Jennifer Largo, Ivan Lopez, Leon Mera, Talissa Molina, Sydney Perdomo, Leonardo Plaza, Stephanie Reyes, and Mario Uribe, eighth grade students. Mr. Neron and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Rodriguez recognized students in the Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30 Jazz Band for their superior performance results at the Music in the Parks Festival held in May at Dorney Park, Pennsylvania including Alliss Alas, Sebastian Rodriguez, Franco Rondan, and Andrew Valencia, fifth grade students; Brandon Aguirre, Diego Garcia, Samuel Hodges, Christopher Lutz, Jose Magana, Joahn Martinez, Daniel Ortega, Ariel Reyes, and Yonah Sosa, seventh grade students; Kimberly Espinosa, Alejandra Hincapie, Ivan Lopez, Leon Mera, Talissa Molina, Sydney Perdomo, Leonardo Plaza, and Stephanie Reyes, eighth grade students. Mr.

Rodriguez congratulated Ariel Reyes, seventh grade, alto saxophone, who was selected as the Best Overall Jazz Soloist. Mr. Rodriguez stated that this was the first time the Chorus attended and participated in this festival and they placed second overall. Mr. Rodriguez and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. González thanked the Rotary Club of Elizabeth for their many outstanding community service programs which have positively affected our students and our schools for many years including Taste of Elizabeth, the Dictionary Project, and the annual Rotary Scholarships. Mr. González stated that over \$20,000. in scholarships were awarded to twenty seniors from Elizabeth's six high schools through the Albert and Louis Davis Scholarship Fund of the Rotary Club of Elizabeth including Braulyn Amaro-Cruz and Mariam KatuBinti from John E. Dwyer Technology Academy; Mehak Kumar from Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy; Ericka Alfaro, Hermione Brice, Florencia Curbelo, Luisa Goytia, Ashley Gregory, Harry Malhi, Ahmed Nagy, Jessenia Palacio, and Paola Patti from Elizabeth High School; Wilmin Ceballos-Collado and Lucita Fernandez-Argudo from William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy; Rosemary Ferreira, Fabrice Juin, Alex Kazanecki, Gina Shipani, and Linda Yarfi from Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy; and Chrysthel Jean Luis from Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy. Mr. González and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Fajardo commended the district's educators for their diligence in providing a superior education to all of the students in Elizabeth. Mr. Fajardo recognized the teachers who have been selected for the Union County Teacher Recognition Program for their outstanding work in education including Marianne English, George Washington School No. 1; Stephanie Gaeta, Winfield Scott School No. 2; Marilyn Buda, Nicholas S. LaCorte-Peterstown School No. 3; Liliana Riehl, Joseph Battin School No. 4; Annette Klimerman, Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5; Lourdes Cordero, Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6; Joseph Collins, Terence C. Reilly School No. 7; Steven Criscuolo, iPrep Academy School No. 8; Jennifer DeFillippis, Elmora School No. 12; Vivian Martinez, Benjamin Franklin School No. 13; Loretta Davis-Chambers, Abraham Lincoln School No. 14; Janine Manno, Christopher Columbus School No. 15; Monica Luzardo, Madison-Monroe School No. 16; Anthony Leone, Robert Morris School No. 18; Bridget Turano, Woodrow Wilson School No. 19; Sandra Sades, John Marshall School No. 20; Sofia Verma, Victor Mravlag School No. 21; Gloria Salerno, William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31; Lorri-Anne Cummings, Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23; Janet Corrigan, Charles J. Hudson School No. 25; Thomas Siebenhuhner, Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26; Jacqueline Gaston, Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27; Denise Renda, Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28; Diana Rivera, Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29; Elizabeth Howard, Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30; Evangelia Zavolas, Frances C. Smith Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 50; Nicole Moscoso, Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 51; Kerry Sullivan, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 52; Edmee Valentin, John E. Dwyer Technology Academy; Betty Santangelo, Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy; John Byrne, Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy; Mary Rivera, Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy; Todd Lecher, Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy; and Panchali Roy, Elizabeth High School. Mr. Fajardo and Board members congratulated the teachers and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Fajardo recognized Jeffrey Roszkowski, Principal of Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy, for saving the life of a team member by performing the Heimlich maneuver. Mr. Fajardo and Board members thanked Jeffrey Roszkowski and presented him with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Roszkowski thanked the Board. Mr. Roszkowski stated that in addition to the earlier scholarships they were notified that nine seniors from the Elizabeth Public Schools each received \$1000. scholarship from Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Roszkowski stated that

seniors from Elizabeth received nine scholarships out of the 13 that were awarded to students in Union County and that is great for Elizabeth.

The Board went into recess at 9:30 p.m.  
The Board reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

Board Vice President Castillo-Ospina presented the following public participation statement.

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

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina called upon the first public participant, Patricia Gallante, to address the Board.

Patricia Gallante, 750 Grier Avenue, spoke about a harassment, intimidation and bullying incident, the scoring of the HIB, and a Board vacancy.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina thanked her for her comments. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina asked Eunice Couselo, AntiBullying Coordinator, to respond.

Eunice Couselo, AntiBullying Coordinator stated that the HIB scoring report is new and explained the scoring process.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina thanked Eunice Couselo for the explanation and called upon the next public participant, Amanda Leon, to address the Board.

Amanda Leon, 19 Erie Street, stated that she is a member of the Elizabeth Education Organizing Committee and spoke about harassment, intimidation, and bullying and out of school suspension. Ms. Leon requested that student entertainment and awards be held on a different day.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina thanked her for her comments.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that he would be glad to speak with Patricia Gallante. Mr. Rodriguez stated that in terms of us being the No. 2 highest reporting of HIB he is of the same mind and would not be ashamed of that number, if anything it tells us that our children are comfortable speaking up about it. Mr. Rodriguez stated that we all know that this is a national crisis not just in New Jersey but across the country in terms of what is going on. Mr. Rodriguez stated that New Jersey has the harshest HIB law in the country in terms of what schools must do and the reporting and everything that has to do with that law. Mr. Rodriguez stated that we do lots of things in the district that are good and a lot of things are private and can't be told to the public but we do a lot of things. Mr. Rodriguez stated that we have had anti-bullying symposiums throughout the district where parents were invited to come in, we had speakers in both English and Spanish to be able to communicate to a majority of our community to give information to parents on what to do and we are very open about that. Mr. Rodriguez stated that we don't hide behind the numbers which is good because this is an issue that is happening in the



schools and we keep attempting to lessen it year by year. Mr. Rodriguez stated that if we were to hide the numbers or not report them and do things that other districts do then he doesn't think that it fair to our children. Mr. Rodriguez stated that in terms of that it is not something that we should be ashamed of and obviously we want to see that number go down but he thinks the first step is admitting that there is an issue in our schools and then attacking that issue. Mr. Rodriguez commended the administration and stated that we will continue to do that. Mr. Rodriguez stated that he is glad that Ms. Gallante comes and fights for that.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that in terms of the out of school suspension he and his colleagues have all agreed that out of school suspension is to be used only as a last resort and that has been communicated down to the principals throughout the district. Mr. Rodriguez stated that there are certain times though that egregious situations demand and deserve out of school suspensions. Mr. Rodriguez stated that he can assure that we try not to kick our students out of the schools and we do use in-school suspension as a resort before we do out of school suspension. Mr. Rodriguez stated that there is detention, character education, and a whole host of things we do to try to make sure the students know that what they are doing is wrong and then to correct their behavior at the same time. Mr. Rodriguez stated that we are on top of it and we're not perfect and there is a lot of work to be done. Mr. Rodriguez stated that we are not ashamed of the numbers because we know there is a problem and we need to fix it.

Since there were no other citizens signed in to address the Board, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina declared this portion of the public meeting closed.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Ms. Bathelus, that the minutes of the meetings of May 6, 8, and 27, 2014 be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: Mr. Fajardo – 1

Negative: None

#### Secretary and Treasurer's Report for the Month of April 2014

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Mr. Fajardo asked what the present debt is on obligations by the Elizabeth school district. Mr. Kennedy responded that we have no debt on our balance sheet.

#### Personnel Report – Leaves of Absence, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González (abstain- N.B.), Neron,  
Rodriguez, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Mr. Rodriguez congratulated Mr. Jerome Dunn for his retirement and a few others who have over twenty years of service to our district. Mr. Rodriguez congratulated everyone who is retiring and wished them a happy and healthy retirement.

#### Tuition Report

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

Mr. Fajardo asked what the present percentage of the budget is for special education in our City. Mr. Fajardo stated that at one time it was about 15% and that it is important to know that we do take care of our special needs students in our district.

Mr. Kennedy responded that he would provide the information. Mr. Kennedy stated that significant dollars for tuition are also federally funded through the IDEA Program.

Mr. Rodriguez commented that last year it was about 11% for special education.

#### Supplemental Tuition Report

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

#### Superintendent's Report – Considerations

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mr. Fajardo, that the requests be approved.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

#### Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Ms. Bathelus, that the requests be approved with a waiver of fees.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

#### Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

A motion was made by Mr. Fajardo, seconded by Mr. Neron, that the requests be approved as recommended.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

#### Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

A motion was made by Mr. Fajardo, seconded by Mr. González, that the requests be approved.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Authorizations Report – Authorization to Make Application, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Supplemental Authorizations Report – Authorization to Make Application, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Finance and Accounting Report – Authorization to Pay Vouchers

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez (abstain-  
Garrubbo & Capece, P.C.), Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Mr. Rodriguez stated that he is abstaining and knows the service was already done but hopes we don't use that law firm in the future. Mr. Rodriguez stated that one of the partners was involved in some issues in the past. Mr. Rodriguez stated that he doesn't want to say no because the work was already done.

Supplemental Finance and Accounting Report – Transfer of Funds

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Award of Contracts Report

A motion was made by Mr. Fajardo, seconded by Ms. Bathelus, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Supplemental Award of Contracts Report

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

## Miscellaneous Communication

None.

## Claims List

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo (abstain- E.K.), González, Neron, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 5

Abstain: Mr. Rodriguez – 1

Negative: None

## Resolution – Temporary Short Term Loan

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Mr. Rodriguez commented that he spoke with Mr. Lehman and wants to let the public know that even though this looks like we are borrowing money it is an issue with the State. Mr. Rodriguez stated that when the State has a budget shortfall they do some creative accounting and make us borrow money in the short term and then later on in the State's new fiscal year they reimburse us for any money that we outlaid to borrow the money. Mr. Rodriguez stated that every single dollar that it cost us to borrow this money we do get back. Mr. Rodriguez stated that even though this looks like we are borrowing money the issue is from the State and we will be reimbursed every single penny.

Mr. Neron thanked him for the clarification.

Mr. Fajardo stated that this is an accounting procedure that has been going on for many years.

## Resolution – Payment for Unused Sick Days

A motion was made by Mr. Fajardo, seconded by Ms. Bathelus, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Mr. Fajardo stated that the unused sick day reimbursement was set at \$50/day at one time and asked if it has changed.

Mr. Kennedy explained the graduated scale used to pay for unused sick days.

Mr. Fajardo asked if it was the same formula that we approved a few years ago.

Mr. Kennedy responded that it was.

Resolution – Union County Educational Services Commission Special Education Tuition Contract 2014-2015

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – N.J.S.I.A.A. Membership 2014-2015

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Prescription Insurance Coverage – Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NJ

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Dental Insurance Coverage – Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NJ

A motion was made by Mr. Neron, seconded by Mr. Fajardo, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

The second reading was done of the following revised policies:

Policy File Code 2224	Affirmative Action, Nondiscrimination
Policy File Code 4111	Recruitment, Selection and Hiring
Policy File Code 4111.1/4211.1	Affirmative Action, Nondiscrimination
Policy File Code 4211	Recruitment, Selection and Hiring
Policy File Code 5141	Health
Policy File Code 5145.4	Equal Educational Opportunity
Policy File Code 6121	Affirmative Action, Nondiscrimination
Policy File Code 6145	Extracurricular Activities

Resolution – Revised Policies

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Mr. Neron commented that he spoke with Superintendent Hugelmeyer and these are as per the recommendation of the New Jersey School Boards Association. Mr. Neron stated that we made the adjustments to our policies so they are standard across the State.

Mr. Kennedy explained the procedure for revising policies and stated that the NJSBA service provides revised policies to the district via email.

Resolution – Excess Workers’ Compensation

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Mr. Fajardo asked if the threshold is still \$200,000.

Mr. Kennedy responded that it is \$800,000.

Resolution – Union County Educational Services Commission NonPublic Schools Textbook Program 2014-2015

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Union County Educational Services Commission NonPublic Schools Technology Initiative Program 2014-2015

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Union County Educational Services Commission Coordinated Transportation Services 2014-2015

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Agreement for Professional Services Union County Educational Services Commission 2014-2015

A motion was made by Mr. Neron, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

The first reading was done of the following new and revised policies and exhibit:

1311	Policy	Data Dashboard
2131(X)	Exhibit	Superintendent Evaluation Exhibit
4119.26	Policy	Staff Use of Internet, Social Networks and Other Forms of Electronic Communication
5113	Policy	Absences and Excuses
5131.6	Policy	Substance Abuse (Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco)
6142.10	Policy	Internet Safety and Technology

The Vice 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 A.P., A.P., R.K., C.N., L.G., D.D., K.S., D.S., K.K., C.S., C.R., D.D., increment withholdings, reorganization, administrative vacancy, OFAC corrective action plans, tenure charges, 2014-2015 employment contracts; Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying results; and workers' compensation cases, specifically, D.B., R.B., E.G., J.S., and D.Q. The Board will reconvene in public to take formal action.

A motion was made by Mr. Fajardo, seconded by Mr. González, to go into private session at 10:30 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

The Board reconvened in public at 1:05 a.m. to continue with the meeting and take formal action.

#### Superintendent's Report – Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Investigative Results

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

#### Resolution – Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim No. 2012-1671 – R.B.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

#### Resolution – Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim No. 2009-31963 – E.G.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 5  
Abstain: Mr. Rodriguez – 1  
Negative: None

#### Resolution – Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim No. 2012-32536 – D.B.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:  
Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim No. 2012-18053 – J.S.  
A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mr. Neron, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:  
Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

Supplemental Personnel Report – Employment of Tenured and Non-Tenured NonCertified Personnel Report

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:  
Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo (abstain- R.F., M.F., O.F., E.K., A.M., D.G.), González, Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

Resolution – Administrative Leave with pay – R.K.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:  
Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

Resolution – Administrative Leave without pay – D.D.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:  
Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

Resolution – Administrative Leave with pay – L.G.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:  
Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

Resolution – Administrative Leave with pay – C.R.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:



Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

Resolution – Administrative Leave with pay – C.S.

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

The motion did not pass lacking majority of the full membership.

Affirmative: Messrs. Fajardo, González, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 3

Abstain: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez – 3

Negative: None

Resolution – Administrative Leave with pay – C.S.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Administrative Leave with pay – K.S.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Administrative Leave with pay – D.Q.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Administrative Leave with pay – A.P.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Administrative Leave with pay – D.D.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

Resolution – Administrative Leave with pay – K.K.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

Resolution – Administrative Leave with pay – C.N.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

Resolution – Confidential Settlement Agreement between EBOE and A.P.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

Resolution – Acceptance of the Corrective Action Plan for Chapter 192/193 Services for the 2011-2012 School Year Audit

The audit recommendations, comments, and actions to be implemented were considered and discussed.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

Resolution – Acceptance of the Corrective Action Plan for Early Childhood Preschool Education OFAC Report of Review for Proceed I for the May 2014 Examination Date

The audit recommendations, comments, and actions to be implemented were considered and discussed.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

Resolution – Acceptance of the Corrective Action Plan for Early Childhood Preschool Education  
OFAC Report of Review for Proceed II for the May 2014 Examination Date

The audit recommendations, comments, and actions to be implemented were considered and discussed.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina asked if there was any old business to discuss. Since there was no old business to discuss Mrs. Castillo-Ospina asked if there was any new business to discuss.

Mr. Rodriguez presented a resolution for support of Assembly Bill No. 2930 and Senate Bill No. 1987 that eliminates the superintendent's salary cap. Mr. Rodriguez stated that his fellow colleague, Mr. González, recommended that we also give this resolution to City Council and Union County Freeholders.

Resolution – Support of Assembly Bill No. 2930 and Senate Bill No. 1987

Prohibiting the NJ Department of Education from regulating the maximum salary a school district may pay its superintendent

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6

Negative: None

Mr. Rodriguez commended the Superintendent and staff for the incident at School No. 2. Mr. Rodriguez stated that sadly some of the media outlets took advantage and tried to make it a much bigger issue. Mr. Rodriguez commended the Superintendent and her staff for the quick response to the incident at School No. 2 and putting in place certain safeguards so that something like this would not happen in the future. Mr. Rodriguez thanked the Superintendent and stated that he appreciates and commends what she has done.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that a special committee is being created, Technology Task Force Committee, to be in effect from this date and shall terminate as of the Reorganization Meeting 2015. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that the committee will include Chairperson Francisco González and members Stanley Neron and Paul Perreira.

Mr. González stated that he is glad to chair this Technology Committee so we make sure the technology and all the procedures are in place for PARCC and also for the one-to-one initiative we will be starting in September. Mr. González commented that he is looking forward to working with Mr. Neron, Mr. Perreira, and the Superintendent and staff to make sure everything is in place and ready for September.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that on Sunday, June 29 beginning at 10:00 a.m. there is a teenage walk for preventing drinking and driving and texting while driving at Warinanco Park with prizes and incentives for the community.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina reminded the Colombian community that at School No. 27 they can vote in the election for President of Colombia.

Mr. González reminded everyone that the Elizabeth High Schools Graduation will be held on June 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Williams Field weather permitting. Mr. González invited his colleagues to Project Graduation afterwards where we get to see our high school graduates enjoying themselves.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that we also have the eighth grade promotion exercises and we all are at different schools with an administrator so it is very important for us to participate.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina thanked Mr. Dunn for his service.

Mr. Fajardo commented that he loves his friend, Mr. Dunn, who is a great inspiration.

On a motion by Mr. Fajardo, seconded by Mr. González, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 a.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Fajardo, González, Neron, Rodriguez,  
Mrs. Castillo-Ospina – 6  
Negative: None

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