

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called on July 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., in the MultiPurpose Room, Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education, 544 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Board President Tony Monteiro presented the following statement at 7:30 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 Thursday, July 11, 2013. 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 July 18, 2013 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, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs., Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Absent: Messrs. González, Nazco, Padlo – 3

Superintendent of Schools Pablo Muñoz, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Schools Jennifer Barrett, Assistant Superintendent for Family and Community Outreach Jerome Dunn, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Olga Hugelmeyer, Assistant Board Secretary Donald Goncalves, Comptroller William Greene, Interim Board Counsel Marvin Lehman, members of the public were in attendance.

Dr. William Greene gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

The *Star Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key was played.

Mr. Monteiro stated that in honor of Colombian Independence Day the Colombian National Anthem will be played.

Pledge of Ethics

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

Mr. Monteiro stated that a video of Colombia will be shown as the following presentations are made. Mr. Monteiro recognized the proud people of Colombia and their heritage on behalf of the Elizabeth Board of Education. Mr. Monteiro stated that the celebration of Colombian Independence will be held on Saturday, July 20th which marks the historic day in 1810 when Colombia achieved its independence. Mr. Monteiro stated that it is an honor for him to serve with Vice President Elcy Castillo-Ospina who is one of the greatest Colombians here in the City of Elizabeth.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized the following for their support to the Colombian community of Elizabeth including Mr. Espada from the Colombian Lion's Club which works to promote and assist the community of Elizabeth and is part of the Lion's Club International; Ms. Puma, one of the contributors to the Morris Avenue Business Association which was created in 2003 to improve business opportunities for merchants in Elizabeth and organize the annual Colombian Culture and Independence Day Festival; representatives from Grupo Solidaridad which for many years has generously aided those individuals and groups in the Elizabeth community who are in need; members of Colombianos Sin Fronteras which is the Colombians Without Borders and was formed in 2008 with the purpose of helping Colombians in Colombia as well as those who need help in America; and members from Fundacion Mari Luisa Moreno which is a non-profit foundation that helps the most vulnerable communities through humanitarian aid and the development of business, educational and social programs. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina and Board members congratulated them and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized several individuals who have contributed in many ways to promote the social, economic, and educational success of the Colombian People in the greater Elizabeth community and introduced Liliana Carrillo, Founder and Executive Director of the Hispanic Entrepreneurs Leadership; Julian Hoyos, Founder of several business and social organizations including the Colombian American Trade Center and the Colombian American Chamber of Commerce; Jaider Torres, publisher, editor, and author; Alfonso Van Uden, graduate in the fields of medicine, education and research; and Cesar Bojaca, Director of ICON Parking which generates employment for Hispanic community in more than 200 locations in NJ and NY. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina and Board members congratulated them and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized the first Colombian principals in the Elizabeth Public Schools including Carlos Lucio, Principal of Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27 and Sulisnet Jimenez, Principal of Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina and Board members congratulated them and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Lucio thanked the Board and Superintendent for the honor and for everything they do for the children especially the children of the Colombian community.

Ms. Jimenez thanked the Board and Superintendent for the honor of being a principal and stated that education is a gift that no one can take from you. Ms. Jimenez encouraged parents to talk to their children and tell them that this is a great country of opportunities and if you come here and do the right thing and be educated then we can hear positive stories about them. Ms.

Jimenez thanked the Board and Superintendent for their continuous support in everything they do for the children of the City of Elizabeth.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized Wilson Londono, member of the Board of Trustees for Union County College, and Christian Rodriguez, Colombian Consul. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina and Board members congratulated them and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Trujillo commended the Colombian community and stated that it is beautiful to see how they are flourishing and celebrating their culture. Mr. Trujillo stated that he remembers growing up here in the 80s and mid 90s when there was a large Cuban-American community and how important it was to him to hear the elders talk about the possibilities and the dreams they had for his generation. Mr. Trujillo stated that he can see that they have the same dreams for their generations to come and are living the American Dream and are successful. Mr. Trujillo stated that the Colombian community is passing down its culture and accepting America as their country and are passionate about this country and the opportunities that it is providing and are taking advantage of it. Mr. Trujillo stated that he is proud that they all have chosen to call Elizabeth their home and to participate in this great City. Mr. Trujillo stated that he hopes for many more years to come they will continue to influence the culture in this town and participate in its growth and sustain all the great things in this City.

Mr. Monteiro thanked everyone for coming tonight and recognizing all the great accomplishments and achievements that the Colombian community is making here in the City of Elizabeth. Mr. Monteiro stated that we are so proud to have great administrators and the team of people that work here in the Elizabeth Board of Education. Mr. Monteiro stated that we are so proud of what is happening here in the City of Elizabeth and the thriving Colombian community. Mr. Monteiro stated that it is his honor, having been born in the City of Elizabeth to immigrant parents from Portugal, to be part of this great mosaic of the City of Elizabeth where everyone comes together and learns to live together in love and peace.

Mr. Monteiro requested a short recess at 8:25 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 8:45 p.m.

Board President Monteiro presented the following public participation statement.

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

Mr. Monteiro called upon the first public participant, Maria DaRassi, to address the Board.

Maria DaRassi, 336 Franklin Street, stated that when we run we don't know who contributes to our campaigns and it is appalling that the Board appointed a Board member.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Trujillo, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the minutes of the meetings of June 20 and 27, 2013 be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Secretary and Treasurer's Report for the Month of May 2013

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Personnel Report – Leaves of Absence, etc.

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

Ms. Bathelus asked why there are so many parent liaisons transferred to different schools and each parent liaison is now assigned to two schools.

Superintendent Pablo Muñoz explained that we have less parent liaisons than we had last school year so in order to cover all the schools we had to share assignments.

Ms. Bathelus asked about the adjustment of salaries and how the people qualify for the increase.

Mr. Muñoz explained the salary guide and the need to adjust salaries in accordance with verification of documentation of evaluated experience.

Ms. Bathelus stated that we just did the RIFs in the district and asked why we are appointing twenty people and if they are appointed within the district or new appointments.

Mr. Muñoz stated that when we had the budget presentation he demonstrated to the public and the Board that the budget had a big driver of new instructional positions which are vacancies that we filled. Mr. Muñoz stated that when people resign or retire they create vacancies and if those assignments are still in the budget they need to be filled. Mr. Muñoz stated that there is either a vacancy because it is a new position or there is a vacancy because someone resigned, retired, or was non-renewed. Mr. Muñoz stated that the reduction in force does not necessarily cover the positions that are being appointed here.

Ms. Bathelus asked if we could have pulled back the teachers that we RIFFED to fill these positions instead of hiring teachers for one year.

Mr. Muñoz explained that there were teachers who were non-renewed at the end of the school year because of certification issues and we are waiting for them to get their provisional certificates re-issued. Mr. Muñoz stated that there were teachers who were non-renewed because of performance or attendance or some other just cause and we let them go. Mr. Muñoz stated that the one area that we did have a reduction was in World Language teachers and the Board passed a

resolution for nine teachers and when a World Language position becomes available in the future we will call them back in the order of their seniority.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira (abstain-M.R.), Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Supplemental Personnel Report – Appointment

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Mr. Muñoz stated that the Board just voted affirmatively for the appointment of the principal for School No. 21. Mr. Muñoz stated that President Monteiro, Vice President Castillo-Ospina, and the Board are building and opening a new school for September, Victor Mravlag School No. 21 at Elmora Hills. Mr. Muñoz stated that while the Schools Development Authority works with the Board to build the school, the administration has been working to prepare for the instructional component of that building and the capstone to that event was the hiring of the principal who will be leading the school in the near future. Mr. Muñoz stated that the Board just approved Dr. MariCeli Sanchez as the Principal of Victor Mravlag School No. 21. Mr. Muñoz stated that Dr. Sanchez has been a long time employee of the district and has been a teacher in the bilingual programs teaching social studies, a supervisor, and most recently a Vice Principal at one of our nationally ranked high schools. Mr. Muñoz congratulated Dr. Sanchez and stated that the most exciting part of appointing Dr. Sanchez is that she is a long time resident of Elizabeth and lives in the School No. 21 zone and knows the neighborhood well and will connect well with the parents.

Mr. Trujillo stated that School No. 21 is finally going to open and it's been a long time coming. Mr. Trujillo stated that his colleague, Mr. Padlo, chairs the School Properties Committee and has worked diligently to make sure that this finally comes to fruition. Mr. Trujillo stated that he remembers one of his first committee meetings was a Properties meeting and he couldn't imagine why this project was taking so long and now to know that it is this close and it is actually going to happen. Mr. Trujillo stated that now we have a leader for that school and Dr. Sanchez is a person from that community. Mr. Trujillo stated that he has always been an advocate of finding talent within Elizabeth. Mr. Trujillo stated that he is extremely proud for her family and herself because he knows she will put her heart and soul into that school and the children will benefit extremely well from all her hard work and efforts and the love she has for education. Mr. Trujillo thanked Mr. Padlo because he has taken this on over the last year and has been pushing and going to the school along with his colleague Mr. Calella. Mr. Trujillo stated that Mr. Padlo and Mr. Calella visited the school recently to make sure that the school is really going to open. Mr. Trujillo stated that the school is finally going to open and the fact that we have a leader for the school makes this a great day. Mr. Trujillo congratulated Dr. Sanchez.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina congratulated Dr. Sanchez and stated that with her leadership this school will take off. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that since she has been on the Board she has wanted this school to open and it is time for the children in the neighborhood to benefit and go to their neighborhood school. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that having a leader that knows that neighborhood well makes it a lot easier.

Mr. Monteiro congratulated Dr. Sanchez and stated that it was a pleasure to meet with her over the past several weeks. Mr. Monteiro stated that School No. 21 is going to be one of the single most important schools we are opening in the City of Elizabeth because of all of the obstacles that we have had to overcome these past few years between the State and the State contractor who was building that school. Mr. Monteiro stated that the Board in its entirety understands the frustration of that community in Elmora that the school has taken so long. Mr. Monteiro thanked Mr. Anthony Padlo, Chairman of the School Properties Committee, who has worked incredibly hard these past several months in dealing with the State of New Jersey, the Schools Development Authority, and with all of our colleagues to keep us informed. Mr. Monteiro stated that Mr. Padlo made a lot of phone calls to Trenton and it took a lot of persistence and the tenacity of wanting to get this school open and having to get this school open. Mr. Monteiro stated that this Board could not have made a better choice than selecting Dr. Sanchez to lead in this undertaking to open School No. 21 and that she has the desire, passion and love for this City. Mr. Monteiro stated that we have great expectations for School No. 21. Mr. Monteiro introduced Dr. MariCeli Sanchez and her family.

Dr. Sanchez thanked the Board and Superintendent Muñoz for the honor and privilege to be appointed as the new principal of the brand new state-of-the-art elementary school Victor Mravlag School No. 21 in Elmora Hills. Dr. Sanchez stated that we have a lot of work to do including bringing together the educational community, reaching out to the neighborhood and making sure that we have everything ready for the opening day. Dr. Sanchez stated that not only are we the best urban district in New Jersey we are going to be the best district in New Jersey and the United States.

Tuition Report

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

Ms. Bathelus asked why we are paying 2011-2012 tuition.

Mr. Kennedy explained the payment of tuition.

Mr. Trujillo stated that this reflects the tuition cost for out-of-district mostly special education students. Mr. Trujillo stated that we make a huge investment in children and we believe that we educate all children equally. Mr. Trujillo stated that unfortunately some of the children are disadvantaged and we cannot provide for them in-district. Mr. Trujillo stated that we have to contract with providers and he knows that it is not cheap but it is well worth the money spent and the families really appreciate that we do this.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina explained out-of-district for special education and stated that all children have an opportunity and have different learning styles. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that if we do not have the programs here the State demands that we provide for the children and that all children deserve the opportunity for an education.

Ms. Bathelus stated that she understands that we are paying for these students and has no problem with that and her only concern was why we are paying two years later.

Mr. Kennedy stated that the payment of tuition is based on proof of their attendance.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Considerations

A motion was made by Mr. Trujillo, seconded by Ms. Bathelus, that the requests be approved.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

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

Mr. Trujillo stated that the Councilman of the Second Ward who is so critical of this Board is finding himself in the position where he can't find somewhere to hold his community meetings and he wants to use the School No. 14 facility. Mr. Trujillo stated that he is not going to be voting for this and he wants to point out that someone who is so critical of us and doesn't feel that we do anything right and has been vocal and an opponent of this Board is asking to use our facilities and it's good enough when it benefits him but it's not good enough for our children. Mr. Trujillo stated that he is not supporting his request.

Ms. Bathelus stated that the community meetings that Mr. Trujillo is referring to are to bring the community together and this is where the community members come to voice their opinions just like in the First Ward where Mr. Trujillo lives if you have concerns in your community she is sure he can go to his councilman in that ward and voice his concerns. Ms. Bathelus stated that Councilman Gonzalez is coming to us and asking to use one of our facilities and that allows our parents who have children in our schools especially in School No. 14 to come and voice their opinions. Ms. Bathelus stated that is one of the things moving forward we can kind of support him in that effort. Ms. Bathelus stated that everyone has their own right to what they believe in and what they want.

Mr. Trujillo stated that he has been here long enough to know that Mr. Gonzalez doesn't use these facilities throughout the year but it just so happens that Mr. Gonzalez is all of sudden concerned because this is an election year. Mr. Trujillo stated that he has been to these meetings throughout the City and they end up being not so much a community concern and they are more of a bashing of this Board. Mr. Trujillo stated that he remembers going to one where they had concerns and were asked to leave because they wanted to videotape a public meeting so they are not all that one would think they are. Mr. Trujillo stated that unfortunately Mr. Gonzalez doesn't like our schools but he wants to use them when they will benefit him. Mr. Trujillo stated that he won't support the request and he can have the meetings at City Hall if he likes.

Mr. Monteiro stated that he has some agreement on both sides. Mr. Monteiro stated that Councilman Gonzalez certainly has his right to have and hold community meetings throughout his ward and he just finds it quite ironic and interesting that Mr. Gonzalez fails to see that he is asking for a waiver of facility fees. Mr. Monteiro explained that a waiver of fees means that the Board of Education will extend the courtesy and not charge to use the facilities and the cost is incurred by the Elizabeth Board of Education by opening the building and having custodians and possibly security guards. Mr. Monteiro stated that the double speak is that Mr. Gonzalez uses the opportunities at his meetings to bash the Board of Education and attack our budget and our expending practices but at the very same time he asks the Board of Education to extend him the courtesy of allowing to use our facilities at no cost to him but which becomes a cost to all taxpayers because we still have to pay the custodians and have the facilities open. Mr. Monteiro stated that he agrees that we should have more community meetings and town meetings. Mr. Monteiro stated that when it gets to the double speak between us and City Council once again it's

clear we do extend the olive branch and we do extend these courtesies but they don't quite extend them back. Mr. Monteiro stated that we are better people for it.

The first vote on this motion is as follows, however this vote was revised later in the meeting:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo (negative-request from Councilman Nelson Gonzalez), Monteiro – 5

Negative: Mr. Calella – 1

Later in the meeting the above was revised as follows:

A motion was made by Mr. Monteiro, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities be amended to have a waiver of fees and the request from Councilman Nelson Gonzalez be for September 26, 2013 only.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo (negative- request from Councilman Gonzalez), Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

A motion was made by Mr. Trujillo, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, that the requests be approved.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Mr. Monteiro stated that Mr. Trujillo brought up a point that he wants to be clear. Mr. Monteiro stated that if these facilities are used for public meetings then they can be videotaped. Mr. Monteiro asked Interim Board Counsel Marvin Lehman if that was correct.

Interim Board Counsel Marvin Lehman responded that was correct.

Mr. Monteiro stated that he wanted the record to show that the public meetings can be videotaped.

Mr. Trujillo stated that he remembers going to a meeting in the Fifth Ward where Councilman Gallman was holding it at Blessed Sacrament and he doesn't know if we were in contract at the time with Blessed Sacrament but we are now. Mr. Trujillo stated that we had someone there who wanted to videotape the concerns that were brought up and we were told by the police officer who was there that he had spoken to the Police Director on the phone who advised him that these meetings could not be recorded because people would provide information about crimes and things of that sort. Mr. Trujillo stated that crimes could be reported at the police station and not at these meetings.

Mr. Monteiro stated that he would like the record to show and to send to the applicants who petition to use our facilities that these meetings can be videotaped by the public.

Authorizations Report – Authorization to Apply, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Finance and Accounting Report

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Supplemental Finance and Accounting Report – Transfer of Funds

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

2nd Supplemental Finance and Accounting Report – Authorization to Pay Vouchers

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 4

Abstain: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Monteiro – 2

Negative: None

Award of Contracts Report – Award of Contracts, etc.

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

Ms. Bathelus asked about the contract for the Color Guard.

Mr. Kennedy explained the contract.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 4

Abstain: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Monteiro – 2

Supplemental Award of Contracts Report – Award of Contracts, etc.

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

Ms. Bathelus stated that one contract has a lowest bidder with the phrase “not a responsible bid” and asked if that means you don’t trust that person.

Mr. Kennedy explained that it means that when they submitted their bid and it was reviewed it was not in order and so it did not qualify as a bid.

Ms. Bathelus asked if School No. 7 was the only school that applied for the Apple Financial Services or were they awarded that because other schools in the district that could probably use it as well.

Mr. Kennedy explained that this contract is for services at School No. 7.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that there is a new state mandate for students to take tests on computers and all the schools will have to be in compliance.

Ms. Bathelus stated that School No. 7 being a gifted and talented school is going to receive services but also other schools in our district should also receive amazing services as well. Ms. Bathelus stated that if they applied for it then that is great and asked if they didn't apply for it why did we choose School No. 7.

Mr. Perreira stated that generally these are initiatives taken on by the schools and they are presenting what they would like for their schools.

Mr. Muñoz stated that this is a four year lease and a refresh. Mr. Muñoz stated that the school has computers and now they are getting refreshed, updated or replaced for an existing computer. Mr. Muñoz stated that we have Apple computers in other schools and often times it is driven by the program and the curriculum. Mr. Muñoz stated that Apple computers generally tend to be very good for graphical programs and we have a number of PC types across the district and we do have Apple products across the district in both desk top and iPad products.

Mr. Trujillo stated that he remembers about two years ago we had a technology presentation and we were refurbishing a lot of our own equipment in-house and a lot of the staff became certified and asked if we are still doing that.

Mr. Muñoz responded yes we still have a technology department that works with our schools to troubleshoot the computers when they're down and their software. Mr. Muñoz stated that technology has advanced enough to where some of it is remote and can be done centrally to get to the computer and take care of the problems.

Mr. Goncalves stated that we have an innovative program at Dwyer Technology where we work with the students. Mr. Goncalves stated that we operate on both platforms Apple and Microsoft Windows 8 and this school district is pretty aggressive right now in purchasing laptops or tablets for all of the schools because we have to conform to PARCC assessments which is a system that will be instituted in the next couple of years. Mr. Goncalves stated that this is one of the few things that we will be able to do with this budget because a lot of things were cut back and the Board knows that we are not cutting back on technology because it will impact the learning for our kids. Mr. Goncalves stated that School No. 21 and School No. 8 are one-to-one schools for technology and we are instituting a large computer program at School No. 26, School No. 7 is getting refurbished, and whether it is Apple or Microsoft we are being as equitable as we can in rolling out the systems throughout the school district.

Mr. Kennedy stated that there is also a contract for the Windows side of the same contract for other schools.

Mr. Monteiro asked about the bid by W.B. Mason.

Mr. Kennedy responded that when the bid came in it was written down by the vendor but when we did the math on a line by line basis it came out higher.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 4

Abstain: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Monteiro – 2

Miscellaneous Communication

None.

Claims List

Mr. Trujillo stated that for a point of clarification there is an item for Adelaide L. Sanford Charter School for \$1,630. and asked if this is the same failed charter school that was just closed down in Newark.

Mr. Kennedy responded that it is the same charter school and that was the last payment that we spoke about at the last meeting. Mr. Kennedy stated that we put a hold on the check.

Mr. Trujillo asked if we can scratch that payment from this because he doesn't feel it is proper that we make any payment to this charter school. Mr. Trujillo stated that not only did this charter school fail the children of the City of Elizabeth but hundreds of children and it is riddled with fraud. Mr. Trujillo stated that in fact if he remembers correctly at the last meeting we would look into actually getting our money back from these people. Mr. Trujillo stated that it is absurd that we would even think of paying them any money and asked if they can even cash a check.

Mr. Kennedy stated that the charter was revoked for next year.

Mr. Trujillo stated that he does not feel comfortable paying them and he thought we all agreed that we were not paying them. Mr. Trujillo stated that quite frankly he believes Councilwoman Perkins Auguste is the President of that failed charter school and perhaps she wants to pay this bill.

A motion was made by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, seconded by Mr. Trujillo, that the report be accepted with the deletion of Adelaide L. Sanford Charter School payment.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that she is very concerned with the students attending that school and would like the parents to have the children retested and see what the levels are for the children because we need to educate these children. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that the fact that they were going to a charter school was to get a quality education comparable to the one they get here and it is a big issue for the children's education.

Mr. Trujillo stated that this is a perfect example of what charter schools do to public education. Mr. Trujillo stated that they syphon money from urban school districts like ours. Mr. Trujillo stated that we are a high performing urban school district and we just got our QSAC report and we are high performing and we are not another low level urban district that is having trouble educating our children. Mr. Trujillo stated that we are having success and there is no room for charter schools in Elizabeth and he doesn't see why we would send our money to a charter school in Newark of all places, one that just closed, one that obviously failed and unfortunately too many fail. Mr. Trujillo stated that the children are the ones who are the victims and the irony is that you have Councilwoman Perkins Auguste who chairs the Board there and is so critical of us and trying to bill the Elizabeth School Board. Mr. Trujillo stated that he wonders if it is illegal and that maybe somewhere along the line she voted and crossed an ethic threshold.

Mr. Trujillo stated that it is laughable that she would sit here as a Councilwoman representing children in Elizabeth and meanwhile she wants to take money out of Elizabeth to send kids to a failed charter school in Newark. Mr. Trujillo stated that we provide the services here and we do a real good job and our money should stay here in the district so we could hire the brightest and the best.

Mr. Monteiro stated that at the last meeting we also asked for a letter to be drafted to the State Attorney General in regard to the possibility of any ethics violations that may have or may not have transpired in regard to the Adelaide Sanford Charter School and the relationship in having an acting City Councilwoman who is serving on that Board. Mr. Monteiro stated that wherever Elizabeth money follows there should be full disclosure and he is concerned on many levels if any ethics have been crossed or breached.

Mr. Kennedy stated that was the motion passed at the last meeting for the letter and it is in draft now.

Ms. Bathelus asked if it should be a separate motion to take it off the list first and then vote on the list.

Mr. Monteiro stated that the vote is on the entire claims list with the amendment to take out the one line.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira (abstain-Candelario Trujillo), Trujillo (abstain- Ricciardi Bros, Leroy Rivers, Riverside Publishing , Roof Maintenance Systems, Royal Communications, Royal Printing Services, S.A.N.E., Sam Ash New Jersey Megastores, C.S., Scholastic Inc., Schooldude.com, Scientific Boiler Wat Cond Co, A.S., Richard Shapiro, Sheet Metal Workers Local Union #22, Shore Vans Inc., Fraidi Silberberg, Kavita Sinha M.D., Margaret Solis, Somerset County Educational Serv. Comm., Somerset Hills School, Sprague Operating Resources, Spring Irrigation Co., St. Peter's University Hospital, Star Ledger, Stone House Construction, Strunk Albert Engineering, Stuart Ball, T.S., Suditack Electric Corporation, Supplies Supplies, Systems Electronic, Theatre House, Therapeutic Rehabilitation Services, Allen and Kami Tischler, Todd Harris Co, Treasurer State of New Jersey, Trinitas Children's Therapy Services, Candelario Trujillo, UMDNJ-Adolescent Therapeutic Day School, Robert Ungvary, Uniform Classics, Union County Educational, Unique Photo, USA Architects, USBAFlex, Ven Training, Verizon, Vogel Bus Co Inc., W.B. Mason Co. Inc., M.W., Yolanda Warner, Zehava Weinberger, West Publishing Corporation, Westfield Sheet Metal Works, David Wilansky, Willowglen Academy, Winsor Learning Inc., Winzer Corporation, Worrall Community Newspapers, Xerox Corporation, A.Z., ASA & Zambrano Architects LLC, Billy Contracting & Restoration Inc., C&M Door Controls Inc., Classic Floor Finishing Inc., Detail Associates, File Bank, Frank C. Gibson Inc., Grainger, W.D. Snyder Company) – 5

Abstain: Mr. Monteiro –1

Negative: None

Resolution – Colombia's Independence Day

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina read the resolution.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Assignment of Custodian of Records 2013-2014 – Harold E. Kennedy, Jr.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Deferred Compensation Plan Administrator 2013-2014 – Harold E. Kennedy, Jr.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Public Agency Compliance Officer 2013-2014 – Harold E. Kennedy, Jr.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Assignment of Homeless Student Liaison 2013-2014 – Lisette Calvo

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Requisition for Taxes

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 5

Abstain: Ms. Bathelus – 1

Negative: None

Resolution – Appointment of Interim Board Counsel – Marvin Lehman

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

Ms. Bathelus asked about the status of the Board Counsel.

Mr. Kennedy explained the status.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 5

Abstain: Ms. Bathelus – 1

Negative: None

Resolution – Section 504 Officer 2013-2014 – Michael Burke

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina explained the Section 504 Officer and the accommodations that can be made for children who do not have a learning disability but may have a condition that affects their learning and ability.

Mr. Monteiro requested a motion to go into Private Session to consider matters exempt under the Open Public Meetings Act, specifically for discussion of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying results and Early Childhood Providers' Corrective Action Plan. The Board will reconvene in public to take formal action.

A motion was made by Mr. Trujillo, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, to go into private session at 9:55 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

The Board reconvened in public at 10:25 p.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. Trujillo, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Authorization to Accept the Corrective Action Plan for the Early Childhood Preschool Education – Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) Report of Review for Egenolf Early Childhood Center for the 2010-2011 school year

The Corrective Action Plan inclusive of comments and actions to be implemented was read and reviewed.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Authorization to Accept the Corrective Action Plan for the Early Childhood Preschool Education – Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) Report of Review for Elizabethport Presbyterian Center for the 2010-2011 school year

The Corrective Action Plan inclusive of comments and actions to be implemented was read and reviewed.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Mr. Monteiro asked if there was any old business to discuss. Since there was no old business to discuss Mr. Monteiro asked if there was any new business to discuss.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that tomorrow there will be a Colombian exhibit at the library with dancing, poetry, food and a lot of activities. Mrs. Castillo-Ospina stated that on Saturday the Colombian Consulate is having an event near the Prudential Building, and on Sunday Morris Avenue will have their annual festival and invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Monteiro thanked Vice President Castillo-Ospina for her hard work for her community and for the presentations tonight. Mr. Monteiro stated that Vice President Elcy Castillo-Ospina was selected to be the Grand Marshall of the Colombian parade.

Mr. Monteiro requested that his vote on Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities be changed. Mr. Monteiro stated that Councilman Gonzalez requested to use our facilities with a waiver of facility fees and he asked for many dates throughout the year. Mr. Monteiro stated that he would like to change his vote to no. Mr. Monteiro stated that he still wants him to use the facilities but he wants all council people to petition monthly or each time they request to use our facilities. Mr. Monteiro stated that for the first meeting September 26 he has no problem supporting that day and would ask his colleagues to support it but he would ask the councilmen in the City that each and every time they are going to ask to use our facilities and ask for a waiver of fees that they do it on a monthly basis.

Interim Board Counsel Marvin Lehman explained that the change in vote would not give the request a majority.

Mr. Monteiro stated that he would like to change his vote to no.

Interim Board Counsel Marvin Lehman asked if there were any objections to Mr. Monteiro changing his vote.

Interim Board Counsel Marvin Lehman stated that there are no objections so Mr. Monteiro's vote can be changed to no which would invalidate the prior approval of that resolution. Mr. Lehman stated that now it would be necessary to adopt a new resolution.

Mr. Monteiro made a motion to grant Councilman Gonzalez approval for his September 26th meeting with a waiver of facility fees.

Ms. Bathelus stated that she would like to object.

Mr. Lehman asked Ms. Bathelus to what is she objecting.

Ms. Bathelus stated that Mr. Lehman asked if anyone would like to object from the motion.

Mr. Lehman explained that the question was if there were any objections to Mr. Monteiro changing his vote.

Ms. Bathelus stated that she objects.

Mr. Lehman stated that a motion has to be made to allow Mr. Monteiro to change his vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Trujillo to allow Mr. Monteiro to change his vote on the Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities.

Mr. Perreira stated that he wanted to be clear that Mr. Monteiro is not denying Mr. Gonzalez the date he is requesting but he is denying that they are asking for subsequent dates ahead of time.

Mr. Trujillo stated that if Mr. Monteiro changes his vote it is going to change the outcome of the vote we made and it needs a new motion to accept the new date. Mr. Trujillo stated that the motion on the table is to allow Mr. Monteiro to change his vote as he wished to no.

A motion was made by Mr. Trujillo, seconded by Mr. Perreira, to allow Mr. Monteiro to change his vote on the Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 5

Negative: Ms. Bathelus – 1

Interim Board Counsel Marvin Lehman asked Mr. Monteiro if he wishes to change his vote on the Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities.

Mr. Monteiro responded that he would like to change his vote to no.

The revised vote is as follows:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo (negative-request from Councilman Nelson Gonzalez) – 4

Negative: Mr. Calella, Monteiro – 2

A motion was made by Mr. Monteiro, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities be amended to have a waiver of fees and the request from Councilman Nelson Gonzalez be for September 26, 2013 only.

Mr. Trujillo stated that he doesn't have any objection allowing Mr. Gonzalez to use our facilities. Mr. Trujillo stated that his concern is that it costs the district \$606. every time he wants to use the facility and this is someone who has said we mispend and misappropriate children's funds and he has been very adamant about that. Mr. Trujillo stated that he finds it ironic that he would come here and ask us to spend our money and take it out of the children's budget to facilitate him. Mr. Trujillo stated that he is a member of that community and if he can't find a place to hold his public meetings he has a bigger issue.

Mr. Monteiro stated that all these dates that Mr. Gonzalez requested in regard to our budgetary constraints that we face and regarding the RIFs that we have undertaken and the pain of cutting people and sending them home that comes into play as our budgetary outlook for the

next year. Mr. Monteiro stated going forward allowing someone to use the facilities for the whole year without yet knowing what our fiscal house may look like three months, six months, or a year from now may impact our youth programs or many programs. Mr. Monteiro stated that this should be for any councilman or any community group and that they should petition the Board as an ongoing, as needed basis.

Mr. Trujillo stated that his concern is Mr. Gonzalez's request is for the whole year and if he wants to use it for September he would have to file a new request. Mr. Trujillo stated that his request was totality and he may not want just one day and that his request was for the whole year. Mr. Trujillo stated that now that we declined to give him his original request it is inappropriate for us to vote on just the one day and that is not the request that was made. Mr. Trujillo stated that the request was made for September, October, February, March, April, and May and not just for September. Mr. Trujillo stated that he understands the President's goodwill to give him September but that was not the request.

Mr. Trujillo stated that he will not be give him a pass and he should be paying for this and he has the money. Mr. Trujillo stated that he has been in the community meetings and all they are is a chance for them to campaign and if you look at the dates it just happens to coincide with his reelection efforts. Mr. Trujillo stated that really bothers him.

Mr. Monteiro stated that he understands the concern and the cost of all of dates comes out to somewhere between \$3,000. and \$4,000. of expenses to the Board. Mr. Monteiro stated that he is an advocate and is for more town meetings and more community meetings and the same should apply the other way. Mr. Monteiro stated that Mr. Trujillo expressed using the facilities at the City and we would have to do the same and request the City to allow us to use their facilities.

Mr. Trujillo stated that in the past Mr. Gonzalez has requested to use School No. 19 which is in his ward and asked Mr. Kennedy if he is currently using School No. 19 for meetings like this as well.

Mr. Kennedy responded that so far this is the only request for the new year that came through.

Mr. Trujillo stated that in the past he used School No. 19 as well. Mr. Trujillo stated that this is an ongoing cost and he can't get over the fact that he would be so critical of us and yet he wants to spend our money.

A motion was made by Mr. Monteiro, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities be amended to have a waiver of fees and the request from Councilman Nelson Gonzalez be for September 26, 2013 only.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo (negative- request from Councilman Gonzalez), Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo stated that as the taxpayers of the City of Elizabeth are well aware the tax bills have been going out and he just received his today. Mr. Trujillo stated that along with the tax bill is a lengthy political rant on behalf of our Mayor in reference to the tax increase that is going on. Mr. Trujillo stated that he can't believe the Mayor can get away with lying to the public how this tax increase works and eventually it is going to catch up with him and the Mayor takes for granted the intelligence of the taxpayers. Mr. Trujillo stated that especially in this economy to lead them down this road to have them think the burden is all from the school board because his letters are getting longer and they are more desperate every time he sends out a tax bill. Mr. Trujillo stated that he either is losing his mind or he just thinks we are all crazy and he is

being untruthful. Mr. Trujillo stated that on July 23rd they will be passing a temporary budget and City Council will be raising taxes again to the taxpayers of the City of Elizabeth. Mr. Trujillo stated that he hopes that the public who is watching this at home would take interest in that meeting, 7:00 p.m. on July 23rd and if possible please attend that meeting and voice your concerns about the tax increase that the City Council and the Mayor are pushing forward. Mr. Trujillo stated that he knows that they are going to pass it because he watched the agenda setting meeting and they were ecstatic and there was a lot of babble among some of the councilmen who have no clue what their budget is let alone what our budget is. Mr. Trujillo stated that one councilman referred to a \$600 million budget which we all know is not true because our budget is well below \$600 million and the other lie was that the 2% increase is on \$600 million to our budget which is not true and that the 2% is on a little over \$50 million. Mr. Trujillo stated that their budget is actually \$160 million and a 2% increase to \$160 million cannot be compared to a 2% increase to \$50 million. Mr. Trujillo stated that this is more of the same, more rhetoric on their behalf, and they find themselves in a position where they have not been truthful to the public and it is starting to catch up to them and they are starting to borrow from Peter to pay Paul. Mr. Trujillo stated that the City of Elizabeth is well in debt and some estimate in the hundred million dollar range in debt service so they are paying quite a large amount of money every month just to keep the City afloat and sooner or later it is going to come to the point where they have to cut services in our City. Mr. Trujillo stated that he just can't sit by and allow them to lie to the public and try to put the onus on us when we have been good stewards of the taxpayers of the City of Elizabeth and their money and also the taxpayers of the State of New Jersey who have been very generous to us and we have been able to do so much. Mr. Trujillo stated that he would like to educate the public and is hoping to prepare a chart that makes it really easy for people to understand how this works and what the percentages are so that the taxpayers understand. Mr. Trujillo stated that knowing they are going to pass it anyway he would like to propose that a request is sent on behalf of this Board for City Council to allow us to use City Hall to have a discussion on property tax in the City of Elizabeth and he would like that with a waiver of all fees.

A motion was made by Mr. Trujillo, seconded by Mr. Perreira, to request a letter be sent to City Hall to use their Council Chambers to host a town hall meeting to discuss property taxes with a waiver of all fees.

Mr. Trujillo stated that we will work with City Council and the administration to choose a date in September that is mutual and that we can both agree on to host this preferably a week day and he hopes that we can work something out.

Ms. Bathelus asked if this was a meeting open to everyone.

Mr. Trujillo stated that he would like the Board to host the meeting and they can participate.

Ms. Bathelus asked if it would be a Board meeting.

Mr. Trujillo responded that it would be a Board meeting hosted by the Elizabeth Board of Education at City Hall.

Ms. Bathelus stated that Mr. Trujillo is asking to waive fees and he just declined one of the councilmembers who asked us to waive fees.

Mr. Monteiro stated that for the record the motion passed with a waiver of fees.

Mr. Trujillo stated that we host the S.O.A.R. Program in our schools and it is a great program and he remembers that one time there was a large amount of money that they owed this Board and he was one of the ones that supported and it passed that we forgave the debt and we never collected that money.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

On a motion by Mr. Trujillo, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Bathelus, Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

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