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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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September 30, 2016  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called on September 30, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., in the Mitchell Building, 500 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Board President Charlene Bathelus presented the following statement at 5:30 p.m.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is a special meeting of the Board of Education. Pursuant to New Jersey Statutes and the rules adopted by the Board of Education, notice of this meeting was sent to The Star Ledger and Cablevision of Elizabeth on Tuesday, September 27, 2016. 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 to this September 30, 2016 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 prior to the commencement of public participation so that they may have the opportunity to speak. The sign-in sheet states the name, address, telephone number and reason that the person wants to comment, whether it is an agenda item or a general education comment.”

Present: Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Neron, Nina, Rodriguez,  
Ms. Bathelus – 6

Absent: Mrs. Amin, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 3

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Bathelus 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.”

Ms. Bathelus called upon the first public participant, Maria Lorenz, to address the Board.

Maria Lorenz, 103 Murray Street, spoke about lead in the water in the schools and the lack of providing bottled water. Mrs. Lorenz stated that the people in the positions overseeing security were let go and stated that the security of our children is important.

Ms. Bathelus thanked her for her comments and called upon the next public participant, Latoyria Allen, to address the Board.

Latoyria Allen, 520 Westminster Avenue, spoke about the policy for emergency medicine for a child diagnosed with epilepsy.

Ms. Bathelus thanked her for her comments. Since there were no other citizens to address the Board, Ms. Bathelus declared this portion of the public meeting closed.

Personnel Report – Reappointments, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Ms. Bathelus – 6

Negative: None

The President requests a motion to go into Private Session to consider matters exempt under the Open Public Meetings Act, specifically for discussion of personnel, specifically, appointment of Director of Security and Investigator. The Board will reconvene in public to take formal action.

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Miss Goncalves, to go into private session at 5:45 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Ms. Bathelus – 6

Negative: None

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, to reconvene in public session at 5:50 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Ms. Bathelus – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Appointment of Director of Security – Matthew Glackin

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Neron, Nina, Rodriguez, Ms. Bathelus – 5

Abstain: Mrs. Carvalho – 1

Negative: None

Resolution – Appointment of Investigator- Part Time – Leon Davis

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

On a motion by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

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