

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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June 14, 2023
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Prior to the start of the regular agenda/business meeting of the Board of Education, which was held on June 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at Dr Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 @ 31, 1014 South Elmora Avenue, Elizabeth NJ., Superintendent Olga Hugelmeyer along with members of the Board of Education honored the Educators and Ed Service Professionals of the Year:

George Washington Academy School No. 1

Mrs. Story Shawneequa Thompson, Fifth Grade ELA Teacher and Ms. Karen Boone, Pre-K Child Development Associate.

Winfield Scott School No.2

Ms. Maria E. Moench, ESL In-Class Support Teacher and Ms. Jennifer Berkin, Child Study Team Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant.

Nicholas S. LaCorte – Peterstown School No.3

Ms. Michelle Heilmann-Roumeliotis, Seventh and Eighth Grade Social Studies Teacher and Ms. Mildred Cruz, Special Education Classroom Assistant

Joseph Battin School No.4

Ms. Nicole Marie Greenwood, Physical Education and Health Teacher and Ms. Lizet Linero Suarez, Bilingual Kindergarten Classroom Assistant.

Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5

Ms. Christine Ellen Yoder, In-Class Support Teacher and Ms. Laura Kratzer, Paraprofessional

Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6

Ms. Josephine P. Rodriguez, Third – Grade Teacher and Ms. Lyubov Roman, Seventh Grade Language Learning Disability Paraprofessional.

Terence C. Reilly School No.7

Ms. Tanya Elaine Tenturier-Brinkley, Fourth Grade Mathematics Teacher and Ms. Janet De LaCruz, Special Education Classroom Assistant.

iPrep Academy School No. 8

Ms. Sigal Yafit Hasson, Resource Center Teacher and Ms. Berta Romelus, Language Learning Disability (LLD) Assistant.

Jerome Dunn Academy School No. 9

Ms. Christina DaSilva Cia, Sixth Grade ABL Teacher and Ms. Tiffany N. Sturgis, Special Education Classroom Assistant

Elmora School No. 12

Ms. Dawn Sandholm, Seventh Eighth Grade ELA Teacher and Ms. Vanessa Rodriguez, Speech and Language Specialist

Benjamin Franklin School No. 13

Ms. Lakeya Simone Hix-Thompson, Eighth Grade Mathematics Teacher and Ms. Cindy Goncalves, School Counselor.

Abraham Lincoln School No. 14

Ms. Michelle Renee Buska, Kindergarten and Ms. Veronica M. Salazar De Coba, Bilingual Kindergarten Assistant.

Christopher Columbus School No. 15

Ms. Martha Ceden, Fifth Grade ABL Teacher and Ms. Devann Lynn Stisi, School Nurse

Madison-Monroe School No.16

Ms. Kathryn Lynn Restinas, Fourth Grade Mathematics and Science Teacher and Mr. Melvin Luciano, Social Worker.

Robert Morris School No. 18

Ms. Angela D. Pereira, Bilingual In-Class Support Teacher and Dr. Stacey Perez, Speech Therapist.

Woodrow Wilson School No.19

Ms. Jacqueline Delia Gaston, Fifth Grade Teacher and Ms. Juana Esther Zuloaga, Kindergarten Assistant.

John Marshall School No. 20

Ms. Maria R. Avella, Kindergarten Teacher and Ms. Stella Murillo, Kindergarten Classroom Assistant.

Victor Mravlag School No.21

Ms. Alysia Michele Boyd, Language Learning Disability (LLD) Teacher and Ms. Tameka Lee Walton, Personal Assistant.

William F. Halloran School No.22

Ms. Jessica Lyn Leroux, Sixth Grade Mathematics Teacher and Ms. Daniela Grinienko, Academic Behavioral Strategist Social Worker.

Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23

Mr. Marc D. Riemann, Sixth and Eight Grade Mathematics Teacher and Ms. Counselo Torres, Kindergarten Assistant.

Sonia Sotomayor School No. 25

Ms. Alba Botnick, English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher and Mr. Jason Modesto Colcol, School Counselor.

Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No.26

Ms. Satoria Figueroa, Bilingual Teacher and Ms. Carmen Peraza, Child Development Associate.

Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27

Mr. Victor Ariel Felipe, Bilingual In-Class Support Teacher and Ms. Elsa Mederos, Personal Assistant.

Juan Pablo Duarte-Jose Julian Marti School No. 28

Ms. Martina A. Moriello, Kindergarten Teacher and Ms. Johanna Ojeda, School Counselor

Dr Albert Einstein Academy School No .29

Ms. Zainab Salaam, Resource Teacher and Ms. Erin Elizabeth Reed, Speech and Language Specialist.

Chessie Dentley Roberts Academy School No. 30

Ms. Lauren Beth Herrmann, Eight Grade Language Arts Teacher and Ms. Utikca Chaney-Wilson, Child Study Team Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant.

Frances C. Smith Early Childhood Center School No. 50

Ms. Maria Teresa Greco, Spanish Teacher and Ms. Maria P. Dopazo Child Development Associate.

Donald Stewart Early Childhood Center School No. 51

Ms. Milagrosa Sader, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher and Ms. Melissa Sue Llano, Child Development Associate.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School No. 52

Ms. Amanda Marie Livres-Haustein, Pre-K Disabilities Teacher and Ms. Ann Marie Green, School Nurse.

Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy

Mr. Neil M Day, Social Studies Teacher and Ms. Briana Kane, School Counselor

John E. Dwyer Technology Academy

Ms. Kelly Ann Kielbasa, Physical Education and Health Teacher and Ms. Monica Caicedo Sarmiento, School Counselor.

Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health and Public Safety Academy

Mr. Uri Lener Perez, Bilingual Mathematics Teacher, and Dr. Nalin Lee Beaumont, School Psychologist

Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy

Ms. Christine Ann Irwin, In-Class Support Teacher and Ms. Dayana Gil, School Counselor

Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy

Ms. Linda Gwizdz, Physical Education and Health Teacher and Stefanie Vargas, Personal Assistant

Elizabeth High School-Frank J Cicarell Academy

Ms. Lovely Pappachen, Physics Teacher, and Ms. Erica Forbes Lewis, School Counselor

J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy

Ms. Brittany A. Palubniak, In-Class Support-Special Education Teacher and Ms. Ana A. Arias.

Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughn, and Mary Jackson (JVJ) Stem Academy

Mr. Vincent M. Caldruolo, Social Studies and Ms. Karen Louise Strahan, School Nurse

Board President Iliana Chevres welcomed everyone to the June 14, 2023, regular agenda/business meeting of the Elizabeth Board of Education.

Mrs. Chevres called the meeting to order and read the following statement at 6:59 p.m.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is a combined regular agenda/business 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 June 9th, 2023. In addition, this notice is posted on the Bulletin Board in the lobby of 500 North Broad Street, and pursuant to this act, a copy has been filed with the City Clerk of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

We want to welcome everyone present here at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy and to our television viewers to the June 14th, 2023, 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. The presiding officer may interrupt, warn or terminate speaking when talking becomes personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant; request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum; request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person

when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting; call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.

We also ask that you silence the sound on your electronic devices. Since it is legally mandated that these proceedings be accurately recorded, we may have to ask for order periodically should noise begin to interfere with our recording capabilities. We are pleased that you have taken time this evening to join us here for our Board of Education meeting. Thank you for your interest in the Elizabeth Public Schools.

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

Present Mmmes. Barbosa, (arrived at 7:02 p.m.) Carvalho, (arrived at 7:02 pm), Dorgely (arrived at 7:02 p.m.), Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rivera, Mrs. Chevres-8
Absent: Mrs. Goncalves Pestana

Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Schools Rafael Cortes, Assistant Superintendent for Schools, Judy Finch Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Jennifer Ceden, Chief of Operations Francisco Cuesta, Comptroller Rajeev Malhotra, Deputy Counsel Heather Ford, and Co-General Counsel Edward Kologi of Kologi Simitz Law Office, Esq., and members of the community were present.

A Moment of Silence was held in memory of both Fernando Fajardo, Pool Maintenance and Utility Person at the Welcome Center and Isabel Rodriguez, Retired Custodian, Thomas A. Edison Career & Technical Academy.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Stan Neron.

The Star-Spangled Banner was played.

Board President Mrs. Iliana Chevres read the following public participation statement:

Citizens may address the Board.

"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 microphone 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 60 minutes. No individual is able to yield their time to another individual. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board Members individually. The following rules for public participation shall apply:

1. Time limits will be strictly enforced;
2. No personal attacks on individuals;
3. No vulgar or indecent language;
4. A person may address the Board no more than once during a single meeting;
5. Speakers should refrain from naming individuals;
6. Comments or questions posed during public participation will not be debated.

The presiding officer may:

1. Interrupt, warn or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
2. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
3. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting.
4. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.

As a reminder this is a meeting of the Board in public, not a meeting of the public.”

Mrs. Chevres called upon the first public participant, Maria Lorenz, to address the Board.

Mrs. Lorenz spoke about Special Education.
Mrs. Chevres thanked her for her comments.

Mrs. Chevres called upon the next public participant, Kason Little, to address the Board.

Kason Little spoke about Policies.
Mrs. Chevres thanked him for his comments.

Since there were no other public participants signed up to address the Board, Mrs. Chevres closed this portion of the meeting.

Board President Iliana Chevres then asked Superintendent Hugelmeyer to present her report to the community.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer began her presentation by recognizing those students who served as Student Representatives to the Elizabeth Board of Education during this past academic year. Everyone had to meet certain standards including having a 3.0 GPA or higher, hold leadership roles within the student government of their respective schools and be active in their school community. The following students were presented with a copy of a Board Resolution recognizing their service:

- Orlando David Avila Coreia-John E Dwyer Technology Academy
- Jahziyah Staraj Denene Carter-Thomas A Edison Career and technical Academy
- Camilla Conza -Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy

- Monika Flores-Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy
- Bryant Garcia – J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy
- Maria Alejandra Garcia Cabana – Admiral William F. Halsey Health and Public Safety Academy
- Jessica K. Verma – Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy

The Superintendent presented slides showing 8th Grade Promotion & High School Graduation /Class Award Ceremonies Schedule. Grade 8 Promotion Ceremonies:

Thursday June 22 9:00 a.m. Schools 6-13-15-27-28-29-30 At 1:00 p.m. the following schools will hold their 8th Grade Promotion ceremonies-3-4-7--19. Friday June 23rd at 9:00 a.m. Schools 1-14-16-20-21-25-26. On Monday June 26th @ 9:00 a.m. Schools 2-5-8-9-12-18-22-23.

The High School Graduation /Class Awards Ceremony for each school will be held at Williams Field at the following dates and times/Friday June 23rd 11:00 a.m. Thomas A Edison Career & Technical Academy/ 2:30 p.m. Bollwage Finance Academy/ 5:15 p.m. Elizabeth High School – Frank J Cicarell Academy. Monday June 26th 8:30 a.m. Halsey Health and Public Safety Academy/11:30 a.m. Jefferson Arts Academy /2:30 p.m. Hamilton Preparatory Academy / 5:30 p.m./ Dwyer Technology Academy.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer informed the audience that the Elizabeth High Girls Track and Field Team won their first ever Group 4 State Title.

The Superintendent announced that the JVJ STEM Academy Students placed third at the Environmenters National Science Fair.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer congratulated the Admiral Halsey MCJROTC Physical Fitness team for doing very well at the 2023 National Marine Corps Physical Fitness Championships. In particular the Girl's team finished second out of 250 teams from across the nation.

The Superintendent also announced that Rolling Thunder Inc dedicated a Chair of Honor at Thomas A Edison Career and Technical Academy.

The Superintendent said the District would be celebrating and observing the following during the month of June for:

- Portuguese National Heritage Month
- National Flag Day June 14 – The Birthday of the Stars and Stripes.
- June is National Gun Violence Awareness Month

Board President Iliana Chevres requested a motion to go into Private Session to consider matters exempt under the Open Public Meetings Act, Personnel Matters, specifically Donaldson Hearings, Personal Reports 2C and appointments, Workers Compensation Matters specifically D.K., Legal Matters specifically Settlement Agreement C.P. and E.C.C., Termination

A motion was made by Mrs. Dorgely and seconded by Mr. Jacobs to go into private session at 7:37 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Barbosa, Carvalho, Dorgely, Messrs. Jacobs, Neron, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Rivera, Mrs. Chevres -8

Negative: none

Mrs. Dorgely left the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Rivera and seconded by Mr. Jacobs to return to public session at 11:33 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Barbosa, Carvalho, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Rivera, Mrs. Chevres -7

Negative: none

The following items were added to the agenda.

Personnel Report Section 2C

Resolution Appointing S.F.V. as the Supervisor of Science for the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education.

Resolvement of Wage and Hour Division Matter re C.P.

Resolution - Settlement of Lawsuit with Egelhof ECCA.

Resolution of Workers Compensation Case D.K.

Resolution – Termination of S.S. W. for Cause

First Readings of Policies:

- 3327 Policy Relations with Vendors
- 3542.31 Policy Free or Reduced -Price Lunches/Milk
- 5131.5 Policy Vandalism/Violence
- 6145.3 Policy Publications

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that according to Board Policy 5131.1 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) and New Jersey Statute 18A:37 the results of each investigation shall be reported to the Board of Education no later than the date of the next Board meeting following completion of each investigation and include any services provided, training established, discipline imposed, or other action that was taken or recommended.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that at the next regularly scheduled meeting after Board members receive the report of HIB investigations, the statute requires that the Board issue a

decision in writing to affirm, reject, or modify the Superintendent's decision pertaining to the cases that were reported to the Board members at the last meeting.

Mrs. Chevres asked for a motion and second to adopt the following agenda.

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho and seconded by Mrs. Barbosa to approve the agenda.

Opening Calendar

Official and Private Minutes (May 4, 11, 2023)

Treasurer/Secretary's Report (April 30, 2023)

Personnel Report

Supplemental Personnel Report

2nd Supplemental Personnel Report

Tuitions Report

Superintendent's Reports

Authorizations Report

Supplemental Authorizations Report

Finance and Accounting Report

Supplemental Finance and Accounting Report

Award of Contracts Report

Supplemental Award of Contracts Report

Claims List

Resolutions:

Colombia's Independence Day

Gun Violence Awareness Month

Juneteenth Independence Day

Appointing EAI Education-Graphing and Basic Student Calculators

NJSIAA Membership 2023-2024

Approval of Employment Contracts 2023-2024 (Asst. Supt.'s and BA)

Appointing Sam Tell and Son, Inc. (Cafeteria small equipment)

Transfer of Capital Reserve Funds

Appointing Seashore Fruit & Produce Co. (Produce Items)

Transfer of Maintenance Reserve Funds

Appointing Four Companies for Athletic Equipment/Supplies Fall 2023

U.C.E.S.C. 2023-2024 Professional Services

U.C.E.S.C. 2023-2024 Chapters 192-193 Services

U.C.E.S.C. 2023-2024 Non-Public Title I Teacher Instructed Services

U.C.E.S.C. 2023-2024 Non-Public Textbooks

U.C.E.S.C. 2023-2024 Non-Public Technology Initiative Program

U.C.E.S.C. 2023-2024 Non-Public Security Aid Program

Orlando David Avila Corea, Student

Jahziyah Staraj Denene Carter, Student Representative

Camila Conza, Student Representative

Monika Flores, Student Representative
Bryant Garcia, Student Representative
Maria Alejandra Garcia Cabana, Student Representative
Jessica K. Verma, Student Representative
Workshop Reimbursement
Workers' Comp Settlement – D.K.
Termination of Employment – S.W.
Partial Settlement Agreement – OAL Docket No. EDU 0889-21
Settlement Agreement – Case No. WC-1177-1121-TIL
Appointment of Supervisor of Science – Solomon Franklin Victor

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Barbosa, Carvalho (Abstain on Tab 4B 1-6 & 8-Requests from Elizabeth Dept of Recreation. Tab 5 pg. 1 Food Services to Elizabeth Dept of Recreation, Resolution – Approval of Employment Contracts -Dr Cedeno) Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Neron (Abstain on Tab 4B 1-6 & 8 -Requests from Elizabeth Dept of Recreation. Tab 5 pg. 1 Food Services to Elizabeth Dept of Recreation, Resolution – Approval of Employment Contracts -Dr Cedeno). Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Rivera (Abstain Tab 5 pg. 2 Union College), Mrs. Chevres -7

Negative: none

Mrs. Chevres asked if any Board members have questions or comments. Being none, she asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion made by Mrs. Carvalho seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Barbosa, Carvalho, Messrs. Jacobs, Neron, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Rivera, Mrs. Chevres -7

Negative: none

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