

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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Elizabeth, New Jersey

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called on April 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in the Multi Purpose Room, Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education, 544 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Board President Carlos Trujillo presented the following statement at 7:40 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 The Star Ledger and Cablevision of Elizabeth on Friday, April 8, 2011. 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 April 14, 2011 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: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva (arr. 9:50 p.m.), Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Absent: Pastor Burgos – 1

Superintendent of Schools Pablo Muñoz, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Board Attorney Kirk Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Schools Jennifer Barrett, Assistant Superintendent for Family and Community Outreach Jerome Dunn, Assistant Superintendent for Schools Aida Garcia, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Olga Hugelmeyer, Executive Director of Human Resources/Labor Attorney Karen Murray, Comptroller William Greene and members of the public were in attendance.

Mr. Francisco González 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., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by sixth grade student Alaceyia Smith and fourth grade student Carolina Herrera from Benjamin Franklin School No. 13.

The *Star Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key was performed by students in Voices of Harmony from Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26.

The Pledge of Ethics was led by Brianna Jones and Janeil Elliot, sixth grade students from Benjamin Franklin School No. 13.

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

Mr. Trujillo introduced students from the Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 Chorus who performed *I Say a Little Prayer* by Burt Bacharach and *Schoolhouse Rock – Interplanet Janet* by Alan Billingsley. Mr. Trujillo thanked the students for the wonderful performance.

Mr. Trujillo introduced students from the Benjamin Franklin School No. 13 Chorus who performed *Dance Evolution* by Mark Brymer. Mr. Trujillo thanked the students for the wonderful performance.

Mr. Trujillo introduced students from the Fifth Grade Boys Step Team from Benjamin Franklin School No. 13 who performed the *NJ ASK Chant*. Mr. Trujillo thanked the students for the wonderful performance.

Mr. Trujillo recognized Barry Patterson, Head Custodian at Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23, as a Star of Excellence for performing the Heimlich maneuver on a choking student. Mr. Trujillo and Board members congratulated Barry Patterson and presented him with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. González excused himself from the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Nazco, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the minutes of the meetings of March 8, 9, 17, 21, and 29, 2011 be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Mr. Donoso, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Secretary and Treasurer's Report for the Month of February 2011

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Mr. González returned to the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Personnel Report – Leaves of Absence, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

Supplemental Personnel Report – Leaves of Absence, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

Mr. González excused himself from the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Tuition Report

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Mr. Donoso, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Considerations

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Mr. Donoso, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

A motion was made by Mr. Nazco, seconded by Mr. Donoso, that the requests be approved with a waiver of fees.

The amended motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Mr. Donoso, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities with Fees

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Mr. Donoso, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Mr. Donoso, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

#### Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Mr. Donoso, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

#### Superintendent's Report – Excellence News

Superintendent Pablo Muñoz stated that he is presenting all the excellent educational experiences and services that have been provided by the Elizabeth Board of Education since the last Board meeting celebrating excellence in the Elizabeth Public Schools. Superintendent Muñoz highlighted the excellent news around the district including a visit by the New Jersey State Troopers to Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29 for Read Across America, study of Dr. Seuss and Math at Victor Mravlag School No. 21 @ 31 and William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31, Students of the Month Celebration at Joseph Battin School No. 4, National Nutrition Month Celebration at Frances C. Smith Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 50, Career Workshop for Parents at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, Black History Month Wax Museum at Abraham Lincoln School No. 14, Read Me a Story Day at Frances C. Smith Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 50, Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration at Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30, Biography Day for second grade students at Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29, "Farcebook" Profile Page at Elmora School No. 12, Mardi Gras Dance at Elizabeth High School, Vocabulary on Parade at Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30, Reading Under the Stars at Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 51, Superintendent Scholars, Principal Scholars, and Teacher Scholars at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26, Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart at Charles J. Hudson School No. 25, Family Fun Night at George Washington School No. 1, Shared Reading at Victor Mravlag School No. 21 @ 31 and William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31, Family Literacy Night at Terence C. Reilly School No. 7, Celebration of Read Across America with a visit by the Cat in the Hat at Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28, exhibition of home-made books at Terence C. Reilly School No. 7, Social Skills Shine at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, Positive Discipline Seminar at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26, students from Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 visited Kean University, and the Go Green Project at Joseph Battin School No. 4.

Mr. Gonzalez returned to the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Mr. Muñoz highlighted the Scholar Breakfast at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, Scholar Breakfast at Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28, Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26, visit by the Cat in the Hat at Elmora School No. 12, Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy senior Carlos Cardenas is captain of the Elizabeth High School Football Team and Wrestling Team and was offered a sports scholarship from Rowan University, the Disney Institute recently announced publication of a case study highlighting its unique relationship with the Elizabeth Public Schools, Terence C. Reilly School No. 7 eighth grade student Omar Mahfouz entered a writing competition sponsored by the Rutgers Writing Program and Higher Education, Resources, and Opportunities for Exceptional Students (HEROES), fourth grade students from Robert Morris School No. 18 participated in the Solar Energy – That's Hot Program at the Meadowlands Environment Center, Catch that Leprechaun at Robert Morris School No. 18, project based learning study of injustice at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, study of the four seasons at Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6, the excellent performance of the Elizabeth High School Jazz Band in the preliminary competition to advance to the NJAJE State Finals on April 30, 2011, Holocaust survivor Maude Dahme visited Joseph Battin School No. 4, Spring Fling Dance at Robert Morris

School No. 18, Pennies for Patients at Frances C. Smith Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 50, six students from Terence C. Reilly School No. 7 auditioned for iTheatrics/Broadway Jr., Fruitastic at Benjamin Franklin School No. 13, Day of Irish Culture at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, family tree study at Robert Morris School No. 18, study of fractions at Robert Morris School No. 18, Happy, Healthy and Fit at Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 51, students from Woodrow Wilson School No. 19 participated in the Union County Teen Arts Festival, formal rededication to honor Mabel G. Holmes will be held in the Fall 2011 at Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5, bullying bulletin board and contract against bullying at Madison Monroe School No. 16, student-teacher volleyball games at Christopher Columbus School No. 15, Math-A-Thon for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at Victor Mravlag School No. 21 @ 31 and William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31, second grade student Madlen Estfanous won the After School Art Program at Woodrow Wilson School No. 19, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from Benjamin Franklin School No. 13 participated in the Union County Teen Arts Festival, St. Patrick's Day writing contest at Benjamin Franklin School No. 13, study of vegetables and vitamins at Benjamin Franklin School No. 13, students from Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 received awards for the Jay Levin Invitational Swimming Competition, Gang and Bullying Awareness Night at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26, preschool fair and interactive workshop at Frances C. Smith Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 50, "The Seeing Eye" story and fundraiser for The Seeing Eye in Morristown, students at William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31 ranked as one of the top schools in Union County by the New Jersey Math League, students at Winfield Scott School No. 2 wrote letters to a Japanese-American School and collected clothing to send to the children in Japan, Math Talk at George Washington School No. 1, EEOC Officer Charlie Smith visited a third grade class at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27 to talk about tolerance and acceptance, and celebration of Toussaint L'Ouverture with a district-wide essay contest for middle school students at Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6. Mr. Muñoz stated that if you would like to learn more about the Elizabeth Public Schools, our wonderful team members and students you can visit us at our website [www.epsnj.org](http://www.epsnj.org) and that you can find us on Facebook, watch videos of our organization on YouTube and that we currently launched EPStv.

Mr. Trujillo thanked Superintendent Muñoz for his report.

Authorizations Report – Authorization to Enter into Agreement, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González (abstain- Panasonic Foundation), Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

Finance and Accounting Report – Authorization to Pay Vouchers

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

#### Supplemental Finance and Accounting Report – Transfer of Funds

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

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

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

#### Supplemental Award of Contracts Report – Change Orders

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Supplemental Award of Contracts Report – Award of Contract

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

#### Miscellaneous Communication

None.

#### Claims List

A motion was made by Mr. Nazco, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

#### Resolution – Union County Educational Services Commission Non Public Schools Textbook Program 2011-2012

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Kindness Awareness Month

Mr. González read the resolution.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Better Speech and Hearing Month

Mr. Perreira read the resolution.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – National School Nurses’ Day

Mr. Nazco read the resolution.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo 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.”

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

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, E.J., A.R., and E.C.; indemnification matters, and workers’ compensation claims, specifically, J.B., L.K., D.M., K.R., and A.S. The Board will reconvene in public to take formal action.

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. Nazco, to go into private session at 8:50 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

The Board reconvened in public at 9:35 p.m. to continue with the meeting and take formal action.

Mr. Trujillo amended the Private Session Statement to include discussion of personnel, specifically personnel matters.

Resolution – Confidential Settlement Agreement between EBOE and E.J.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim No. 2010-8889 – A.S.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

2<sup>nd</sup> Supplemental Personnel Report – Leaves of Absence, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo stated that he is in receipt of an application for a charter high school in the City of Elizabeth and read a quote from the Executive Summary section of the application, “Focusing upon business and entrepreneurial tracks, the proposed Joseph H. Garlic Charter School will provide educational services and this academic facility will further address the demand for quality scholastic programming within the City’s Elizabethport neighborhood” and stated that quote is from the Honorable J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth. Mr. Trujillo commented that he finds it sad that Mr. Bollwage thinks it is a good idea to bring a charter school into the great City of Elizabeth since charter schools will just drain resources from the Elizabeth Public Schools. Mr. Trujillo stated that in his opinion if Mayor Bollwage had any interest in what was best for the Elizabethport neighborhood he would first start by recognizing that Elizabethport, where he lives, is plagued by gang violence. Mr. Trujillo stated that many of his colleagues who have children use the Elizabeth Public Schools, unlike the Mayor who has the ability to pay and send his child elsewhere and that is his right, but it is sad that he would say that we are not doing a good enough job and he would support a charter school. Mr. Trujillo stated that he is not surprised that the Mayor is supporting this charter school as he once supported the candidacy of Mrs. Garlic who has run for the school board. Mr. Trujillo stated that he is reminding the Mayor and Mrs. Garlic that we are now the Number 1 urban school district in the State of New Jersey and that under this Board’s direction and the leadership of Mr. Muñoz and the administration we continue to make strides in education and continue improving it. Mr. Trujillo stated that we created themed academies in the high school level and we see our children progress in high school, graduate and go on to attend Ivy League schools. Mr. Trujillo stated that in the Excellence News we heard about Carlos Cardenas who is not only the captain of the football team and the wrestling team but also maintains a 3.5 GPA at Alexander Hamilton



Preparatory Academy, and this is just one example. Mr. Trujillo stated that different colleges and schools throughout the State and country are coming here to recruit our students and that these are things that did not happen in the past. Mr. Trujillo stated that he is not sure if Mr. Bollwage has noticed but the school system in the City of Elizabeth is improving and has been improving for several years. Mr. Trujillo requested that Mr. Bollwage put partisan politics aside and start to realize the truth. Mr. Trujillo stated that the application seems to be very weak and the possibility of anything coming of this in his opinion will not come to fruition at all. Mr. Trujillo stated that he can only see this as politics on behalf of Mr. Bollwage and that Mr. Bollwage has never been a fan or supporter of the children of Elizabeth, and that he does not support us in our work and does not celebrate our successes, often being more of an obstacle than a partner. Mr. Trujillo stated that he speaks for all his colleagues on the Board that we will not support a charter school in the City of Elizabeth, that we offer a great educational experience in our public schools, that we have great administrators and great staff, and we are doing a good job and looking forward to moving forward. Mr. Trujillo stated that charter schools only provide an opportunity for a few children, just a select few, and that in the Elizabeth Public Schools we offer a quality education for all children and that we accept all children. Mr. Trujillo stated that charter schools will be selective. Mr. Trujillo commented that he can imagine Elmora Hills and probably expect Mr. Bollwage to want to open a charter school in Elmora Hills. Mr. Trujillo stated that Mr. Bollwage is playing politics with school issues as usual and does not care about the children's education and that if he did, in his opinion, he would not be trying to bring a charter school into the Elizabethport section.

Mr. Perreira stated that he is new to this position but is aware of all of the initiatives that the Board of Education has tried to attain the land in this City to get new schools built and it has never been an easy task. Mr. Perreira stated that it is funny that someone wants to open a charter school in the City of Elizabeth, a system that will drain the funding from public schools in Elizabeth or across the State, and the Mayor approves it and backs it with his name and that shows the type of person he is and what his ethics are, and that our Senator for the twentieth district is also backing a question that asks for charter schools to be funded and for vouchers to be presented. Mr. Perreira stated that it is sad for them to politicize such an important issue, that it takes funding from our school and that it is going to hurt our children.

Mr. Nazco stated that for all of the viewers at home that were able to witness the presentations that we had this evening he is so proud of the children especially those from Benjamin Franklin School No. 13 that performed and that their presentation was wonderful. Mr. Nazco stated that they are children from the area of where the proposed charter school will be located. Mr. Nazco stated that if they took just some of the efforts in focusing and investing in the children in the public schools instead of becoming distractions and draining resources from the great job that we are doing and that the teachers and staff are doing, specifically in School No. 13, that would make the educational experience for the citizens and children that live in the Port so much better. Mr. Nazco commented that it is a disappointment to see that the charter school applied to be specifically in that area. Mr. Nazco stated that it is disheartening as a member of the Board, as a parent of children in the school system that he believes in and as a graduate from this school system, to see that the leadership of the City is so unfocused in providing the education that our children need.

On a motion by Mr. Donoso, seconded by Mr. Nazco, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Negative: None

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