



**BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SCHOOL BOARD SECRETARY
COUNTY OF HUDSON, CITY OF BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY**

AGENDA – EMERGENCY MEETING TUESDAY JUNE 2nd 2020

**CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE TO FLAG
ANNOUNCEMENT BY BOARD SECRETARY
ROLL CALL
STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICE**

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNICATIONS:

FROM	REFERENCE TO:
BTA	Trustee Michael Alonso
BPSAA	
Melissa Godesky	
Anthony D’Amico	
Elizabeth Donnelly	
Stephen Wasilewski	
Rick Olander	
Valerie Craig-Ndiaye	
Zsuzsa Schuster	
Nicole Lipari	
Anna Masciale	
Jamie Avila	
Michael Chen	
John Milan Sebik	
Justine Amengual	
Lisa Downey	
Delia Marie	
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Eric Siggins	
Carolyn Corbi	
Tracey L. Powers	
Luisa Arbelo	
Victoria Tyler	
Daniel DiDonna	
Taryn Ashe	
Gina Irizarry	
Carolyn L. Schultz	

TRUSTEE _____ **MARIA VALADO** _____ moved for adoption

Seconded by TRUSTEE _____ **CHRISTOPHER MUNOZ** _____

Questions/Comments from Public – Agenda Items

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. In support of this position, the law establishes a period of public comment at every public Board meeting. Individuals wishing to speak must state their name and address, students must state their name and school. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes duration. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.

All statements and/or questions shall be directed to the presiding officer and no participant may address or question Board members individually. All speakers are requested to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy rights of others whose legal rights may be affected.

Please note: While it is not the Board’s intention to stifle comment on matters of legitimate concern to the school community, the public should be aware that if their statements violate the rights of others under the law governing defamation or invasion of privacy, they may face personal liability to the injured party. If speakers are uncertain of the legal ramifications of their comments, the Board urges them to seek guidance beforehand from their own legal advisor.

CONSENT AGENDA

INFORMATION/REPORTS/ACTIONS

NON CONSENT AGENDA

1. MATTER OF –Approval of Emergency Meeting June 2, 2020

TRUSTEE _____ **MARIA VALADO** _____ moved for adoption

Seconded by TRUSTEE _____ **CHRISTOPHER MUNOZ** _____

2. MATTER OF – Approval of resolution regarding Trustee M.A. comments on social media

TRUSTEE _____ **MARIA VALADO** _____ moved for adoption

Seconded by TRUSTEE _____ **CHRISTOPHER MUNOZ** _____

ADJOURNMENT



Bayonne
Teachers'
Association

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Superintendent Mr. John Niesz
Bayonne School Board Secretary Mr. Gary Maita
Bayonne School Board President Mrs. Maria Valado
Bayonne School Board Vice President Mr. Christopher Munoz

I am writing on behalf of the Bayonne Teachers' Association to address Bayonne School Board Trustee Michael J. Alonso's recent comments on social media. We the BTA condemn Mr. Alonso's very inappropriate comments on Sunday, May 31, 2020. We know that this is not the first time that he has posted a racial slur or comment on social media and we do believe that he is in violation of BOE policy. That policy is 0169.02 - Board Member use of Social Networks; part of the policy that is in violation of the School Ethics Act - N.J.S.A.18A:12-21; which includes the Code of Ethics for Board Members.

Our state and country has reached a crossroad when it comes to human rights and if we do not protect humanity, we will not be able to overcome the many injustices that we are facing. Dr. King once said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Our district cannot allow Mr. Alonso to repeatedly denigrate our community members. He took an oath when he was elected to be a Trustee of the Bayonne School Board and from all of his actions it is clear that he does not represent the best interests of our students, our community nor our staff. We find Mr. Alonso's post extremely hostile, inciting riot behavior, unethical and completely racist. We are calling for his immediate resignation. There is no place for a person on the Bayonne School Board who acts this way.

Thank you for your time during this very hectic point in our history.

Sincerely,

Gene Woods BTA President



BPSAA
AVENUE A & 29TH STREET
BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY 07002
201-858-5883

To: John Niesz, Superintendent of Schools
From: Bayonne Public School Administrators Association
Re: Trustee Alonso
Date: June 1, 2020

The Bayonne Public School Administrators Association asks that you consider disciplinary action be taken against Bayonne Board of Education Trustee Michael J. Alonso due to his social media postings of offensive, insensitive, and profoundly vile comments.

Trustee Alonso's choice to post this information displays a clear lack of judgment and does not represent the Bayonne Board of Education, its faculty, staff, support personnel, and is in direct contrast to the educational values and philosophy of our institution.

As Bayonne Board of Education Administration, we are disgusted by Trustee Alonso's actions and ask that any and all action be taken against Trustee Alonso.

There is no room in education for the words and actions espoused and perpetrated by Trustee Alonso; by allowing him to continue such behavior unchecked is unacceptable.

Thank you for your consideration,

Best regards,

The Bayonne Public School Administrators Association

cc: Maria Valado, President, Bayonne Board of Education
Christopher Munoz, Vice President, Bayonne Board of Education
Dr. Gary Maita, Secretary Bayonne Board of Education



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Concerned Mother and community member- For BBOED Emergency meeting 6/2/2020

1 message

Melissa Godesky <m.godesky407@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 10:34 PM

To: gmaita@bboed.org

Cc: Maria Valado <mvalado@bboed.org>, "Munoz, Christopher" <cmunoz@bboed.org>

Good morning Bayonne Board of Education Trustees, Superintendent Niesz, Administrators, and The City of Bayonne.

I hope you are all doing well along with your families. It saddens me that with all of the pain people are being faced with regarding Covid-19 and and unrest in regards to recent events, that we are here to address the behavior of a trustee, again!

I want to acknowledge that the trustees and the rest of the Bayonne Board of Education has so much hard work to do to prepare the schools and educators, I thank you all for that and sorry that you are being pulled from that to address this issue.

I have attached the Acceptable Use Policy that students and staff must adhere to. In the section titled Prohibited activity, numbers 1, 4, 6, 7, and 8, set guidelines that our students and staff are to adhere to. There are also other policies and guidelines that were adopted by this board and should be followed by this board. We expect them to follow these, we should expect that all of our Trustees would as well. After all, you are the role models in this community. You all made this decision. So, how do you expect to hold a student or staff member accountable to these when a trustee can't and chooses not to? That's not fair. That's not right.

Enough is Enough. No one has to respond, but action must be taken. I have said this before and will say it again, Alonso, just resign. Find a new hobby, explore a new career, stop playing with our community. Stop your games. You have no place on this board.

Some statement was released that he said he would not resign. In my opinion and many others, Alonso probably should. It would be in the best interest of the entire Bayonne Board of Education, Students, Teachers, Staff, and this entire community. If you truly cared about any of us or this community, you would do the right thing. If you truly want to be part of the change, be the change and resign today.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Thank you to the trustees who do this for the right reasons.

Melissa Godesky-Rodriguez



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Bayonne Board of Education: Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for Students and Staff

General

The Bayonne School District ("District") provides computer equipment, computer services, and Internet access to its students and staff for educational purposes only. The purpose of providing the technology resources is to improve learning and teaching through research, teacher training, collaboration, and the dissemination and the use of global communication resources. The District reserves the right to monitor all activity on network/computer facilities/computers.

Because of the complex association between so many government agencies and computer networks/computers, the end user of these computer networks/computers must adhere to strict regulations. Regulations are provided here so that staff, community, and student users, as well as the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of students, are aware of their responsibilities. The District may modify these regulations at any time by publishing modified regulations on the network and elsewhere.

Students and staff are responsible for good behavior on computer networks/computers just as they are in a classroom or on other school grounds. Communications on the computer network/computers/online resources are often public in nature. Policies and regulations governing behavior and communications apply. The District's networks, Internet access and computers are provided to students and staff for educational purposes only. Access to the District's computer networks/computers is a privilege, not a right. Individual users of the District's computer network/computers are responsible for their behavior and communications over the computer network/computers/online resources. Users will be required to comply with District standards and will abide by the agreements they have signed.

The District is not responsible for the actions of individuals utilizing the computer network/computers who violate the District's policies and regulations.

Electronic file storage areas shall be treated in the same manner as other school storage facilities. District administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and to ensure that users are using the system responsibly.

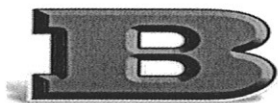
Prohibited Activity

Users of District computers/computer networks/internet access are prohibited from engaging in behavior including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures;
2. Engaging in any conduct which violates existing District policy;
3. Attempt to or successfully log into network administrative accounts, services, emails, log files, etc;
4. Using obscene language and/or accessing visual depictions that are obscene as defined in section 1460 of Title 18, United States Code;
5. Using or accessing inappropriate content, as defined in section 2256 of Title 18, United States Code;
6. Using or accessing visual depictions that are harmful to minors including any pictures, images, graphic image files or other visual depictions that taken as a whole and with respect to minors;
7. Harassing, demeaning, insulting, defaming, discriminating against or attacking others;
8. Sending, displaying or receiving lewd, indecent, profane, vulgar, rude, threatening, racist, offensive or inflammatory speech or material;
9. Knowingly and recklessly posting false information;
10. Engaging in activities that could materially or substantially interfere or disrupt the operation of the District, the District's educational mission or other students' rights;
11. Attempting to or accessing District network admin credentials;
12. Sharing or distributing WIFI access credentials;

13. Attempting to or accessing staff or student username and/or passwords other than your own;

8/2017



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Trustee Alonso's social media postings

2 messages

Anthony D'Amico <adamico@petretti.net>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 8:38 AM

To: John Niesz <jniesz@bboed.org>

Cc: Daniel Castles <dcastles@bboed.org>, "Kopacz, Kenneth" <kkopacz@bboed.org>, "Maita, Gary" <gmaita@bboed.org>, Maria Valado <mvalado@bboed.org>, "jcasais@bboed.org" <jcasais@bboed.org>, "Finnerty, Ava" <afinnerty@bboed.org>, "Wilbeck, Denis" <dwilbeck@bboed.org>, "lburke@bboed.org" <lburke@bboed.org>, "Munoz, Christopher" <cmunoz@bboed.org>, "jegan@bboed.org" <jegan@bboed.org>, "malonso@bboed.org" <malonso@bboed.org>, "Broderick, Joseph" <jbroderick@bboed.org>, "clarke@ammm.com" <clarke@ammm.com>

Mr. Niesz,

These images are truly disturbing and an embarrassment to our school district. We need to know what accountability this disgrace of an elected official will be held to? He needs to be removed from his position for blatant disregard to the wellbeing of our children and the citizens of this community.

Even though its not from an "OFFICIAL" trustee page he did not distance his inappropriate posts and it directly falls back to being a board member and this can not be excused due to being his own page.

I think now everyone understands why you wanted a communications director to handle the districts message being unified and not have situations like this happen.

We don't need or WANT this piece of garbage sitting on the board having a potential impact on the direction of our district any longer.

Dr. Maita,

I want this communication included in the next meeting's agenda and I feel every email sent in regards to this should be included and not hidden from the public because this is a disgrace to the board of education.



Michael J. Alonso



28 mins • 🗣️

Where will the Bayonne Riot Start? Walmart – QuickChek – ShopRite?



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1 Comment

BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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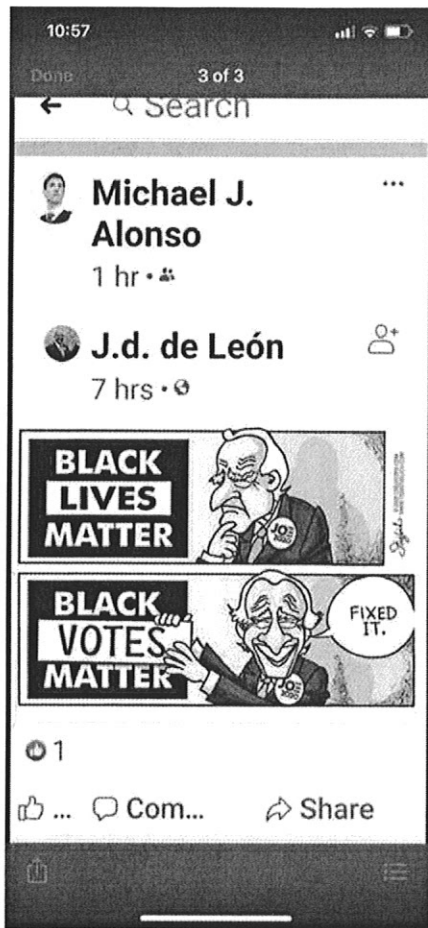
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Board Member Use of Social Networks

While this Policy respects the right of Board members to use social networks, Board members shall recognize they are held to a higher standard than the general public with regard to standards of conduct and ethics. A Board member's use of social networks shall not damage the reputation of the school district, employees, students, or their families. Board members who use social networks shall ensure their conduct is appropriate for a Board of Education member. Board members should exercise care in setting appropriate boundaries between their personal and public online behavior, understanding what is private in the digital world often has the possibility of becoming public, even without their knowledge or consent.

Board members should carefully review the privacy settings on social networks they use and exercise care and good judgment when posting content and information. When using social networks, Board members are advised to:

1. Not post anything that would violate any of the district's policies for Board members;
2. Uphold the district's value of respect for any individual(s) and avoid making defamatory statements about the Board of Education, the school district, employees, students, or their families;
3. Not disclose any confidential information about the school district or confidential information obtained as a result of being a Board member, about any individual(s) or organization, including students and/or their families;
4. Not use or refer to their Board of Education title or position when soliciting for a business organization that he or she or any immediate family member has an interest in, as well as posting or referencing any confidential information regarding the Board of Education or the school district obtained through their Board membership, unless authorized by law;
5. Refrain from having communications through social networks with other Board members regarding any Board of Education business to avoid any potential violation of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act;



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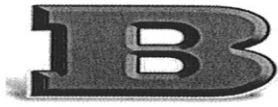
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gmaita@bboed.org <gmaita@bboed.org>
To: adamico@petretti.net, adamico@petretti.net

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 8:48 AM

Your message

To: adamico@petretti.net
Subject: Trustee Alonso's social media postings
Sent: 6/1/20, 8:38:27 AM AST



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Bayonne Board Trustee Michael J. Alonso

1 message

Liz Cena <lizcena@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 1:28 PM

To: "gmaita@bboed.org" <gmaita@bboed.org>, Christopher Munoz <munoz2012@optonline.net>, "cmunoz@bboed.org" <cmunoz@bboed.org>, "jcasais@bboed.org" <jcasais@bboed.org>, "dwilbeck@bboed.org" <dwilbeck@bboed.org>, "jbroderick@bboed.org" <jbroderick@bboed.org>, "afinnerty@bboed.org" <afinnerty@bboed.org>, "lburke@bboed.org" <lburke@bboed.org>, "jegan@bboed.org" <jegan@bboed.org>, "mvalado@bboed.org" <mvalado@bboed.org>, "jniesz@bboed.org" <jniesz@bboed.org>, "mayors.office@baynj.org" <mayors.office@baynj.org>, "snadrowski@baynj.org" <snadrowski@baynj.org>, "ncarroll@baynj.org" <ncarroll@baynj.org>, "sgullace@baynj.org" <sgullace@baynj.org>, "glapelusa@baynj.org" <glapelusa@baynj.org>, "jperez@baynj.org" <jperez@baynj.org>, Deborah Cornavaca <dcornavaca@njea.org>

Elizabeth Donnelly
138 West 53rd Street
Bayonne, NJ 07002
201-647-4082

June 1, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to ask for the immediate dismissal of Michael Alonso as a Bayonne Board of Education Trustee.

On May 31, 2020 Bayonne Board Trustee Michael J. Alonso stated on his Facebook page "Where will the Bayonne Riot Start? Walmart-QuickChek-ShopRite?"

This kind of statement only hurts our Bayonne community. It could divide our community. It could have caused riots because of such an ignorant statement. Thankfully, the statement was made late enough at night and nothing happened. I hope that nothing continues to happen in our community. Our African American community is hurting...we should be lifting them up...supporting them during this time...NOT antagonizing them.

Bayonne Board Trustee Michael J. Alonso has violated the School Ethics Act – N.J.S.A 18A:12-21 et seq. set forth for Board of Education Members. This includes the Bayonne Board of Education Code of Ethics for Board Members. Michael J. Alonso did not uphold the district's value of respect for the community of Bayonne which includes the faculty, staff, students and families. <https://www.bboed.org/site/handlers>

This is not the first time that Trustee Michael J. Alonso has acted unethically and has disrespected the community of Bayonne. However, it is time that we as a community no longer TOLERATE such IGNORANT and POOR behavior. This behavior would not be tolerated from a student or a faculty/staff member with out severe consequences. It is time for Board Trustee Member to face his severe consequence.

BAYONNE BOARD TRUSTEE MICHAEL J. ALONSO MUST BE REMOVED FROM HIS SEAT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Donnelly



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Michael Alonso

1 message

Stephen Wasilewski <stephen.wasilewski123@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 5:55 AM

To: gmaita@bboed.org

Dear Gary Maita,

My name is Stephen Wasilewski, a lifelong Bayonne resident, taxpayer, community volunteer, and homeowner. What saddens me is when a member of the Bayonne Board of Education writes inciteful message on his Facebook page. Below is a copy of something Michael Alonso wrote yesterday. In the past 6 days, we've seen the country set ablaze, looting occur, and innocent people getting hurt. I implore that you and your fellow board members ask for his resignation immediately. I am enclosing his hateful and inciteful Facebook post. As a community, we cannot have someone like this representing our children's best interest.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Stephen Wasilewski

Sent from my iPhone

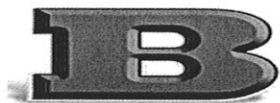


Michael J. Alonso
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Where will the Bayonne Riot Start? Walmart - **image1.png** 253K
QuickChek -
ShopRite?

1 Comment





Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Fwd: Removal of Michael J Alonso

1 message

Unknown, Unknown <mailbag@bboed.org>
To: Gary Maita <gmaita@bboed.org>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 11:15 AM

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From: **Rick Olander** <rick.olander@aol.com>

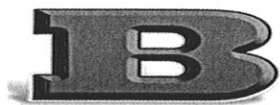
Date: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 11:18 PM

Subject: Removal of Michael J Alonso

To: <mailbag@bboed.org>

On May 31st, Trustee Alonso, made remarks on social media towards riots and several of our local establishments. This is not the first time Alonso has made an embarrassment of himself, the BBOED trustees, the BBOED and Bayonne in general. As a tax paying citizen of Bayonne I am asking for his removal as a trustee.

Thank you,
Rick Olander



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Disgust at Trustee Michael J Alonso post of Facebook

1 message

Valerie Ndiaye <vlcndiaye@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 8:33 AM

To: gmaita@bboed.org, Christopher Munoz <cmunoz@bboed.org>, jcasais@bboed.org, dwilbeck@bboed.org, jbroderick@bboed.org, Afinnerty@bboed.org, malonso@bboed.org, lburke@bboed.org, jegan@bboed.org, jniesz@bboed.org

To the members of the Board of Trustees:

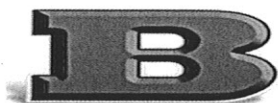
I am appalled by Mr. Alonso's Facebook post on May 31, 2020. To insinuate, encourage, or question when and where riots would start in Bayonne is horrendous. I take a deep offense to it and can not believe this person is a member of the Board of Education. I ask that any and every action be taken to remove or have him resign his position as a Trustee.

The post was insensitive and flip to the current state of this country. To hold a position of honor as a board member, he should be posting how proud of this community he is for keeping it together and being respectful of each other in these tragic times. But instead, he asks about riots as if people's property and lives are a game or amusement to him. I can not trust that he has the proper frame of mind to represent or care for ALL students in this community.

As an educator, voter, resident, parent, and property owner of Bayonne, I demand that action be taken to remove or have Mr. Alonso resign from his position as a member of the Bayonne Board of Education. There is no place for this type of thinking when it comes to people who are supposed to care for ALL children and families of Bayonne.

Sincerely,

Valerie Craig-Ndiaye
Bayonne Resident



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Michael J. Alonso

4 messages

Zsuzsa Schuster <zjjj81151@icloud.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 8:04 AM

To: gmaita@bboed.org, cmunoz@bboed.org, jcasais@bboed.org, dwilbeck@bboed.org, jbroderick@bboed.org, Afinnerty@bboed.org, malonso@bboed.org, lburke@bboed.org, jegan@bboed.org, jniesz@bboed.org

Please see the below hateful and inappropriate images shared on this official's page. This official's behavior is abhorrent. To not only make a joke of the pain of families, the lives lost, and sow divisiveness, but also encourage or welcome riots and violence into our town is completely irresponsible and a horrible example for our children.

He can never be elected again to any position where our children, taxes, and community are exposed to this.

He must resign and be never reelected to the board for the sake of our children and future.

Sincerely,

Zsuzsa Schuster

2 attachments

Michael J. Alonso
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Where will the
Bayonne Riot
Start?Walmart – **image0.jpeg**
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ShopRite?

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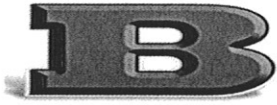
Niesz, John <jniesz@bboed.org>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 8:29 AM

To: Maria Valado <mvalado@bboed.org>, Gary Maita <gmaita@bboed.org>, Christopher Munoz <cmunoz@bboed.org>

Team,

My recommendations in reference to this email - refer this to our BOE Atty and Labor Atty to conduct an independent investigation. The BOE should consider a statement about this posting -



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

BBOED 6/2 Virtual Meeting

1 message

liparinic@gmail.com <liparinic@gmail.com>
To: gmaita@bboed.org

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 12:47 PM

Hello,

My name is Nicole Lipari. I am a Bayonne High School alumni and have been a Bayonne resident for 15 years.

I have a question for Mr. Alonso...

Explain this?

Thank you.

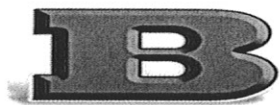
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 **Michael J. Alonso** ""
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Where will the
Bayonne Riot
Start?Walmart -
QuickChek -
ShopRite?

 **image2.jpeg**
79K

1 1 Comment



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Fwd: Trustee Alonso

1 message

Valado, Maria <mvalado@bboed.org>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 7:42 AM

To: Gary Maita <gmaita@bboed.org>, John Niesz <jniesz@bboed.org>, "Mitchell L. Pascual" <mpascual@chasanlaw.com>, "Robert T. Clarke" <clarke@ammm.com>

During this time in our society with all the violence. Is this behavior ethical on part of a trustee, what can we do? I have another 4 community members and parents that sent emails.

María

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Casais, Jodi** <jcasais@bboed.org>

Date: Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 7:37 AM

Subject: Fwd: Trustee Alonso

To: Maria Valado <mvalado@bboed.org>

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From: **Anna Masciale** <annamasciale309@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 12:32 AM

Subject: Trustee Alonso

To: Niesz, John <jniesz@bboed.org>, afinnerty@bboed.org <afinnerty@bboed.org>, cmunoz@bboed.org <cmunoz@bboed.org>, dwilbeck@bboed.org <dwilbeck@bboed.org>, jbroderick@bboed.org <jbroderick@bboed.org>, jcasais@bboed.org <jcasais@bboed.org>, jegan@bboed.org <jegan@bboed.org>, lburke@bboed.org <lburke@bboed.org>

As a parent of 2 Bayonne public school children, as well as a very active school PTO President, I have to say that it is humiliating, infuriating, and disappointing that a person like Trustee Alonso is allowed to hold a position on our school board when he posts outrageous things like this on social media! There should and needs to be accountability for this.

It is an absolute disgrace to our Board of Education, the other trustees, our children and our city.

Anna Masciale



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Held to A Higher Standard

1 message

Jamie Avila <ostrodorous@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 2:10 PM

To: malonso@bboed.org, jbroderick@bboed.org, lburke@bboed.org, jcasais@bboed.org, jegan@bboed.org, afinnerty@bboed.org, gmaita@bboed.org, cmunoz@bboed.org, www.mvalado@bboed.org, dwilbeck@bboed.org

I am the parent of a Bayonne school student. I am embarrassed and ashamed to have someone who is supposed to lead and guide our children publicly incite violence in flippant disregard of the outcry against police brutality. This is unacceptable behavior and as elected officials you will be held to a higher standard.

Please refer to attached image.

Black Lives Matter.

Regards,
Jamie Avila



Michael J. Alonso

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Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Comments for the Emergency Meeting

1 message

Manifest Comics <manifestcomics@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 2:38 PM

To: gmaita@bboed.org

Esteemed Trustees,

It is with sadness that I find myself writing to you. Sadness followed by anger and, honestly, some measure of exhaustion. This has been a trying few months for all of us and we need leadership at all levels to emerge a stronger community.

As a father of two biracial children and a local business owner going on eight years, I have always felt our community will be as good - or great - as we make it. My conception of greatness only occurs by moving forward together. Besides belittling some of our most vulnerable and anguished community members, Trustee Alonso's continued messages that incite violence or seek to divide the beautiful tapestry of our neighborhoods have no place in making us great.

I'm sure I don't need to tell anyone there that children are always watching and learning from us. We now know young children can begin forming lasting racial biases as early as five. The social media policy is in place specifically to address abuses in rhetoric from those in positions of power. There simply is no place for these words or sentiments from those making decisions that affect our children. Not only are individuals of all ages impacted by them but they will also be watching what happens next carefully: Are there consequences for bad actors or can we do and say whatever hurtful thing we want...and get away with it?

Additionally, I believe the board should consider the history of Trustee Alonso. He has not shown he is able or willing to listen to the concerns of citizens that do not serve his ideological agenda or political whims. There are numerous documented cases of parents with concerns being ignored or verbally dismissed. We all have different views, but elected officials are expected to enact their duty to serve the greater community; not only setting aside their personal views but sometimes acting against them to do what is right. This is the leadership we expect in all cases but especially as it relates to our children.

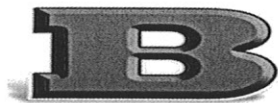
Sanctions or removal for an elected official should never be taken lightly. I understand that and entrust the board to do the right thing.

Words. Actions. Consequences. They matter.

Thank you for your time.

Michael Chen

(address provided for the record **if necessary for meeting minutes**: 127 Ave B)



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

trustee alonso

1 message

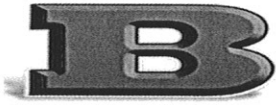
John Milan <johnsebik@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 3:05 PM

To: "Maita, Gary" <gmaita@bboed.org>, jcasais@bboed.org, cmunoz@bboed.org, dwilbeck@bboed.org, jbroderick@bboed.org, affinnert@bboed.org, jburke@bboed.org, jegan@bboed.org, jniesz@bboed.org, Sharon Nadrowski <snadrowski@baynj.org>, jperez@baynj.org, Jimmy Davis <Mayors.Office@baynj.org>, Salvatore Gullace <sgullace@baynj.org>, ncarroll@baynj.org, glapelusa@baynj.org

I would like to express my dismay and concern about Trustee Alonso. I am concerned as the trustee has not lived up to his expectations as a positive member of the Board and/or community. He has only consistently shown total and utter disregard for his city, the residents and other members of the Board. Based on his recent comments about the unrest in society, it may or may not inflame tensions around town and I believe the time has come to dismiss Mr. Alonso from the Board. He has contributed absolutely nothing to moving our city, this Board, the Bayonne Educational System forward.

John Milan Sebik



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Unacceptable

1 message

Justine Amengual <justine.amengual@gmail.com> Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 3:34 PM
 To: "afinnerty@bboed.org" <afinnerty@bboed.org>, "cmunoz@bboed.org" <cmunoz@bboed.org>, "gmaita@bboed.org" <gmaita@bboed.org>, "jcasais@bboed.org" <jcasais@bboed.org>, "jegan@bboed.org" <jegan@bboed.org>, "lburke@bboed.org" <lburke@bboed.org>, "malonso@bboed.org" <malonso@bboed.org>, "www.mvalado@bboed.org" <www.mvalado@bboed.org>

Let me start off by saying that I am a registered voter in Bayonne.

I am also embarrassed and ashamed to have someone who is supposed to lead and guide our children publicly incite violence in complete disregard of the outcry against police brutality.


This is inexcusable behavior and as elected officials you will be held to a higher standard.

This will be remembered come November.

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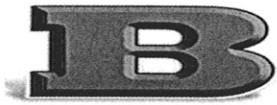
If you weren't already aware, Black Lives Matter.

Sincerely,
Justine Amengual

 **Michael J. Alonso**
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Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Social media post

1 message

Imbdowney4@gmail.com <Imbdowney4@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 3:42 PM

To: jniesz@bboed.org, jbroderick@bboed.org, dwillbeck@bboed.org, gmaita@bboed.org, cmunoz@bboed.org, jcasais@bboed.org, afinnerty@bboed.org, lburke@bboed.org, jegan@bboed.org

As I'm sure you are aware, Michael Alonso posted completely inappropriate comments on social media. This individual is clearly unfit to hold a position of any type that touches the lives of the children of Bayonne. I ask that he be removed from his position on the Board of Education immediately. He should not be allowed to resign or step down. There is no excuse or justification for his being allowed to remain on the Board of Education and his presence will bring nothing but shame and embarrassment to our community.

Lisa Downey



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Trustee Alonso's behavior

1 message

Delia Marie <deliamarie087@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 3:47 PM

To: gmaita@bboed.org

To whom it may concern,

As a resident & aunt of children in the Bayonne Board of education school system I am mortified by Mr. Alonso's social media posts. How dare he make a mockery of a death that has shaken people to their core(George Floyd) & riot acts that are going on throughout our country. His posts say alot about his character. Do you realize who many children use social media? With the position Mr. Alonso holds he should be setting a good example for the children in our community. Racism is very really & it's not something that should be joked about. I am not calling for him to resign, I want him FIRED. If you all do not take action you are setting a tone in this town that it is ok to make fun of horrific tragedies that are happening across our country. What does that teach our children? We as a community are outraged. We will not tolerate this anymore. This is not the first time Mr. Alonso's behavior has been questioned. So, please really think about the tone you want to set not only for our children but for our community. We are Bayonne and we are Bayonne strong. We don't tolerate hate. Maybe Mr. Alonso missed the memo on that.

Delia



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

BBOED Trustee Alonso

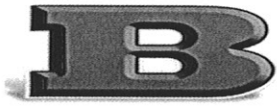
1 message

Joe Pineiro <jopin56@aol.com>
To: gmaita@bboed.org

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 4:47 PM

Is was Sad and DISTURBING to see the Posting by BBOED ALONSO That Because of his Senseless action in theses times of Civil unrest through out many Nearby cities he has created the POSSIBILITY of DESTRUCTION to our City of Bayonne! As a Home Owner and Taxpayer he should be RECALLED and REMOVED from his Position!

Sent from my iPad



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Alonso riot

1 message

Eric Siggins <chefsiggins@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: "chefsiggins@yahoo.com" <chefsiggins@yahoo.com>
To: "gmaita@bboed.org" <gmaita@bboed.org>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 6:21 PM

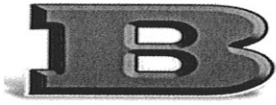
If I incur property damage you will be held responsible for any and all damages

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Carolyn L. Corbi

Superintendent Niesz, Members of the Bayonne Board of Education and Bayonne Board of Education Trustees:
I come here today as a long time educator and a concerned human being. One of your own has publicly shown his racist side on a social media site, and this is not the first time this has been done by Mr. Alonso. My concern is that not only is this a violation of the Code of Ethics that BOE members take, but that Mr. Alonso is inciting a riot as well. At any point in time, this bigoted behavior would be highly immoral and unacceptable, but especially during this very tumultuous time in history. Mr. Alonso should be using his white privilege to be an anti racist and an ally to all of our Black and Brown brothers and sisters. As white human beings we should be helping to tear down the systems of oppression and rebuilding them in order to be as equitable as possible for all. In closing, I would suggest you take some time to self reflect and see what you all need to do as a group to do better. Cultural and Critical Competence Training could be a start. Thank you for your time and energy in this most serious matter.

Respectfully,



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Board Meeting Statements

1 message

Tracey L. Power, MA, ATC <tpower@bboed.org>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 10:26 PM

To: Gary Maita <gmaita@bboed.org>

Good morning Gary, President Valado, Vice President Munoz, Trustees of the Board, Superintendent Niesz and members of Central Office,

These remarks may not even make the meeting due to volume but I hope that they will be read.

In regards to the reckless and irresponsible remarks posted by Trustee Alonso in reference to both riots and black votes, I urge you to take action and entertain a vote of no confidence. First amendment rights aren't afforded protection when they incite violence and unrest.

I am at a loss for words. Why would someone violate the code of his position like this? He does NOT have the Bayonne community's interest at heart.

This community is too fragile right now. Families have lost loved ones, lost jobs, lost businesses and our children left in a very vulnerable state. Trustee Alonso's remarks only add fuel to a precarious state of being. He is creating a hazardous condition for our public servants and for our students and their families. This cannot be tolerated. He is in clear violation of the code of ethics for the board and I hope that serious consideration is made for his removal from the Bayonne Board of Education.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to speak.

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Tracey L. Power, MA, ATC
Athletic Trainer
Bayonne Public Schools
201-858-5573 Phone/Fax

"Do you know what my favorite part of the game is? The opportunity to play." Mike Singletary

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Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

M. Alonso

1 message

L Duque-Arbelo <luisafd654@gmail.com>

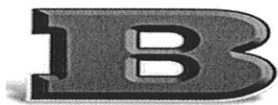
Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 1:36 AM

To: gmaita@bboed.org, cmunoz@bboed.org, jcasais@bboed.org, dwilbeck@bboed.org, jbroderick@bboed.org, afinnerty@bboed.org, lburke@bboed.org, jegan@bboed.org, jniesz@bboed.org

Dear Bayonne School District Superintendent and Board Members,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my outrage and disgust regarding the comments made by member Alonso on his social media page. As a minority, I am hurt by his comments and cannot believe he represents anyone in this wonderful city. As a teacher and parent, I am embarrassed that this person who is supposed to model upstanding behavior, would make such hateful, insulting, and instigating comments. This is not the kind of person that we need at the Board of Education. He needs to be held to high standards and his reckless and insensitive comments should no longer be tolerated. I ask to you to do what he has not; show strength and stand up for what is right and just. Be the leaders that we know you are and get rid of this man who does more harm than good. Thank you for your time.

Luisa Arbelo



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Alonso

2 messages

VICTORIA TYLER <vtyler@jcboe.org>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 9:09 PM

To: gmaita@bboed.org, cmunoz@bboed.org

This is an absolute disgrace. What he is doing is promoting rioting. I do NOT want someone with his disregard for humans on this board. I do not want someone with his intent and his idealistic false pretense on the board that makes decisions for my children. I'm disappointed in his words and offended by his actions on social media. Please remove him from the position of authority. Thank you.



Michael J.
Alonso

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1 Comment



Christopher Munoz <cmunoz@bboed.org>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 9:20 PM

To: VICTORIA TYLER <vtyler@jcboe.org>

Cc: gmaita@bboed.org

Received, thank you.

Thank You Ms. Tyler for your comments and concerns regarding this unfortunate incident. We have an Emergency Board Meeting tomorrow morning to discuss this particular issue.

Respectfully,



Christopher Munoz
Bayonne Board of Education Vice President
Bayonne School District
669 Avenue A
Bayonne, NJ 07002
(201) 978-2164
cmunoz@bboed.org

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On Jun 1, 2020, at 9:09 PM, VICTORIA TYLER <vtyler@jcboe.org> wrote:



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

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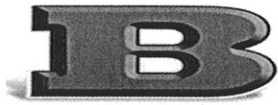
DiDonna, Daniel <ddidonna@bboed.org>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 10:09 PM

To: Gary Maita <gmaita@bboed.org>

My name is Dan DiDonna, and I am an Environmental Science teacher at Bayonne High School. I am writing to express my concerns over the recent social media posts made by trustee Alonso. His comments are divisive and incendiary, and at this point in American history, incomprehensible. I feel that it is "unsafe and unwise" for the people of Bayonne to continue relying on his judgement.

Regards,
Daniel DiDonna



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Emergency Board Meeting

1 message

Taryn Ashe <tarynashe@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 9:19 PM

To: gmaita@bboed.org, jniesz@bboed.org, Christopher Munoz <cmunoz@bboed.org>, jcasais@bboed.org, dwilbeck@bboed.org, jbroderick@bboed.org, AFINNERTY@bboed.org, malonso@bboed.org, lburke@bboed.org, jegan@bboed.org, mvalado@bboed.org, kkopacz@bboed.org, ddegan@bboed.org

Dear Superintendent John J. Niesz, Assistant Superintendents, and Bayonne Board of Education Trustees,

My name is Taryn Ashe and I am a lifelong resident of Bayonne, a taxpayer, and a parent of Bayonne public school children. My children attend Nicholas Oresko Community School & Horace Mann Community School. I serve on the PTO Board at Oresko and the PTA Board at HMCS. I am also a teacher for the Hudson County Schools of Technology so I am a member of the NJEA.

This morning I was reading the NJEA social media page, where I was made aware that a BBOED trustee made comments on his personal social media page that were bigoted, incendiary, and unwelcome by this Bayonne mother. If we believe our citizens' lives matter -- black lives, police lives, children's lives -- then we cannot allow someone who is supposed to be a leader and a representative to incite hate or violence in our community. Bayonne is a diverse community and your board needs to represent every one of the students who live and go to school here. I would hope that you would read these comments during the virtual emergency board meeting as I obviously cannot deliver my concerns in person face-to-face.

Please consider the termination of Mr. Alonso's tenure on the board followed by the election of a temporary replacement.

Sincerely,
Taryn Ashe

tarynashe@gmail.com
29 West 40TH Street
Bayonne, NJ 07002
201-437-1465



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Letter to BOE regarding M.Alonso

1 message

Gina Irizarry <ginairiz@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 8:27 PM

To: "Maita, Gary" <gmaita@bboed.org>

Cc: "Finnerty, Ava" <afinnerty@bboed.org>, jcasais@bboed.org, cmunoz@bboed.org, mvalado@bboed.org, dwilbeck@bboed.org, jbroderick@bboed.org, "jniesz@bboed.org" <jniesz@bboed.org>

Dear Gary,

I would like my attached letter read tomorrow at the 9 am emergency board meeting.

Thank you,

Gina Irizarry
(551)221-0585**BOE .docx**

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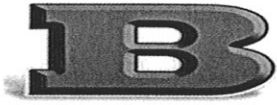
Dear Board of Education Members of the Bayonne School District,

Michael Alonso 's recent statements on social media do not reflect or align with the mission of the Bayonne school district. As a board of education trustee, he is a public figure whose responsibility is to uphold the integrity of a system whose goal is to provide the community 's children with a safe, non- judgmental, un- prejudiced environment to learn and grow.

His recent posts show his lack of sensitivity to the chaotic events which unfolded in response to the cold-blooded murder at the hands of a police officer. As a taxpayer of this city, I feel Mr. Alonso does not have the ability to make decisions that would positively impact our school district. His lack of regard for the impact that his strongly, offensive language through a public forum has on the families of this community make him a threat to the good work our administrators and teachers are doing; particularly in the areas of **social responsibility** toward diversity and racial equity. I ask for his resignation immediately.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gina Irizarry



Maita, Gary <gmaita@bboed.org>

Fwd: BOE comment on social media

1 message

Carolyn Schultz <carolynschultz@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 12:02 PM

To: malonso@bboed.org, lburke@bboed.org, jcasais@bboed.org, afinnerty@bboed.org, gmaita@bboed.org

Dear Superintendent,

I am writing to you as a very concerned citizen. Your board member Michael J. Alonso, has placed a very inappropriate comment on a social media cite, on Sunday, May 31, 2020. I am hoping that you are aware and as alarmed as many of us are , especially during such a tumultuous time. This is not the first time he has posted a racial slur or comment on social media and I do believe that he is in violation of your BOE policy. That policy is 0169.02 - Board Member use of Social Networks; part of the policy that is in violation of the School Ethics Act - N.J.S.A.18A:12-21; which includes the Code of Ethics for Board Members.

As part of the education system and humanity we have the duty to ensure that ALL of our students and fellow human beings are being treated with the utmost equity and fairness. I find Mr. Alonso's post extremely hostile, inciting riot behavior, unethical and completely racist. He should resign from his position, immediately. To ensure that this type of behavior NEVER happens again I would also suggest some type of Cultural and Critical Competence Training for all of your members. Clearly, this is an issue with this one BOE member and I am truly hoping that all of the other members and your Board of Trustees will recognize this poisonous behavior. They will all be getting a copy of this email.

If you'd like to speak to me directly, please feel free to reach out to me. If you are not sure what post I am referring to, I have attached a copy of the post from Mr. Alonso's facebook page. Thank you for your time and energy in this most alarming action.

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Carolyn L. Schultz
NJEA Priority Schools Initiative Consultant
Professional Development & Instructional Issues Division
856-465-8230
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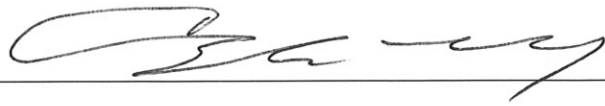
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF BAYONNE
HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Bayonne Board of Education to add an EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING date; and

WHEREAS, the Bayonne Board of Education will hold an EMERGENCY workshop & public meeting session on **TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd, 2020 at 9:00am** in the Board of Education Anna J. Herbert Meeting Room in which the public may attend and participate.

A CLOSED SESSION MAY BE CALLED BY THE BOARD TO DISCUSS MATTERS EXEMPT BY LAW.

TRUSTEE  moved
that the foregoing resolution be adopted

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE .

ADOPTED AT BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 2nd, 2020

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF BAYONNE
HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, George Floyd, an African American man, died during a police incident with four Minneapolis, Minnesota, police officers; the result of what appears to be a blatant disregard to the dignity and sanctity of human life; and

WHEREAS, acts of intolerable violence in recent years have spurred protests across the country in support of the recognition that life is a gift and a human right and that such acts and circumstances of violence have no place in our community; and

WHEREAS, members of certain minority groups, particularly the African-American community, has been historically marginalized and continue to be underrepresented and discriminated against in our country; and

WHEREAS, it is a goal and mission of the Board of Education of the City of Bayonne ("Board"), as educators to the children in our community, to maintain a safe and secure learning environment, which promotes positive social and emotional learning and encourages diversity and inclusivity of all people, irrespective of their gender, race, creed, national origin or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, the Board is charged with protecting, educating and safeguarding the children of the City of Bayonne and Board members are held to a higher standard than their general public with regard to standards of conduct and ethics; and

WHEREAS, it is the expectation and obligation of Board members to set an example on the manner on which one is to behave and not be in violation of the public trust; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2018, the Board adopted Policy 0169.02, which is titled Board Member Use of Social Networks; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2020, Trustee Alonso made statements, by way of postings on a social media network, the content of which speaks for itself; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education declares as follows:

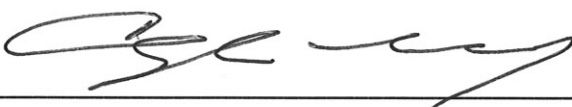
The Board, to the fullest extent possible, denounces and condemns the May 31, 2020 statements of Trustee Alonso; and

The May 31, 2020 statements of Trustee Alonso are his alone and are not a representative of the view of the Board as a whole; and

The Board finds that Trustee Alonso's conduct was in violation of Board Policy 0169.02 and requests that Trustee Alonso cease such activity; and

The Board decries and rebukes any and all forms of racism, bigotry, intolerance or insensitivity to any member of any community and declares that it is the expectation of the Board that all members must, at all times, act in a manner which is emblematic of the office in which he or she serves and in accordance with the principles of the community in which he or she was elected holds.

TRUSTEE  _____ moved
that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE  _____

ADOPTED AT BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 2nd, 2020