

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Elizabeth, New Jersey

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called on January 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., in the Multi Purpose Room, Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education, 544 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Board Vice President Fernando Nazco presented the following statement at 7:25 p.m.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education. Pursuant to New Jersey Statutes and the rules adopted by the Board of Education, notice of this meeting was sent to Worrall Community Newspapers, The Star Ledger and Cablevision of Elizabeth on Friday, January 13, 2012. 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 January 19, 2012 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: Pastor Burgos (arr. 7:30 p.m.), Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Absent: Mrs. Munn, Mr. Trujillo – 2

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 Teaching and Learning Olga Hugelmeyer, Executive Director of Human Resources/Labor Attorney Karen Murray, Assistant Board Secretary Donald Gonçalves, Comptroller William Greene and members of the public were in attendance.

Father Mino from St. Mary of the Assumption Church 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 Yadira Lazo, tenth grade student at Elizabeth High School.

The *Star Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key was performed by Marvin Vargas playing trumpet and Samantha Posada playing clarinet, tenth grade students at Elizabeth High School.

The Pledge of Ethics was led by Nayeli Riano, eleventh grade student at Elizabeth High School.

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

Mr. Nazco introduced students from the Elizabeth High School Jazz Band who performed *Afternoon in Paris* by John Lewis, *After the Love Has Gone* by David Foster, Jay Graydon and Bill Champlin and *Night Walk* by Victor Lopez. Mr. Nazco thanked the students for a wonderful performance.

Mr. Nazco stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools has achieved much we can be proud of during 2011 including having the distinction of being the best Urban School District in New Jersey, having the Number 2 High School in New Jersey and having three National Blue Ribbon Schools and that we have many excellent achievements in academics, athletics and the arts by our students and team members.

Mr. Nazco stated that he is proud to announce that Elizabeth Public Schools eleventh and twelfth grade honor roll students will be rewarded with vouchers for two tickets to a New Jersey Devils home game and that 356 honor roll students qualified for the reward which was made possible through the generosity of the New Jersey Devils organization and Chairman and Managing Partner Jeff Vanderbeek. Mr. Nazco read a letter from Jeff Vanderbeek, Chairman and Managing Partner of the New Jersey Devils, stating he was sorry he was not able to attend the meeting to personally commend the students since the Devils were playing tonight and congratulated the students for their hard work and continued success. Mr. Nazco stated that two student representatives from each of our six high schools will accept on behalf of their high school including Lilian Fuentes and Hilda Bonilla, John E. Dwyer Technology Academy; Shivani Kumar and Sunaina Kanchan, Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy; Nayeli Riano and Jonathan Yakubov, Elizabeth High School; Ana Gambetta and Tania Coppi, Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy; Vikas Javed and Bryan Castillo, Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy; and Shantel Bobbitt and Lola Sierra, Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy. Mr. Nazco and Board members congratulated the students.

Mr. Nazco recognized student athletes from the Girls High School Volleyball Team including Sarah Regha, No. 2 Blocker in the State, All-Ledger Group 4 Third Team, All Union County First Team, All Watchung Conference First Team; Carla Wan, All Union County Second Team, All Watchung Conference Second Team; Nicole Soriano, All Watchung Conference Third Team; Daijiah Johnson, All Watchung Conference Honorable Mention; Caritza Cepeda, All Watchung Conference Honorable Mention; Lanyse Castro, All Watchung Conference Honorable Mention; Alexis Booker, All Watchung Conference Honorable Mention; and Head Coach Tania Labrador. Mr. Nazco and Board members congratulated the student athletes and coach and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Nazco stated that the High School Football Team advanced to the Section 2 Group 4 Finals and recognized student athletes including Phillip Walker, NJSIAA All State Second Team Offense, All-Ledger Group 4 First Team Offense, All Union County First Team Offense, 2011 Fall All-Ledger Top Performers Passing, Mid-State 39 First Team All Watchung Conference Offense; Elijah Hughes, NJSIAA All State Second Team Offense, All-Ledger Group 4 First Team Offense, All Union County First Team Offense, 2011 Fall All-Ledger Top Performers Receiving, Mid-State 39 First Team All Watchung Conference Offense; Jermaine West, NJSIAA

All State Second Team Defense, All-Ledger Group 4 First Team Offense, All Union County First Team Defense, Mid-State 39 First Team All Watchung Conference Defense; Donnell Hubbert, NJSIAA All State Second Team Defense, All Union County First Team Defense, Mid-State 39 All Watchung Conference Defense; Kyle Ward, All Union County Second Team Offense, Mid-State 39 Second Team All Watchung Conference Offense; Jahad Thomas, All Union County Second Team Defense, Mid-State 39 Second Team All Watchung Conference Defense; Kason Campbell, All Union County Third Team Offense, Mid-State 39 All Watchung Conference Defense; Paul Jones, Mid-State 39 Second Team All Watchung Conference Offense; Omar Pineda, Mid-State 39 Second Team All Watchung Conference Offense; Ezekial Villafana, Mid-State 39 Second Team All Watchung Conference Defense; Desmond Haynes, Mid-State 39 Honorable Mention All Watchung Conference Defense; Akram March-Williams, Mid-State 39 Honorable Mention All Watchung Conference Defense and Head Coach John Quinn. Mr. Nazco and Board members congratulated the student athletes and coach and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Head Coach John Quinn thanked the Board members and Superintendent Muñoz for their support for not only our football program but all our initiatives in the district to support the student athletes particularly our academic mentoring program, the newly expanded weight room, and the renovated Williams Field locker room. Coach Quinn recognized six student athletes not present tonight who are participating in a High School basketball game. Coach Quinn presented autographed posters to the Board members commemorating the High School Football Team advancing to the Section 2 Group 4 State Finals this year.

Mr. Nazco recognized student athletes from the Girls High School Soccer Team including Tamoya Brown, All Union County Third Team, All Mountain Conference First Team; Paula Viana, All Mountain Conference First Team; Amanda Lynes, All Mountain Conference Honorable Mention; Monica Flores, All Mountain Conference Honorable Mention; Maria Calle, All Mountain Conference Honorable Mention; and Head Coach Antonio Almeida. Mr. Nazco and Board members congratulated the student athletes and coach and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Nazco recognized student athletes from the Boys High School Varsity Soccer Team including Ezequiel Cei, All State Central Jersey Third Team, All Watchung Conference First Team, All Union County Coaches Association First Team, All Union County Second Team, All-Ledger Group 4 Second Team; David Zorrilla, All State Central Jersey Second Team, All Watchung Conference First Team, All Union County Coaches Association First Team, All Union County First Team; Diego Quintero, All Watchung Conference Honorable Mention, Gustavo Zambrano, All Watchung Conference Honorable Mention; Head Coach Joseph Cortico and Assistant Coach Jacques Gonzales. Mr. Nazco and Board members congratulated the student athletes and coaches and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Head Coach Joseph Cortico thanked the Board members for the tremendous support and for recognizing our student athletes and stated that this year the varsity team went to the Group IV Sectional Finals and the Union County Semi-Finals. Coach Cortico thanked Coach Gonzales for his dedication and hard work. Coach Cortico stated that David Zorrilla was invited to play in the Jersey Central Select Team which is quite an honor.

Mr. Nazco stated that the Boys High School Junior Varsity Soccer Team placed first in the Union County Tournament and recognized student athletes including Manny Barrera, Bryan Becher, Monfatson Binaime, Hudson Cajuste, Giusseppe Canales, Mateo Carvajal, Bryant Cordova, Jerry Criollo, Brenden Cruz, Federico Feria, Jean Carlo Lainez, Marcko Lopez, Jorge Martinez, Brian Matos, David Moncada, Jandy Perez, Louis Pierre, David Rodriguez, Wilmar Rusinque-Baron, Camillo Toro, and Carlos Ulloa, and Coaches Louis Argondiza and Philip

Russo. Mr. Nazco and Board members congratulated the student athletes and coaches and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, stated that at the last Board meeting there was a resolution recognizing the services of the Board members by the New Jersey School Boards Association and observing the month of January as School Board Recognition Month. Mr. Kennedy congratulated the Board members and presented each with a plaque of commemoration for their dedicated service to the Elizabeth Public Schools.

Resolution – Board Elections Moved to November

Mr. Perreira read the resolution.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Mr. DaSilva commended the Board for taking this action to save taxpayers money and allow more people in our City to get involved in the Board of Education election. Mr. DaSilva stated that it is said that the Board of Education elections have lower turnouts compared to the general election and this year we will have more people involved to vote and have their voice heard to make sure they pick the Board members they believe are doing the right work for the children. Mr. DaSilva commended the Board for thinking about the taxpayer first and stated that we will save money by eliminating an election process and at the same time allowing the rest of the residents that normally do not come out to voice their opinion on the Board of Education.

Mr. Nazco stated that in our efforts to provide excellent educational experiences to our students we are also cognizant of the needs of the community and moving our election from April to the general election in November is going to save money for the taxpayers of the State of New Jersey. Mr. Nazco stated that we want to be fiscally responsible and make sure we are providing the best services for the citizens of our City and also gives the opportunity for a greater majority of people to come out and support the candidates for the Elizabeth Board of Education as there is generally a larger turnout in the November election. Mr. Nazco stated that the citizens of Elizabeth recognize the job that the current board is doing including the three National Blue Ribbon Schools and the No. 2 High School in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Nazco congratulated the Board on being proactive and serving the community with the best interests of the children.

Mr. Nazco introduced Robert D’Uva, Mendonca & Partners, LLC, who presented the independent audit report for the district. Mr. D’Uva read, reviewed and discussed the findings, comments and recommendations of the audit report for the 2010-2011 school year and reported that the District received an unqualified report.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2011 be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

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

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Personnel Report – Leaves of Absences, 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: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira (abstain- M.P.), Nazco (abstain- M.S.) – 7

Negative: None

Tuition Report

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Considerations

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Muñoz highlighted the excellent news around the district including the generosity of the Marshall C. Brown Chapter of the National Black State Trooper Coalition of the New Jersey State Police to distribute coats to students in need, Adele's Literacy Library donated 4,000 books to Winfield Scott School No. 2, Fruit Fest at George Washington School No. 1, Believe Day Charity Event at Victor Mravlag School No. 21 @ 31 and William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31, Thanksgiving Food Drive at Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30, second grade students from William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31 participated in The Brain Bowl, Owl Project at Joseph Battin School No. 4, Leadership Club Toy Drive at Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy, students from schools including Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5, Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29, Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30 and Elizabeth High School wrote letters expressing gratitude to the U. S. Military men and women stationed overseas, Principal and Vice Principal for a Day Contest at Terence C. Reilly School No. 7, students from Toussaint L'Ouverture - Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6 visited the World Trade Center memorial site, Winter Concert at Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6, Sergeant Guaracci visited students from Nicholas S. LaCorte-Peterstown School No. 3, Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, Holiday Food Drive at Elizabeth High School, El Restaurante Mexicano at Victor Mravlag School No. 21 @ 31 and William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31, Sergeant Donald Johnson from the Union County Department of Corrections presented an anti-bullying initiative at Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28, students from Terence C. Reilly School No. 7 visited Princeton University and Rutgers University, Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29 Chorus and Orchestra performed at Second Home and Home Sweet Home, pre-kindergarten students at Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28 dressed in reindeer costumes, Vikas Javed, student at Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy was chosen by the National Park Service to be the subject of a profile article in the national newsletter, Save a Tiger Project at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, Santa's Reading Night at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26, and Winter Wonderland at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27. Mr. Muñoz stated that you can read all these excellent experiences that our students and team members are providing in our schools, you can watch us on EPStv live, you can see old board meetings and events on EPStv, watch many of our video programs of our students and team members on YouTube, follow us on Facebook, and we are now on flickr® where you can see pictures from the school district. Mr. Muñoz continued with the highlights including Superintendent Scholars' Breakfast at Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6, Sikh Community Visit with Dr. Gurparkash Singh at Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29, Pink Out Fridays at Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy, Curious George Celebration at Madison-Monroe School No. 16, Holiday Season Celebration at George Washington School No. 1, Lunch with the Principal at Joseph

Battin School No. 4, World of Winter Celebrations at John Marshall School No. 20, Handy Holiday Decorations at Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28, President Obama wrote to students at Benjamin Franklin School No. 13, study of Ancient Greece at Elmora School No. 12, sixth grade students from Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29 visited the Meadowlands Environmental Center for the Solar Energy: That's Hot Program, students from Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy sang and spread holiday cheer at Trinitas Hospital, study of family trees at Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5, Anti-bullying Parent Workshop at Robert Morris School No. 18, team members from Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 51 participated in a re-creation of The Mitten, students in the Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30 bands performed a holiday concert at Riverton Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Rahway, Winter Concert at Madison-Monroe School No. 16, Reading-Up Program at Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5, and students in the Reilly Musical Notes and Reilly Dance Ensemble from Terence C. Reilly School No. 7 visited Second Home Adult Medical Day Care to spread holiday joy through song and dance. Mr. Muñoz stated that you can visit our website www.epsnj.org to track the excellent opportunities experiences that our children receive everyday in school and you can read that this Board did not raise your taxes in the past school year, that they have one of the best high schools in the State of New Jersey, and three National Blue Ribbon Schools.

Mr. Nazco thanked Superintendent Muñoz for his report.

Authorizations Report – Authorization to Participate, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Supplemental Authorizations Report – Authorization to Make Payments, 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: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

2nd Supplemental Authorizations Report – Authorization to Enter Into Partnership, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Finance and Accounting Report – Authorization to Pay Vouchers

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: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Supplemental Finance and Accounting Report – Transfer of Funds

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Award of Contracts Report – Award of Contracts

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

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

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Miscellaneous Communication

None.

Claims List

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira (abstain- Candelario Trujillo), Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – African-American Heritage Month

Mr. Donoso read the resolution.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Career and Technical Education Month

Mr. Perreira read the resolution.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Harriet Tubman

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: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Children’s Dental Health Month

Mr. DaSilva read the resolution.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – National School Counseling Week

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina read the resolution.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Amendment of New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group Bylaws

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Mr. Nazco presented the following public participation statement.

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

Mr. Nazco called upon the first public participants, Susan Centeno, Shannon Murphy, and Elvis Abkar to address the Board.

Susan Centeno, 644 Trumbull Street, speaker for the group and co-founder of The Life Savers, explained the non-profit organization that she and Shannon Murphy just started and asked for students to volunteer to clean and beautify the Elizabeth Port area of the City of Elizabeth.

Superintendent Pablo Muñoz requested that she give her contact information to Assistant Superintendent for Schools Jennifer Barrett who is in charge of the six high schools. Mr. Muñoz stated that in order for a student in the Elizabeth Public Schools to graduate from one of our six high schools they have to perform 60 hours of community service and there may be an opportunity to talk about this proposal. Mr. Muñoz stated that he is happy that she is a former student and will discover as she grows older that one person can make a difference to change the world, that having a great vision often gets the ball rolling, using that vision, telling that story and conveying it to as many people that can help you fulfill it is a challenge but is also the great reward. Mr. Muñoz encouraged her to push hard, push consistent, don't give up, and keep pushing your message.

Mr. Nazco thanked her for her comments and stated that the group has an excellent opportunity to do something different and to keep up the good work.

Mr. Nazco called twice upon the next public participant, Jose Rodriguez, to address the Board. Mr. Jose Rodriguez did not come forward to address the Board.

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

Mr. Nazco requested a motion to go into Private Session to consider matters exempt under the Open Public Meetings Act, specifically for discussion of personnel, specifically, D.C., and L.L.; supplemental personnel reports, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying results, and workers' compensation claims, specifically, G.D., M.D., J.M., L.F., P.C., T.T., E.C., L.G., and E.G. The Board will reconvene in public to take formal action.

A motion was made by Mr. Donoso, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, to go into private session at 9:15 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Pastor Burgos excused himself from the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public at 10:25 p.m. to continue with the meeting and take formal action.

Supplemental Personnel Report – Abandonment of Position, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva (abstain- R.M.), Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 6

Negative: None

2nd Supplemental Personnel Report – Appointments, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira,

Nazco – 6

Negative: None

Superintendent’s Report – Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Investigative Results

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira,

Nazco – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Reorganization

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira,

Nazco – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Confidential Settlement Agreement between EBOE and D.C.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira,

Nazco – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim File No. 2010-27760 – J.M.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira,

Nazco – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim File No. 2002-28376 – L.G.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira,

Nazco – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim File No. 2009-25899 – M.D.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira,

Nazco – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim File No. 2010-24476 – G.D.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira,

Nazco – 6

Negative: None

On a motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira,

Nazco – 6

Negative: None

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