

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Elizabeth, New Jersey

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called on February 16, 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 President Marie Munn presented the following statement at 7:35 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, February 10, 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 February 16, 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, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Absent: None

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.

Dr. William A. Greene, Jr. gave the invocation.

Mrs. Munn commented that it is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of Grammy award winning artist Whitney Houston and called for a moment of silence.

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 Mauro Ferreira, second grade student at Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30.

The *Star Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key was performed by Vanessa Benenaula, second grade student at Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30.

The Pledge of Ethics was led by Alliss Alas and Stephany Castillo, third grade students at Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30.

Mrs. Munn introduced a video presentation of the Core Beliefs and Commitments.

Mrs. Munn introduced students from the Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30 Early Elementary Choir, director Marta Ortega, and accompanist Rodney Briscoe who performed *Exhale (Shoop Shoop)* by Baby Face for Whitney Houston, *Let There Be Music* by Frances Williams and *Razzamatazz* by Andy Beck and Brian Fisher. Mrs. Munn thanked the students for a wonderful performance.

Mrs. Munn introduced students from the Elizabeth High School iPad Ensemble and band director Wayne Dillon who stated that this is a newly formed ensemble using the Garage Band application on the iPads. Director Dillon introduced students Andre Jordao, Isaac D'Amico, Josue Robles, and Britney Alcine who performed *Chameleon* by Herbie Hancock on the iPads. Mrs. Munn thanked the students for a wonderful performance.

Mrs. Munn recognized the New Jersey State Troopers including Quaron Crenshaw, Reinaldo Cruz, Jr., Adam Grossman, Renato Antunese, and Sergeant First Class Carla Thomas and the Marshall C. Brown Chapter of the National Black State Trooper Coalition for their generosity and hard work in support of the children of the Elizabeth Public Schools by conducting a coat drive and collecting 171 new winter coats which were distributed to EPS students. Mrs. Munn and Board members congratulated the New Jersey State Troopers and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Munn recognized members of the Elizabeth Administrative and Supervisory Association who in a collaborative effort generously contributed to the coat drive to assist the New Jersey State Troopers to ensure that every student who was in need of a winter coat received one. Mrs. Munn and Board members congratulated the Elizabeth Administrative and Supervisory Association and presented a plaque of commemoration to President Liteove Tighe who accepted on behalf of the Association.

Mrs. Munn introduced a video presentation of the press conference held on February 9, 2012 by Justice Gary S. Stein regarding the Elizabeth Board of Education Internal Review Report of Special Counsel.

Mr. Trujillo stated that the reason he serves on this Board is because he believes that every child in America should have an education, a world class education, an education provided by the most trained and most qualified individuals and that is what the institution of the Elizabeth Board of Education is and this Board is committed to hiring and retaining those individuals. Mr. Trujillo stated that our children deserve nothing less than that. Mr. Trujillo stated that in retrospect when we hear all the allegations that were being made in the Star Ledger of course it was offensive to us. Mr. Trujillo stated that this is bigger than just the nine members of the Board and that it is about the institution that is the Elizabeth Board of Education which is the institution

where all the learning goes on, where lives are changed everyday and children will be affected for many more years to come. Mr. Trujillo stated that it was important for us to vindicate the institution, not the Elizabeth Board, but unfortunately the attacks were on us. Mr. Trujillo stated that they were political attacks from people with political agendas and never once will you hear them discredit all the work that the professionals are doing. Mr. Trujillo asked how can you argue with 3 Blue Ribbon Schools, themed academies, and the technology we saw tonight with students playing musical instruments on iPads. Mr. Trujillo stated that you can't argue against that and these are great things that are happening in our district. Mr. Trujillo stated that he was concerned like everyone else what would come out of this report because he thought someone would go there and lie. Mr. Trujillo stated that he was concerned and then it hit him that no liar is going to go to a former Justice of the Supreme Court and give testimony and lie looking for an investigation and perhaps have to lie to the FBI. Mr. Trujillo stated that now we must move forward, put this behind us, and continue to do the work for the children of Elizabeth because that is what we were elected to do. Mr. Trujillo stated that perhaps a fourth or fifth Blue Ribbon School is in our future. Mr. Trujillo stated that under the leadership of Superintendent Pablo Muñoz, his administration and all the great professionals that we employ good things are going to happen in the City of Elizabeth as far as education and we know what this team can do and that the sky is the limit for this group of professionals. Mr. Trujillo stated that it is the rest of the City that has him worried, that he recently visited a City Council meeting and can't help but watch the malcontent expressed by that body and all they do is bash this Board while the City continues to suffer under the disgrace of the City government, that crime is up, taxes are up, unemployment is up, and the City debt is up. Mr. Trujillo stated that the City of Elizabeth has over \$100 million debt and asked where is the investigation on that and where is the story state-wide on the front page. Mr. Trujillo stated that in his opinion the Police Department was recently victimized by an 18 page glossy booklet that must have cost over \$100,000. to mail to everyone. Mr. Trujillo stated that it was a political ad for the mayor who was running for re-election and paid for with money confiscated from drug dealers. Mr. Trujillo stated that the Mayor can't have it both ways, that either we have crime or we don't, but if they can confiscate \$100,000. from drug dealers then we have a drug problem or at least a drug dealer problem. Mr. Trujillo stated that money would have been better served going toward equipment or training for our police officers. Mr. Trujillo stated that he won't be the judge of them playing politics and that it is the community's prerogative, that he only encourages the community to pay attention and listen and at the ballot box they will make the decision whether they want this to continue. Mr. Trujillo thanked Justice Stein for having the courage to take this on and that he is taking the political heat, that they want to destroy the man simply because he stood with us, that he gave us this report, he did his job and didn't find anything because there is nothing to find. Mr. Trujillo stated that folks should not sit back and let the schools be attacked by those who simply just want to take over for their own personal gain. Mr. Trujillo stated that it is funny that Senator Lesniak could even comment on Justice Stein being paid to do this. Mr. Trujillo stated that here is a man who made a life, a very good living, fleecing the taxpayers and all the school districts across the State he represents and asked where is the investigation. Mr. Trujillo stated that Congressman Andrews' district is 60 miles from the City of Elizabeth and thought he was obligated to have us investigated by the US Department of Education, that they audited this district for two years and found nothing. Mr. Trujillo stated that all these allegations and all the audits cost the taxpayer money, lots of money that can be spent in the classroom. Mr. Trujillo stated that good government has a responsibility to its constituents, demand more from the people you elect, and don't let them tear down your educational system that you've invested so much in. Mr. Trujillo stated that it is starting to pay off, we are seeing it in our children's success, stand up for your children because these guys are going to knock them over to pick up a few dollars.

Mr. Nazco stated that Mr. Trujillo spoke of vindication and providing a quality education for our children here in Elizabeth. Mr. Nazco stated that Boards come and go and the main function of a Board of Education is to put policy into place to assure that the quality of education

for the children of the city moves forward and future generations continue to get the best education they can. Mr. Nazco stated that when these string of stories came out we know the successes that we have had and we know the work we have left but it doesn't make you second guess yourself. Mr. Nazco stated that this position that we sit on is community service and that we do not earn one cent to be here, that we do it because we believe in providing the best education for all the children in our City. Mr. Nazco stated that there are career politicians, career City Councilmen, career Mayor, career Senators that make hundreds of thousands of dollars a year trying to tear apart and eradicate all the advancements that we have made over the past ten years. Mr. Nazco stated that we are vindicated, that all those allegations are not true, and that everyone should read the report and the executive summary that goes into detail. Mr. Nazco stated that he confidently stands here with his colleagues and pledges to continue to move this district forward with the best intentions to make sure that every child is given the best opportunity for a quality education. Mr. Nazco congratulated his colleagues and commented that he supports them and they will stand together and move forward.

Mr. Perreira stated that some people may question if this was necessary and did we have to do it and should it have been done. Mr. Perreira stated that there is no doubt that we needed to have this done, that we needed to get this report and get this investigation completed because all these attacks keep putting pressure on not only us as Board members but on the district and everyone who works in the district and makes them question what they're doing and are we doing the right thing or not. Mr. Perreira stated that this is all political attacks and the timeline shows it started in May 2011 right before the primary election and that it was a big report to showcase how badly the Board members on the Board of Education in the City of Elizabeth are acting and what they are doing. Mr. Perreira stated that it was done to distract the voters from the Senatorial election. Mr. Perreira stated that Senator Lesniak actually ended up losing his home town of Elizabeth, that he did not win in his own home town and it sent a huge message to him. Mr. Perreira stated that since then there has been a vendetta against a group of people that decided they were not going to stand by and keep getting this political agenda that they keep pushing, that every four years the streets are cleaned and getting paved, new signs, getting new cops, police cars and it distracts voters because they think the City government is actually doing something but it all happens during the four year term, that every four years the same thing happens. Mr. Perreira stated that people get blinded, forget and don't pay attention, that the voters need to pay attention and if you live in the City pay attention, that our taxes rise and even if you are a renter it is going to affect you too because the owner is going to raise your rent. Mr. Perreira stated that this report needed to be done, that it vindicated what these allegations said, that they are not true, that they are false and that everyone needs to start paying attention to the truth and what needs to be done, that these people cannot keep running and being members of politics here in Elizabeth or in the Senate.

Pastor Burgos commented that he doesn't need to say much because the report speaks very loud and clear. Pastor Burgos stated that an excerpt of a few minutes of the report was shown and that the whole thing is extremely dramatic how it shows the truth. Pastor Burgos stated that the most difficult thing is having to wait because the truth always comes out and in this case it was six or seven months and we certainly feel vindicated. Pastor Burgos stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools is a flagship and that everyone in this City and the State should be proud of what this Board of Education along with the administration has been able to accomplish in the last few years. Pastor Burgos stated as the Judge said that out of 590 districts they chose Elizabeth and that the highly irresponsible reporting is appalling and hard to understand. Pastor Burgos stated that after this difficult wait the truth has come out and out of the mouth of someone with such a great standing, someone who had full rein to do whatever he needed to do, to interview whomever he wanted, and was able to come out with the truth. Pastor Burgos stated that when you pay attention to those things they try to take the focus away from what is important but that we are not going to lose our focus. Pastor Burgos stated that our focus is that we are the

best urban school in New Jersey and we are about to embark on a journey to be one of the best schools in America.

Mrs. Munn stated that this report actually speaks for itself and we don't have to say much and thanked Justice Stein for doing the investigation. Mrs. Munn stated she hopes everyone has the opportunity to look at the entire press conference on the website and understand what he is actually saying. Mrs. Munn stated that you will get a better picture of what this Board has already done, what has already been accomplished and that they do want to continue the progress in this district.

Mr. Trujillo made a motion to place an ad in the Star Ledger statewide to make reference to this report by Justice Gary S. Stein with a link so they can see it, read it and make their own opinion. Mr. Trujillo stated that this is bigger than Elizabeth and this district was dragged through the mud statewide.

Mr. Trujillo stated that it is important that we send a message to the voters in the State of New Jersey because we are an Abbott district and most of our funds comes from hard working individuals who are New Jersey residents and they need to know that the money being sent to Elizabeth is being well spent on education and not on politics. Mr. Trujillo stated that a small fraction of the tax levy in the City of Elizabeth goes to the schools and that the State of New Jersey is paying for this education and they need to know we were vindicated. Mr. Trujillo stated that he travels around the State and has to give face as a representative of this district and wants to be able to hold his head up high and know that we were vindicated. Mr. Trujillo stated that if we wait for the Star Ledger to retract it we are going to grow roots here. Mr. Trujillo stated that we need to move forward.

A motion was made by Mr. Trujillo, seconded by Mr. DaSilva, that the above matter be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, Gonzalez, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Abstain: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Munn – 2

Negative: None

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mr. Donoso, that the minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2012 be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

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

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, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

Personnel Report – Leaves of Absences, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso (abstain- N. M.R.), González, Nazco, Perreira, Mrs. Munn – 8

Abstain: Mr. Trujillo – 1

Negative: None

Tuition Report

A motion was made by Mr. González, 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, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 8

Abstain: Mr. Nazco – 1

Negative: None

Supplemental Tuition Report

A motion was made by Mr. González, 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, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 8

Abstain: Mr. Nazco – 1

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo excused himself from the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Superintendent's Report – Considerations

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the requests be approved.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo returned to the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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 except for the request by Central Jersey All Stars be approved as recommended with waiver of facility fee.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo commented that Elizabethport Little League requested use of Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28, that it is a small league in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Elizabeth and asked for support from his colleagues for this request.

Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

A motion was made by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Donoso, 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, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

A motion was made by Mr. Trujillo, 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, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

Mr. Donoso and Mr. Trujillo excused themselves from the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Muñoz highlighted the excellent news of the excellent experiences our students have had since our last Board meeting including the February 4th “Lighting Up the Mall” display at Jersey Gardens Mall of 564 decorated homes created by students at Robert Morris School No. 18, The Walking Club at Abraham Lincoln School No. 14, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28, Black History Month at Victor Mravlag School No. 21 @ 31 and William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31, study of volcanoes, caves and sinkholes at Elmora School No. 12, D.A.R.E. graduation at Elmora School No. 12 and Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28, identification through Bloom's Taxonomy at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, New Jersey Devils rewarded 356 eleventh and twelfth grade honor roll students with hockey tickets, Parent Day at Victor Mravlag School No. 21 @ 31 and William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31, The Gingerbread Man at Frances C. Smith Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 50, students from Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29 visited the Greater Newark Conservancy, senior Kevin Olaya from Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy was invited by the U.S. Soccer Federation to attend the United States Soccer Leagues Finals which is an approved event within the U.S. Soccer's Olympic Development Programs, and senior D'Ondre Floyd from Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy who became the 138 lb. Wrestling Union County Champion and was named the Outstanding Wrestler for the tournament. Mr. Muñoz stated that you can read more about the Elizabeth Public Schools on our website www.epsnj.org and you can follow us on Facebook among other links we have on our website.

Mrs. Munn thanked Superintendent Muñoz for his report.

Authorizations Report – Authorization to Make Application, etc.

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, González, Nazco, Perreira, Mrs. Munn – 7

Negative: None

Supplemental Authorizations Report – Authorization to Make Payments, etc.

A motion was made by Mr. DaSilva, 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, González, Nazco, Perreira, Mrs. Munn – 7

Negative: None

Finance and Accounting Report – Authorization to Pay Vouchers

A motion was made by Mr. DaSilva, 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, González, Nazco, Perreira, Mrs. Munn – 7

Negative: None

Supplemental Finance and Accounting Report – Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Mr. González, 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, González, Nazco, Perreira, Mrs. Munn – 7

Negative: None

Award of Contracts Report – Award of Contracts

A motion was made by Mr. DaSilva, 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, González, Nazco, Perreira, Mrs. Munn – 7

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo returned to the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Miscellaneous Communication

None.

Claims List

A motion was made by Mr. DaSilva, 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, González, Nazco, Mrs. Munn – 6

Abstain: Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 2

Negative: None

Resolution – Music in Our Schools 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, González, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 8

Negative: None

Mr. Donoso returned to the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Resolution – National School Social Workers’ Week

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, 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, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – Read Across America

Mr. DaSilva read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. DaSilva, 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, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – St. Joseph’s Day

Mr. Nazco read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Nazco, 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, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – St. Patrick’s Day

Pastor Burgos read the resolution.

A motion was made by Pastor Burgos, 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, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo commented that the immigrants that are Italian-Americans and Irish-Americans paved the way for the American way we know today with their hard work and dedication. Mr. Trujillo stated that immigrating is never easy for anyone and they paved the way for so many new immigrants that we see here today in the City of Elizabeth. Mr. Trujillo stated that Elizabeth continues to be a multicultural melting pot of people from all over the world.

Resolution – Women’s History Month

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina read the resolution.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – Youth Art Month

Mr. Nazco read the resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Nazco, 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, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – National School Breakfast Week

Mr. Donoso read the resolution.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – National Nutrition Month

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, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

Resolution – Authorizing the Procurement of Goods and Services through State Agency for the 2011-2012 School Year

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

The second reading of the Acceptable Use for Technology – Electronic Mobile Device Regulation and Exhibit File Code No. 6142.10 was done.

Resolution – Acceptable Use for Technology – Electronic Mobile Device Regulation and Exhibit File Code 6142.10

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Mr. DaSilva – 1

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo stated that Governor Christie announced the inclusion of Elizabeth Public Schools as a district slated for construction of one of thirty new schools. Mr. Trujillo made a motion to have an appraisal of the property located at Trumbull Street and Livingston Street, the former Gunite and New Jersey Transit sites.

A motion was made by Mr. Trujillo, seconded by Mr. Donoso, to have an appraisal of the property located at Trumbull Street and Livingston Street.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

Mrs. Munn 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.”

Mrs. Munn called upon the first public participant, Jose Rodriguez, to address the Board.

Jose Rodriguez, 618 Jackson Avenue, congratulated the Board for moving the election to November since it will increase community involvement. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the DOE lists the drop-out rate for Elizabeth, that the majority of the drop-outs are minorities and there is no hope for them. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the crime rate is up, the unemployment rate is up and those who drop-out of school contribute to it.

Mrs. Munn thanked him for his comments.

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

Mrs. Munn requested a motion to go into Private Session to consider matters exempt under the Open Public Meetings Act, specifically for discussion of personnel, specifically, S.P. and F.P.; supplemental personnel reports, reorganization, bylaws and policies, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying results, audit 2010-2011 corrective action plan, and workers' compensation claims, specifically, E.M., C.G., J.S., N.O., H.K., and E.Y. 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 9:40 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo, Mrs. Munn – 9

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo excused himself from the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public at 10:49 p.m. to continue with the meeting and take formal action.

Mr. DaSilva excused himself from the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

Supplemental Personnel Report – Leaves of Absence, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

2nd Supplemental Personnel Report – Retirements, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Nazco (abstain- M.S.), Perreira (abstain- M.P.), Mrs. Munn – 7

Negative: None

3rd Supplemental Personnel Report – Appointments

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

Negative: None

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

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim File No. 2010-3765 – E.Y.

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

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim File No. 2009-31983 Sec. 20 – H.K.

A motion was made by Mr. Nazco, 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. Donoso, González, Nazco, Perreira, Mrs. Munn – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim File No. 2009-31983 – H.K.

A motion was made by Mr. González, 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. Donoso, González, Nazco, Perreira, Mrs. Munn – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Confidential Settlement Agreement between EBOE and F.P.

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

Negative: None

Resolution – Confidential Settlement Agreement between EBOE and S.P.

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: Pastor Burgos, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, Nazco, Perreira, Mrs. Munn – 6

Abstain: Mr. González – 1

Negative: None

Resolution – Recommendation of the Annual Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan Response for the 2010-2011 School Year

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

The Corrective Action Plan inclusive of audit recommendations, comments and actions to be implemented were read and reviewed.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

The first reading was done of the following revised bylaw, policies, regulations, and exhibits:

1314	Soliciting Funds from and by School Personnel Policy
1330	Use of School Facilities Policy
4111	Recruitment, Selection and Hiring Policy
4211	Recruitment, Selection and Hiring Policy
5141.6(R)	Suicide Awareness and Prevention Programs Regulation
5141.6(X)	Suicide Awareness and Prevention PSA Form Exhibit
5141.6(X)	Suicide Awareness and Prevention PSA Letter Exhibit
5141.6(X)	Suicide Awareness and Prevention Crisis Contact Exhibit
6000.2	Accountability and Assessment
9270	Conflict of Interest Bylaw

On a motion by Mr. Nazco, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

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