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The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called on June 7, 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 7:40 p.m.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education. Pursuant to New Jersey Statutes and the rules adopted by the Board of Education, notice of this meeting was sent to Worrall Community Newspapers, The Star Ledger and Cablevision of Elizabeth on Friday, June 1, 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 June 7, 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: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 8

Absent: Mrs. Munn – 1

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, Comptroller William Greene and members of the public were in attendance.

Pastor Carl Joseph from Council Evangelical Apostical Church of God 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 Ana Maria Valentine, eleventh grade student at Elizabeth High School.

The *Star Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key was performed by Aaron Alcine, tenth grade student at Elizabeth High School.

The Pledge of Ethics was led by Ana Maria Valentine, eleventh grade student at Elizabeth High School.

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

Mr. Nazco introduced students in the Elizabeth High School String Orchestra who performed *Allegro* by Antonio Vivaldi with cello soloist Amarilys Chaparro, *Concerti in G* by Georg Philipp Telemann with viola soloist Britney Alcine, and *Love's Theme* by Barry White. Mr. Nazco thanked the students for a wonderful performance.

Mr. Nazco introduced students in the Haitian Creole bilingual program from John E. Dwyer Technology Academy who performed a medley of Haitian anthems. Mr. Nazco thanked the students for a wonderful performance.

Mr. Nazco introduced students from Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23 who performed a traditional Haitian dance. Mr. Nazco thanked the students for a wonderful performance.

Mr. Nazco recognized students in the Marine Corps Junior R.O.T.C. Physical Fitness Team from Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy as Stars of Excellence for being awarded fourth place in the 2012 National Youth Physical Fitness Competition in San Diego, California including Christian Bravo, Quinten Issac, Issa Mogir, Jonathan Ospina, Roosevelt Twyne, Nelson Vega and coach Master Sergeant Robert Gerald, Jr. Mr. Nazco and Board members congratulated the students and coach and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Nazco recognized students as Stars of Excellence for being selected as winners and honorable mention in the Anti-bullying poster contest including kindergarten through second grade: winner, Sofia Saenz, first grade at Woodrow Wilson School No. 19, honorable mention: Britney Chelot, first grade at Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23, William Orozco, second grade at Nicholas S. LaCorte-Peterstown School No. 3, and Byron Suquilanda, kindergarten at Elmora School No. 12; third grade through fifth grade: winner, Tiffany Cardenas, fifth grade at Charles J. Hudson School No. 25, honorable mention: Dency Rivera, third grade at William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31, Isabel Rivera, fourth grade at Nicholas S. LaCorte-Peterstown School No. 3, Laura Luzardo, fourth grade at Woodrow Wilson School No. 19; sixth through eighth grade: winner, Stephanie Liscano, seventh grade at William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31, honorable mention: Jayson Araujo, eighth grade at Charles J. Hudson School No. 25, Sirat Hashimi, eighth grade at Terence C. Reilly School No. 7, Suzette Gonzalez eighth grade at Nicholas S. LaCorte-Peterstown School No. 3; ninth through twelfth grade: winner, Maria Mendoza, twelfth grade at Elizabeth High School, honorable mention: Evelyn Rodriguez, twelfth grade at Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy, Katherine Guerra, tenth grade at Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy, and Sung Soon DeSouza, eleventh grade at Elizabeth High School. Mr. Nazco and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Nazco recognized student Oscar Barrios from Terence C. Reilly School No. 7 as a Star of Excellence for being selected as a 2012 Wallenberg Honoree in the Wallenberg Honors Program that honors the memory of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg whose heroic efforts during World War II saved the lives of 100,000 Jews who would have perished in concentration camps and recognizes students who are motivated by compassion and act with courage in their service to others and by their work in promoting understanding, acceptance, tolerance and peace. Mr. Nazco and Board members congratulated Oscar Barrios and presented him with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Nazco recognized students who participated in the Rutgers University Business Youth (RUBY) Program as Stars of Excellence including first place winning team Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy National Academy of Finance students Floris Batista, Andrea Lopez, Luis Nunez, Jacqueline Martinez, Joshua Menendez, Katherine Mosquera, Jennifer Rivera-Ramirez, Maria Rivera, Princess Woodard and Manuel Zapata; Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy students Sebastian Antonio, Sandra Bazurto, Lisa Burgos, Rosemary Ferreira, Daniel Huallpar, Marcos Loureiro, Shin Lutondo, Na'im Pretlow, Sheyla Ramirez, and Willmer Rivera; and Elizabeth High School students Hermione Brice, Cody Costa, Florencia Curbelo, Luisa Goytia, Ashley Gregory, Zainab Ismail, Harry Malhi, Jessenia Palacio, Sophia Solomon, and Julio Zelaya. Mr. Nazco and Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Nazco recognized students from Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy who performed in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Drew University and won awards for their portrayals including the Do I Entice You Award: Romina Benitez, Eman Wasef; Bottoms Up Award: Laura Espitia; Puppy Love Award: Cristian Flores; portrayal of Oberon and Tiana: Yohnnier Hernandez, Michelle Varela; Fairies: Claritza Aboy, Raquel Aguero, Mirna Boktor, Caprice Davis, Emma Huyo, Flor Lema, Michelle Lopez, Melanie Nascimento, Genesis Placencia; General Excellence Award: Lisa Burgos; supporting actors and stage hands: Sabrina Williams, Thaina Gustave, Rosa Garcia, Nelson Marques, and Umna Wasef; and coaches Donald Conner and Susan Pizza. Mr. Nazco and Board members congratulated the students and coaches and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Nazco recognized Philip Orsini, eighth grade teacher at William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31, as Elizabeth Public Schools Teacher of the Year. Mr. Nazco and Board members congratulated Philip Orsini and presented him with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Nazco recognized teachers as Stars of Excellence for being chosen as part of the Union County Teacher Recognition Program including Tiffany-Lyn Cassese from George Washington School No. 1, Amy Dreher from Winfield Scott School No. 2, Neda Ogbevire from Nicholas S. LaCorte-Peterstown School No. 3, Barbara Ashley from Joseph Battin School No. 4, Benson Onyeugbo from Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5, Lisa Barone-Papa from Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6, Elisa Endara from Terence C. Reilly School No. 7, Alina Vazquez from Elmora School No. 12, Laura Filippello from Benjamin Franklin School No. 13, Gladys Miranda from Abraham Lincoln School No. 14, Jennifer Whitford from Christopher Columbus School No. 15, Fina Maria Sinicropi from Madison-Monroe School No. 16, Maryanne Bartone from Robert Morris School No. 18, Tina Guiducci from Woodrow Wilson School No. 19, John Vicente from John Marshall School No. 20, Samira Laskey from Victor Mravlag School No. 21 @ 31, Kathleen Riccio from William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31, Elizabeth Prime from Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23, Denise Rodriguez from Charles J. Hudson School No. 25, William Clark from Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26, Lina Ruiz from Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, Donna Stanislawczyk-Stiles from Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28, Rui Reguinho from Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29, Meredith Foreman from Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30, Osdaymi Rodriguez

from Frances C. Smith Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 50, Amanda LeFever from Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 51, Jennifer Cerra from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 52, Solomon Victor from John E. Dwyer Technology Academy, Michael Cerrato from Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy, Hector Munoz from Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy, Yasmin Maher from Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy, Preeti Jain from Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy, and Rebecca Aiello from Elizabeth High School. Mr. Nazco and Board members congratulated the teachers and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Nazco recognized staff members from Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 51 as Stars of Excellence for providing emergency lifesaving assistance to a student including Barbara Ocasio, Soraya Seara, Elizabeth Rodriguez and Belkys Garcia. Mr. Nazco recognized Antonio Morales for providing emergency lifesaving assistance to an employee. Mr. Nazco and Board members congratulated the staff members and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Nazco recognized community leaders who contributed their time and talent for many years to help the people of Elizabeth especially within the Haitian community through community organizations including Jefferson Park Ministries, Family Success Centers, churches, and Haitian civic groups. Mr. Nazco and Board members congratulated Wilnes Jilus, Haitian Community Leader, Woody Philippe, Youth Director of the Council Evangelical Apostical Church of God, and Catherine Santillien, Executive Director of Jefferson Park Ministries and presented each with the Outstanding Community Service Award.

A motion was made by Mr. Donoso, seconded by Mr. DaSilva, that the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2012 be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

Personnel Report – Leaves of Absences, 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: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco (abstain- O.F.) – 7

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: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Trujillo, Nazco – 8

Negative: None

#### Supplemental Tuition Report

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: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Trujillo, Nazco – 8

Negative: None

#### 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: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Trujillo, Nazco – 8

Negative: None

#### Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

#### 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: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Trujillo, Nazco – 8

Negative: None

#### Authorizations Report – Authorization to Enter Into Contract, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

#### Supplemental Authorizations Report – Authorization to Participate, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo excused himself from the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Finance and Accounting Report – Authorization to Pay Vouchers

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: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Award of Contracts Report – Award of Contracts, etc.

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: Mmes. Aristote, 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. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Donoso, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González (abstain- Future City, Inc.), Perreira, Nazco – 7

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo returned to the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Miscellaneous Communication

None.

Claims List

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

Resolution – Authorization for Execution of State School Aid Anticipation Note

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: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, González, Perreira, Nazco – 6

Abstain: Messrs. Donoso, Trujillo – 2

Negative: None

Resolution – Union County Educational Services Commission 2012-2013 Chapters 192 and 193 Services

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

Resolution – Union County Educational Services Commission 2012-2013 Non-public School Nursing Services

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: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Trujillo, Nazco – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Union County Educational Services Commission 2012-2013 Non-public School Technology Program

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

Resolution – Union County Educational Services Commission 2012-2013 Non-public School Textbook Program

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

Resolution – Union County Educational Services Commission 2012-2013 Environmental Safety Program

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

Resolution – Union County Educational Services Commission 2012-2013 Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

Mr. Kennedy led the Board members in a reading of the following Code of Ethics for New Jersey School Board Members.

“In accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:12-24.1 the Board shall see that all members of the Board receive training in understanding and adhering to the Code of Ethics and shall discuss it annually at a regularly scheduled meeting. Each member shall sign documentation that he/she has received a copy of it and has read and understood it.

The members of the Board of Education recognize that they hold authority not as individuals but as members of the Board. In order to make a clear public statement of its philosophy of service to the students of the district the Board adopts the following Code of Ethics.

The Board members will uphold and enforce all laws, State Board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

The Board members will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.

The Board members will confine their Board action to policy making, planning and appraisal and will help to frame policies and plans only after the Board has consulted those who will be affected by them.

The Board members will carry out their responsibility, not to administer the schools, but together with their fellow Board members, to see that they are well run.

The Board members will recognize that authority rests with the Board of Education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the Board.

The Board members will refuse to surrender their independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

The Board members will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But in all other matters, the Board members will provide accurate information and, in concert with their fellow Board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.

The Board members will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

The Board Members will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties and will refer all complaints to the Superintendent of Schools and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.”

Mr. Kennedy asked if there were any questions or comments and explained the acknowledgement of receipt that needs to be signed and submitted by each Board member.

Resolution – Code of Ethics Bylaw File Code 9271

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: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Trujillo, Nazco – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Master Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement and Related Instruments

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: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Trujillo, Nazco – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Adopting MetLife Section 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

Resolution – St. Vito’s Festival

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: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Trujillo, Nazco – 8

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo commented that there are so many great Italian-Americans who have dedicated their lives to education and he would like to pay tribute to them. Mr. Trujillo stated that the St. Vito’s Festival is a great family event and encouraged everyone to participate.

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

3450	Policy	Money in School Buildings
3453	Policy, Exhibits	School Activity Funds
4121	Policy	Substitute Teachers
6142.10	Policy	Internet Safety and Technology

Board Attorney Kirk Nelson read a statement from Mrs. Munn stating that it has been an honor and privilege to be the President of the Board and announced her official resignation as President of the Board effective immediately.

Resignation of Marie Munn as Board President.

A motion was made by Mr. Trujillo, seconded by Mr. González, to accept the resignation of Marie Munn as Board President.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

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 participant, Rosalba DeLaTorre, to address the Board.

Rosalba DeLaTorre, 735 Jefferson Avenue, stated that she is a security guard at Toussaint L’Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6, has worked in the district for 18 years and spoke in support of the principal.

Mr. Nazco thanked her for her comments. Mr. Nazco called upon the next participant, Jose Rodriguez, to come forward.

Jose Rodriguez, 618 Jackson Avenue, commented that it is always good to see the performances and congratulated the seniors on their graduation. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the Board says there is overcrowding in the schools and yet the Board of Education has the power to build new schools. Mr. Rodriguez stated that there is an inequality in the education and that students need to hit the lottery and have to rely on luck for a better education. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the Board members should stop pointing fingers and start working.

Mr. Nazco thanked him for his comments and called upon the next participant, Ernestine Smith, to come forward.

Ernestine Smith, 70 Westfield Ave, asked what happened to the Board of Education and stated that she is shocked that the security guard who spoke first has worked in the district for 18 years and can’t speak English.

Mr. Nazco thanked her for her comments and called upon the next participant, Iris Flores, to come forward.

Iris Flores, 45 Mravlag Manor, stated that she spoke last month about her child having problems with HIB, that her child had a problem with another child and her child is not allowed to graduate and asked where is the justice.

Mr. Nazco thanked her for her comments and called upon the next participant, Maria Echavarria, to come forward.

Maria Echavarria, 321 Westfield Avenue, stated that her daughter attends Elmora School No. 12 and was accepted into the summer school program for math but not English and that she needs help in English.

Mr. Nazco thanked her for her comments and called upon the next participant, Tyree Gilliam, to come forward.

Tyree Gilliam, 350 Irvington Avenue, has a daughter at School No. 6 and stated that there was an incident at the school involving his daughter and wants the principal removed from the school.

Mr. Nazco thanked him for his comments and called upon the next participant, Maria Parraguez, to come forward.

Maria Parraguez, 212 Inslee Place, spoke in support of the student involved in the incident at School No. 6 and stated that a police report was made.

Mr. Nazco thanked her for her comments and called upon the next participant, James Carey, to come forward.

James Carey, 212 Inslee Place, spoke in support of the student involved in the incident at School No. 6.

Mr. Nazco thanked him for his comments and called upon the next participant, Patricia Gallardo, to come forward.

Patricia Gallardo, 138 S. Park Street, stated that she is a teacher at Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6 and spoke in support of the principal.

Mr. Nazco thanked her for her comments and called upon the next participant, Scarlette Salazar, to come forward. Since Scarlette Salazar did not come forward Mr. Nazco called upon the next participant, Jacqueline Petrone, to come forward.

Jacqueline Petrone, 421 Lafayette Street, Linden, stated that she is a proud teacher at Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6 and that the school is safer, the morale is better and a lot is due to the principal. Miss Petrone also spoke in support of the principal.

Mr. Nazco thanked her for her comments and called upon the next participant, Lisa Barone, to come forward.

Lisa Barone, 23 Parker Avenue, Cranford, stated that she has been a teacher for 27 years at Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6 and spoke in support of the principal.

Mr. Nazco thanked her for her comments.

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 supplemental personnel reports, bargaining unit and administrator contracts, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying results, and workers' compensation claims, specifically, M.D., O.D., N.S., G.K., B.M., and E.S. The Board will reconvene in public to take formal action.

A motion was made by Mr. Trujillo, seconded by Mr. DaSilva, to go into private session at 9:40 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

The Board reconvened in public at 11:05 p.m. to continue with the meeting and take formal action.

Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim File No. 2008-33279 – N.S.

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: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Trujillo, Nazco – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim File No. 2009-27996 – O.D.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim File No. 2007-1103 – M.D.

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: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Trujillo, Nazco – 8

Negative: None

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

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: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Trujillo, Nazco – 8

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo called for nominations for Board President.

A motion was made by Mr. Trujillo, seconded by Mr. González, to open nominations for Board President.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina nominated Mr. Nazco for President.

A motion was made by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that nominations be closed.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Abstain: Mr. Nazco – 1

Negative: None

The following vote was taken on the election of Mr. Nazco for President.

Affirmative: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Abstain: Mr. Nazco – 1

Negative: None

Mr. Nazco having received the required number of votes was declared President.

Mr. Nazco thanked the Board for the vote of confidence in electing him President.

Mr. Trujillo called for nominations for Board Vice President.

A motion was made by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Perreira, to open nominations for Board Vice President.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo nominated Mr. Donoso for Vice President.

A motion was made by Mr. Perreira, seconded by Mr. DaSilva, that nominations be closed.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, González, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Abstain: Mr. Donoso – 1

Negative: None

The following vote was taken on the election of Mr. Donoso for Vice President.

Affirmative: Mmes. Aristote, Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, González, Nazco, Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Abstain: Mr. Donoso – 1

Negative: None

Mr. Donoso having received the required number of votes was declared Vice President.

Mr. Donoso thanked the Board for the vote of confidence in electing him Vice President.

On a motion by Mr. Donoso, seconded by Mr. González, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Negative: None

Harold E. Kennedy, Jr.  
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