

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Elizabeth, New Jersey

The regular agenda meeting of the Board of Education was called on July 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the MultiPurpose Room, Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education, 544 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Board President Maria Carvalho presented the following statement at 6:50 p.m.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is a regular agenda meeting of the Board of Education. Pursuant to New Jersey Statutes and the rules adopted by the Board of Education, notice of this meeting was sent to The Star Ledger and Cablevision of Elizabeth on July 10, 2018. 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, New Jersey.”

“We want to welcome everyone present and our television viewers to this July 19, 2018 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. We also ask that you silence the sound on your electronic devices. Since it is legally mandated that these proceedings be accurately recorded, we may have to ask for order periodically should noise begin to interfere with our recording capabilities. We are pleased that you have taken time this evening to join us here for our Board of Education meeting. 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 may sign in up to the start of the meeting so that they may have the opportunity to speak. The sign-in sheet states the name, address, telephone number and reason that the person wants to comment, whether it is an agenda item or a general education comment.”

Present: Mrs. Barbosa, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega (arr.7:06 p.m.), Mr. Neron, Mrs. Carvalho – 6

Absent: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Nina, Rodriguez – 3

Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Schools Judy Finch Johnson, Chief of Operations Francisco Cuesta, Comptroller Rajeev Malhotra, Deputy Counsel Heather Ford, Co-General Counsel Jonathan Williams, Esq. of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP and members of the public were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Carvalho called for a moment of silence for Onofrio Vitullo, Director of the Elizabeth Fire Department, who was a good friend to her personally and to everyone here around this table and he was a good friend to the children of the City of Elizabeth.

Board President Carvalho presented the following public participation statement.

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

Since there were no public participants signed in to address the Board, Mrs. Carvalho closed this portion of the meeting.

Board President Carvalho stated that this is an agenda setting meeting. Mrs. Carvalho stated that we will go tab by tab and each Board member may ask questions. Present for the meeting were Director of Transportation Michael Rijo, Director of Security Matthew Glackin, Director of Food and Nutrition Services Jamie Leavitt, Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment Amy Gil, Director of Plant, Property & Equipment Luis Couto, Director of Special Services Diana Pinto-Gomez, Director of Bilingual and ESL Education Sandra Nunes, Chief Information Officer-Technology Alberto Marsal, and Purchasing Agent Mario Rodrigues. The Board reviewed the agenda for the July 19, 2018 regular meeting.

Minutes of the Meetings of June 4, 9, 11, and 21, 2018
Secretary/Treasurer’s Report for the Month of May 2018

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions. Mrs. Carvalho added the Minutes of the Meetings and the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report to the agenda.

Personnel Report

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer asked Chief of Operations Francisco Cuesta to provide a summary of the Personnel Report.

Chief of Operations Francisco Cuesta gave a synopsis of the report and explained the process they utilize for employment. Mr. Cuesta stated that two administrators are retiring, Rosa Carbone and Linda Kelly, and wished them the best in their retirement.

Mrs. Barbosa asked if the positions we had available and that we had the job fair for are slowing coming in.

Mr. Cuesta responded yes.

Mrs. Carvalho added the Personnel Report to the agenda.

Supplemental Personnel Report

2nd Supplemental Personnel Report

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho added the reports to the agenda.

Tuition Report

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho asked if July is when we start over.

Mr. Kennedy responded yes.

Mrs. Carvalho stated that the amounts are small and asked if this is for the second payment or the last payment of last year.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that this is referencing costs incurred in 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that although we are already in the 2018-2019 school year these are bills that have been received in the last month and have been processed.

Director of Special Services Diana Pinto-Gomez explained that some are also costs for the extended school year.

Mrs. Carvalho added the Tuition Report to the agenda.

Superintendent's Report – Considerations

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that, as Mr. Cuesta referenced, Supervisor of Grants Rosa Carbone is retiring and these are all of the professional development opportunities that are funded through Title I, which affords teachers and administrators to be able to pursue additional training.

Mrs. Carvalho added the report to the agenda.

Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho added the report to the agenda with a waiver of fees.

Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho commented that she is happy to see the Indian Cultural Society using the Dunn Center and that it is always an amazing event.

Mrs. Carvalho stated that we were going to look into the rental fees and asked Mr. Couto if we were at fair market value for the rental. Mrs. Carvalho asked if we could have a report for the next Board meeting before we start the next school year.

Mrs. Carvalho added the report to the agenda.

Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer requested Director of Special Services Diana Pinto-Gomez to speak about her requests for field trips.

Director of Special Services Diana Pinto-Gomez stated that she is happy to present that our high school ESY students are preparing for life skills and going out into our community. Mrs. Pinto-Gomez stated that they are going to the Jersey Gardens mall to learn how to navigate the mall and to see what kind of stores they have to go into to buy very specific items. Mrs. Pinto-Gomez stated that they will be going to ShopRite also to learn about healthy eating and purchasing food and produce. Mrs. Pinto-Gomez stated that our summer recreation students that

are housed at School No. 9 are going bowling and having a big picnic at Warinanco Park. Mrs. Pinto-Gomez stated that we are very excited about these trips for our students.

Mrs. Carvalho thanked her on behalf of all of the Board members and stated that Mrs. Pinto-Gomez and her staff are going above and beyond with the life skills. Mrs. Carvalho stated that she has had the pleasure of attending some of these sessions and it is incredible the work that you are doing for our children and it does not go unnoticed. Mrs. Carvalho stated that the parents appreciate it and this is going to make a difference in the student's lives when they transition out of Elizabeth Public Schools.

Mrs. Barbosa asked if this is the first year that the high school students are going.

Mrs. Pinto-Gomez stated that our focus is to give the students especially in the high school more life skills and help them transition into our community. Mrs. Pinto-Gomez stated that we are focusing more on going to the supermarket and how they navigate the supermarket. Mrs. Pinto-Gomez stated that the mall is overwhelming for some of our students so we were able to work directly with the Director of the mall to make it almost a small scavenger hunt for the students to make it more fun and to help them adjust, even locating the restrooms and the concierge, so that they know where to go for assistance. Mrs. Pinto-Gomez stated that our big focus is life skills.

Mrs. Carvalho added the report to the agenda.

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

Mrs. Carvalho added the report to the agenda.

Authorizations Report

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer requested Director of Food and Nutrition Services Jamie Leavitt to speak about the grant.

Director of Food and Nutrition Services Jamie Leavitt stated that eight schools were awarded the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant. Ms. Leavitt stated that the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program was originally initiated to combat childhood obesity. Ms. Leavitt stated that the program is designed to introduce certain types of produce to children that might not have access at other venues. Ms. Leavitt stated that this grant is only for PreK-8 schools.

Mr. Neron asked who provides the grant money.

Ms. Leavitt responded that the grant money comes from the US Department of Agriculture.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer asked Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment Amy Gil to speak about the 2018 PARCC scores.

Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment Amy Gil stated that we have at this time received the raw data for our students which means that it is just the individual student level data. Mrs. Gil stated that we don't have any aggregate data yet. Mrs. Gil stated that throughout the summer we will be receiving additional reports put out by the PARCC Consortium as well as the Department of Education. Mrs. Gil stated that we had about 16,000 students participate in our district this year. Mrs. Gil stated that she is looking forward to presenting the data in September.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that this report also has the authorization to apply for accepting the funds for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for the 18-19 school year.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that this covers the cost for tuition for our students who are attending out-of-district schools as well as the non-public allocations. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that a full report will be provided to the Board with regard to the subcategories of the IDEA.

Mrs. Barbosa asked about the delayed opening for School No. 26.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer explained that those are the dates for the 18-19 calendar that relate to half days. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that School No. 26 is on an extended day schedule and students have the opportunity to learn for an extended period of time and the staff are on two shifts that help to reduce costs for the district. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that on these days we make an accommodation for the students so that they are meeting the half-day requirements.

Mrs. Carvalho added the Authorizations Report to the agenda.

Supplemental Authorizations Report

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that an exciting opportunity that we have tomorrow, July 20th, is the partnership that we have with the Union County Prosecutor Michael Monahan who is requesting use of the Dunn Sports Center for the Summer Slam Youth Basketball as part of the law enforcement partnership.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Judy Finch Johnson stated that the Union County Prosecutor's Office is teaming up with four districts including Elizabeth, Hillside, Linden, and Plainfield and they are working with not our top athletes in middle school but the average athlete. Mrs. Finch Johnson stated that they are planning to work on their skills so that they will eventually be able to play on the varsity team. Mrs. Finch Johnson stated that it is a wonderful opportunity for our students to work with law enforcement and build on their skills.

Mrs. Carvalho added the report to the agenda.

2nd Supplemental Authorizations Report

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho stated that the prices are proposed to stay the same.

Mrs. Carvalho added the report to the agenda.

Finance and Accounting Report – Authorization to Pay Vouchers, etc.

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho added the report to the agenda.

Supplemental Finance and Accounting Report – Transfer of Funds

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho added the report to the agenda.

Award of Contracts Report

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer requested Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment Amy Gil to speak about the contract with College Board.

Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment Amy Gil stated that the high school students take the SAT@School Day Program and eighth grade students will be participating in the PSAT.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer requested Director of Bilingual/ESL Education Sandra Nunes to speak about the contract with Llamame.

Director of Bilingual/ESL Education Sandra Nunes stated that Llamame will provide workshops on sheltered instruction strategies.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer requested Chief Information Officer-Technology Alberto Marsal to speak about Microsoft.

Chief Information Officer-Technology Alberto Marsal stated that the contract with Microsoft is for four days of summer technology training for teachers at no cost to the Board.

Mrs. Carvalho added the report to the agenda.

Supplemental Award of Contracts Report

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer asked Director of Transportation Michael Rijo to speak about the transportation contracts.

Director of Transportation Michael Rijo stated that this is the third year in a row that we are able to renew the contracts with no increase.

Mrs. Carvalho asked if all the routes have been renewed.

Mr. Rijo stated that we went out to bid for ten routes for one contractor.

Mrs. Carvalho asked why it was not renewed.

Miss Goncalves asked if it was expensive and not good service.

Mr. Rijo explained the reason to go out to bid.

Mrs. Carvalho added the report to the agenda.

2nd Supplemental Award of Contracts

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho added the report to the agenda.

Miscellaneous Communication - None

Claims List

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho added the Miscellaneous Communication and Claims List to the agenda.

Resolution – Assignment of Custodian of Records 2018-2019 – Harold E. Kennedy, Jr.

Resolution – Deferred Compensation Plan Administrator 2018-2019 – Harold E. Kennedy, Jr.

Resolution – Public Agency Compliance Officer 2018-2019 – Harold E. Kennedy, Jr.

Resolution – Assignment of 504 Officer for 2018-2019 – Anthony DiDonato

Resolution – India's Independence Day

Resolution – U.C.E.S.C. 2018-2019 NonPublic Schools Textbook Program

Resolution – U.C.E.S.C. 2018-2019 NonPublic School Technology Initiative Program

Resolution – U.C.E.S.C. 2018-2019 Chapters 192-193 Services
Resolution – U.C.E.S.C. 2018-2019 Agreement for Professional Services
Resolution – U.C.E.S.C. 2018-2019 Special Education Tuition Contract
Resolution – Appointing Royal Printing Service for district publications
Resolution – Appointing Royal Printing Service for district printing and mailing services
Resolution – Appointing Interline Brands d/b/a Supply Works; APPCO Paper Plastics Corp.;
Bio-Shine, Inc.; Clean All Tech Corp.; Imperial Bag & Paper Co. LLC; Spruce Industries;
and Circle Janitorial Supplies, Inc. to provide janitorial supplies for the district

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions on the above resolutions.

Mrs. Carvalho added the above resolutions to the agenda.

Resolution – Appointing Central Poly Bag Corp. to provide plastic bags for the district.
Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho asked if we have a breakdown of what was left from last year.

Director of Plant, Property and Equipment Louis Couto stated that we use SchoolDude that keeps track of inventory.

Mrs. Carvalho requested a list be provided to Board members before the orders are placed.

Mrs. Carvalho added the above resolution to the agenda.

Resolution – U.C.E.S.C. 2018-2019 NonPublic Security Aid Program
Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Barbosa asked for an explanation.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the Supervisor of Grants monitors the non-public Title I programs.

Mrs. Carvalho added the resolution to the agenda.

Resolution – Appointing Central Poly Bag Corp. to provide paper towel products
Resolution – Payment for Medical Health Insurance Waiver
Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions on the above resolutions.

Mrs. Carvalho added the above resolutions to the agenda.

Resolution – Application for Change of Use of Educational Space for 2018-2019 School Year
Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer asked Director of Special Services Diana Pinto-Gomez to speak about this resolution.

Director of Special Services Diana Pinto-Gomez stated that the classroom will be for the autism program at J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy for a life skills classroom. Mrs. Pinto-Gomez stated that the classroom will have a washer, dryer, sink, and stove with an oven to prepare students for life skills that they need every day. Mrs. Pinto-Gomez stated that this is the second classroom in the district for life skills.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega stated that she is very excited and very proud that we will have two life skills classrooms.

Mrs. Barbosa stated that it is great and asked how many students will be in this classroom.

Mrs. Pinto-Gomez stated that there will be six students next year and will increase each year. Mrs. Pinto-Gomez explained that the students are slated to be in the district until they are 21.

Mrs. Carvalho added the above resolution to the agenda.

Resolution – Approval of 2017-2018 Employment Contract – Judy Finch Johnson

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked Assistant Superintendent Judy Finch Johnson for her hard work and stated that she has received very good feedback from the parents and community.

Mrs. Carvalho added the above resolution to the agenda.

Resolution – Approval of 2018-2019 Employment Contracts for Assistant Superintendents and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that there are two special events. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Cedeno is on her way to Africa to work with the WE Charity building a school and Assistant Superintendent Rafael Cortes is at the hospital awaiting the arrival of his second child.

Mrs. Carvalho added the above resolution to the agenda.

Resolution – Member Participation in a Cooperative Pricing System – Sourcewell Cooperative

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho added the above resolution to the agenda.

Resolution – Accepting Purchase Offers for Out-of-Service School Busses

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho asked for an explanation.

Comptroller Rajeev Malhotra stated that this is for the sale of five out-of-service school busses for a total of \$31,000. Mr. Malhotra stated that they were replaced with five new busses.

Mrs. Carvalho asked about the new busses.

Director of Transportation Mike Rijo stated that the new busses are equipped with a camera to see the front and rear and they meet all state requirements.

Mrs. Carvalho asked where we are with the fleet.

Mr. Rijo stated that there is a 90% turnaround.

Mrs. Carvalho added the resolution to the agenda.

Resolution – Payment for Unused Sick Days

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho stated that some of the payments are high.

Mr. Kennedy explained the cap for unused sick days.

Mrs. Carvalho asked about payment for sick days.

Mr. Kennedy explained that the only way to get paid for unused sick days is when you retire.

Mrs. Carvalho added the resolution to the agenda.

Resolution – Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Bids for Lease Financing for 1200 Laptop Computers

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer asked Chief of Information Officer-Technology Alberto Marsal to speak about the computers.

Chief of Information Officer-Technology Alberto Marsal stated that this is for the freshman class of approximately 1,186 students.

Mrs. Carvalho asked what happens if the students keep the laptops and what happens senior year.

Mr. Marsal stated that the freshman class get laptops and the laptops are collected at the end of senior year. Mr. Marsal stated that the laptops collected are being passed down to first grade.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer commended Mr. Marsal and the technology department. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that with the one-to-one initiative every student in grades 3-12 has a laptop. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that last year the second grade students received a laptop and this year the first grade students will receive a laptop.

Mrs. Carvalho stated that every child from first grade through twelfth grade will have a laptop.

Mrs. Barbosa asked if the first grade laptops stay in school.

Mr. Marsal stated that only the high school students take the laptops home. Mr. Marsal stated that there is a pilot program at certain schools for sixth through eighth grade students to take them home.

Miss Goncalves stated that they take them home at their own responsibility.

Mr. Marsal responded yes and they have to sign for it.

Mrs. Barbosa asked about the first grade students using the computer.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that there are a lot of programs that they access already online in the classrooms so this helps to create a personal portfolio for the child and an opportunity to reinforce certain skills.

Mrs. Carvalho added the resolution to the agenda.

Resolution – Payment for Unused Vacation Days

Resolution – Awarding Contract to US Foods, Inc. for snack items

Resolution – Approving Framan Mechanical, Inc. and Approving Form of Contract

Resolution – Appointing BSN Sports, LLC; Metuchen Center, Inc.; Henry Schein, Inc.;
and Triple Crown Sports, Inc. to provide athletic equipment and supplies

Resolution – Appointing Varsity Brands Holding Co., Inc. d/b/a Varsity Spirit Fashions &
Supplies, LLC to provide cheerleading athletic equipment and supplies

Resolution – Approving Annual Extensions of Existing Student Transportation Contracts

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho added the resolutions to the agenda.

Resolution – Approving Villani Bus Co. for Student Transportation Contract for 2018-2019

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho asked if this is different.

Mr. Rijo responded no.

Mrs. Carvalho added the resolution to the agenda.

Resolution – Approving Shore Vans, Inc. for Student Transportation Contract for 2018-2019

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Carvalho added the resolution to the agenda.

Resolution – Appointing CDW-G, LLC to Upgrade District Interactive Classroom Technology

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there were any questions.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer asked Chief of Information-Technology Alberto Marsal to speak about the upgrade to the district interactive classrooms.

Mr. Marsal stated that the interactive part of the whiteboard is obsolete. Mr. Marsal stated that five vendors participated with eight options. Mr. Marsal stated that we selected the best price and the best unit.

Mrs. Carvalho asked if this is a cost savings.

Mr. Marsal stated that we saved \$181,000. for the project.

Mrs. Carvalho asked if it is like whiteboards.

Mr. Marsal stated that it is touch screen with the availability of multiple users.

Mrs. Carvalho stated that the boards we have now are the originals with the schools from ten years ago. Mrs. Carvalho stated that we are very excited getting the new boards.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked the Directors for working together and stated that it's not one person, it is teamwork and thanked them for their hard work and dedication.

Mrs. Carvalho thanked Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment Amy Gil and stated that there is a lot of pressure put on her over something that we have no choice in doing. Mrs. Carvalho thanked her for all of her hard work and stated that we appreciate what you are doing for the students. Mrs. Carvalho stated that we continue to do what the state mandates us to do with the best interests of all of our students in this district. Mrs. Carvalho stated that they are happy that they now have a Governor who listens and we will continue to talk to him and try to get the best decisions from his office to help us here in our district.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer introduced Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment Amy Gil to speak about the changes that Governor Murphy has implemented and the most recent communication that we received with regard to those changes.

Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment Amy Gil stated that at this point the changes are still in the proposal stage. Mrs. Gil stated that, as many of you know, they went on a tour around the State to solicit input from every level of community member within the State, from educators to parents to business owners. Mrs. Gil stated that the feedback was overwhelming to move away from PARCC. Mrs. Gil stated that the decision has been proposed to the State Board of Education and we are still waiting for the final vote to move away from PARCC in the spring. Mrs. Gil stated that it is much faster than anyone expected. Mrs. Gil stated with that is a revision to the requirements at the high school level specifically and the federal guidelines mandate that we test students at the high school level once in math and once in language arts. Mrs. Gil stated that we have six, three language arts and three math, so that has also been part of the proposal to reduce the amount of testing at the high school level. Mrs. Gil stated that the federal guidelines do mandate that we assess students in language arts and mathematics from grades 3 through 8 so that will not change unless the federal regulations change. Mrs. Gil stated that science is required once in elementary, once in middle school, and once in high school so that will also remain the same for grades 5, 8, and 11. Mrs. Gil stated that we are definitely heading in the direction that will make a lot more people happy. Mrs. Gil stated that one of the other updates for this year is reducing the testing time by approximately 25%. Mrs. Gil stated that we don't know what that will look like yet. Mrs. Gil stated that it may be the same number of units for the assessment with each one being shorter or they will reduce a whole unit and keep the times the same. Mrs. Gil stated that it is approximately a 25% reduction in testing time as well.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that there is a new vendor that has been identified in that proposal which will then dictate what the spring assessments will look like.

Mrs. Gil stated that it is a vendor that already has assessment items that are available. Mrs. Gil stated that the State will still control what the content is but the vendor that they are hoping to work with will make that transition very easy and seamless.

Mrs. Carvalho stated that it is her understanding that it will be done just as Mrs. Gil said with the transition seamless and easy. Mrs. Carvalho stated that she has been able to sit in some of the meetings and it is what it is and we have to do what we have to do to make sure we bring the quality of education to the City. Mrs. Carvalho stated that we will wait and hear and continue to do what we legally have to do.

Mrs. Gil stated that she will continue to provide updates as they become available.

Mrs. Carvalho thanked the Directors for coming and answering questions.

Mrs. Barbosa asked Director of Special Services Diana Pinto-Gomez about the swimming for special needs.

Mrs. Pinto-Gomez stated that we are working with the county but we haven't designated that yet.

Mrs. Carvalho stated that the City has a program working with the Board of Education and they have special needs children that go swimming.

Mrs. Pinto-Gomez stated that the summer recreation program is at School No. 9 and they have special needs children who go swimming every day. Mrs. Pinto-Gomez stated that they are the children who are going bowling and to Warinanco Park as part of the recreation program.

The President requests a motion to go into Private Session to consider matters exempt under the Open Public Meetings Act, specifically for discussion of personnel, specifically, J.S., D.L., Donaldson hearing, HIB appeal, tenure charges K.L., N.R., supplemental personnel report, reorganization – job description, interview; legal, specifically, residency investigation results, contract for substitute services, settlements A.G., J.B., C.S., K.K., Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein & Celso. The Board will reconvene in public and may add to the agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Neron, seconded by Miss Goncalves, to go into private session at 7:52 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega,
Mr. Neron, Mrs. Carvalho – 6

Negative: None

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, to reconvene in public session at 12:45 a.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega,
Mr. Neron, Mrs. Carvalho – 6

Negative: None

Mrs. Carvalho added the following to the agenda:

Resolution – Settlement Agreement J.B.

Resolution – Settlement Agreement LG and KC o/b/o AG

Resolution – Settlement Agreement C.S. and K.K.

Resolution – Acceptance of Residency Investigative Results

Resolution – Settlement Agreement Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein & Celso

Resolution – Appointment of Supervisor of Science – Nicholas Perretti

Resolution – Appointment of Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Jones

Resolution – Appointment of Vice Principal – Lauerin Gareis

Resolution – Appointment of Vice Principal – Antonio Almeida

Resolution – Reorganization – Job Description (Director of Staff Development)

Resolution – Appointment of Acting Director of Staff Development

and Innovative Program – Kathleen Badalis

Resolution – Appointment of Acting Principal – John Byrne

Resolution – Appointment of Acting Vice Principal – Francesca Ferrera

Resolution – Appointment of Vice Principal – Diane Matos Reis

Resolution – Reorganization – Job Description (Teacher-Job Placement Coordinator)

Resolution – Reappointment of Teacher – Physical Education and Health – Xavier Ysabel

3rd Supplemental Personnel Report

On a motion by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, the agenda meeting was adjourned at 12:47 a.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Nina,
Rodriguez – 5

Negative: None

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