

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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Elizabeth, New Jersey

A special meeting of the Board of Education was called on October 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., in the Dunn Sports Center, 151 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Prior to the start of the meeting the students from Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29 Joyful Sounds Chorus performed. Mr. Monteiro thanked the students for the wonderful performance.

Board President Tony Monteiro presented the following statement at 7:15 p.m.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is a special 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 Monday, October 21, 2013. 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 to this October 24, 2013 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.”

“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: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Calella, González, Nazco, Perreira, Monteiro – 6  
Absent: Ms. Bathelus, Messrs. Padlo, Trujillo – 3

Interim Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Family and Community Outreach Jerome Dunn, Assistant Board Secretary Donald Goncalves, Interim Board Counsel Marvin Lehman and members of the public were in attendance.

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 Jason Wong, seventh grade student from Terence C. Reilly School No. 7.

The *Star-Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key was performed by the Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29 Joyful Sounds Chorus.

Mr. Francisco González gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Ethics was led by Johanna Martinez, sixth grade student from William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31.

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

Mr. Monteiro introduced students from Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29 Joyful Sounds Chorus who performed *As Long as We Have Love* by Stanley Schwartz, music teacher at Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29. Mr. Monteiro thanked the students for a wonderful performance.

Mr. Monteiro stated that he is overwhelmed with emotion seeing all of the happy faces of our youth and all the dreams that education has to offer. Mr. Monteiro stated that as a Board member he is particularly proud of this group as they are the largest Perfect Score group that Elizabeth has ever had with 410 Perfect Score students. Mr. Monteiro stated that they also have probably the largest group to ever attend a Perfect Score rally with over 2,000 people brimming with joy for having helped you arrive at this great celebration. Mr. Monteiro stated that the students may not know this but the adults struggled to get you where you are today and worked so hard so that many of you can be here in the Elizabeth Public Schools in the State of New Jersey and in this great nation. Mr. Monteiro stated that their parents, guardians, relatives, and friends all support their accomplishments. Mr. Monteiro stated that he is excited about this moment and he hopes they are too. Mr. Monteiro stated that he has always said that you will never achieve great things without enthusiasm. Mr. Monteiro asked the students if they are excited about being Number One, if they are proud of their schools, and if they are going to achieve great things and stated that he believes they are. Mr. Monteiro stated that there are a number of Board members here tonight who are truly committed to the students, the community and their education. Mr. Monteiro introduced Vice President Elcy Castillo-Ospina, Francisco Gonzalez, Paul Perreira, Fernando Nazco, Stefano Calella, and unfortunately two of our Board members who could not be here tonight, Carlos Trujillo who was rushed to the hospital, and Anthony Padlo whose grandfather suddenly passed away and we will keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. Monteiro stated that the Board members give up their time and energy so that they can create a school district that will help you achieve your greatness. Mr. Monteiro stated that the Board members believe in our City and even though they get attacked by some, they believe that we are the best in New Jersey. Mr. Monteiro stated that even though there are some who will try to mislead you, we are the Number One Urban School District in the State of New Jersey.

Mr. Monteiro stated that over the last ten years this district has built Charles J. Hudson School No. 25, Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26, Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28, Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29, Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30, Msgr. João S. Antão School No. 31, Frances C. Smith Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 50, Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 51, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 52, and we have also acquired St. Adalbert's for George Washington School No. 1, St. Hedwig's for Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5, Blessed Sacrament for Madison-Monroe School No. 16, St. Catherine's for Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy, and this year we opened our new school Victor Mravlag School No. 21 and acquired St. Patrick's for a new technology magnet school iPrep Academy School No. 8. Mr. Monteiro stated that the new Academic High School is under construction and we just announced that we are going to be building an additional gifted and talented school for another 1,000 students. Mr. Monteiro stated that our scores keep increasing and continuing that way it is only natural that we increase the amount of seats for the gifted and talented program. Mr. Monteiro stated that is what this Board is all about achieving excellence for all of you and this Board of Education believes in you and believes in the American Dream. Mr. Monteiro stated that the students may not realize it yet but they are an American success story in the making and the Board members and all the people behind you believe it.

Mr. Monteiro stated that it is unfortunate that throughout life there are some naysayers and don't ever be discouraged by their words. Mr. Monteiro stated that the reality is that throughout life you will find people who are negative and say you just can't do it but you must all prove them wrong. Mr. Monteiro stated that there are 410 beautiful examples in this room of how wrong those negative individuals really are and they are all sitting right here. Mr. Monteiro stated that some would ask how can that be and how can this happen in Elizabeth. Mr. Monteiro

stated that these are the accomplishments and each and every one of you deserves to be recognized and they are part of the Number One Urban School District. Mr. Monteiro stated that the next time someone asks if you are from Elizabeth you can respond absolutely and be tough, not street tough, but mentally tough that you can take on the road to success. Mr. Monteiro stated that achievement is up and the Elizabeth Public Schools are the best Urban School District in the State of New Jersey and on its way to becoming the best in the United States of America because of each and every one here. Mr. Monteiro stated that winners never quit and that is the hallmark of most successful people and quoted Theodore Roosevelt, "Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in that gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat." Mr. Monteiro stated that everyone here has achieved a Perfect Score on the NJ ASK and all over the State of New Jersey there are children who will never have the moment you are having tonight, they might even live in places like Westfield, Short Hills, and Princeton but you did it and you are from Elizabeth, New Jersey and we are so proud of you and all the parents here tonight. Mr. Monteiro stated that our students renew our hope in the promise of the American Dream and we could not ask for more than that and wished them continued success in all that they do.

Mr. Monteiro introduced Interim Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer.

Interim Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer welcomed everyone to our Perfect Score Celebration and stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools is committed to equity and excellence for all students. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that excellence is achieved through high standards and ensures that all students grow to reach their highest levels year after year and are college or career ready as high school graduates. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that fostering an organization and culture of high expectations for all students requires the commitment of all of our team members and it is through this commitment from all of our teachers, parents, and the community that excellence can be achieved. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that it is through the commitment of the students here that excellence has been achieved and it is for that reason that we celebrate their achievement tonight. Mrs. Hugelmeyer quoted an unknown author, "Excellence can be obtained if you care more than others think is wise; risk more than others think is safe; dream more than others think is practical; expect more than others think is possible."

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated our vision is that the Elizabeth Public Schools will be one of the best school systems in America and our school data is indicative of the fact that we outperform other large urban districts in New Jersey in a variety of metrics. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that it is because of this district's leadership that our urban school system is the best in the State and we are striving to be the best in the nation. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that we owe this success to the hard work of our school leaders, teachers, and our students. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that our mission is that the Elizabeth Public Schools will provide excellent educational experiences and services to inspire every student to think, to learn, to achieve, and to care. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that we believe that to be a high achieving district it is important to have a mission that is genuinely and widely shared, lived, and aligned with our school policies and practices. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that our mission statement drives everything that we do each and every day.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that she is proud that our school Board is committed to a vision of high expectations for student achievement and quality instruction and they define clear goals toward that vision. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that our Board is accountability driven and focused on policies to improve student achievement. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that in her experience over the years in Elizabeth that our Board is best characterized as having strong shared beliefs and values about what is possible for students and their ability to learn and our school system and its ability to teach all children at high levels. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that our school Board members invest countless hours on engaging our school community and improving student achievement through effective governance. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that it is through their hard work and dedication that our school district has attained a designation of being the Number One Urban School District in the State of New Jersey.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that our district's crowning achievements include two national ranked high schools and the U.S. News and World Report evaluated more than 21,000 high schools across the nation and awarded schools Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards based on state proficiency standards and how well they prepare students for college. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that Elizabeth High School received a Gold award and Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy received a Silver award. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that a National Blue Ribbon Flag has become a flag of excellence and this recognition is awarded to schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' academic achievement. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that our district is proud to have three National Blue Ribbon Schools, Terence C. Reilly School No. 7, Victor Mravlag School No. 21, and William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that each year we celebrate the top ten performing schools in the district and our approach gives top scores based on outcomes and our rankings are based on outstanding student test scores or in the case of preschool classrooms it is based on the scores of our classroom environments. Mrs. Hugelmeyer congratulated the 2012-2013 top ten performing K-12 schools including tenth place, Robert Morris School No. 18, Principal Melissa Leite; ninth place, Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30, Principal Arlene Campbell; eighth place, Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29, Principal Linda Seniszyn; seventh place, Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26, Principal Howard Teitelbaum; sixth place, Victor Mravlag School No. 21, Principal MariCeli Sanchez; fifth place, Abraham Lincoln School No. 14, Principal Michelle Cunha-Calas; fourth place, Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy, Principal George Mikros; third place, William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31, Principal Michael Webb; second place, Terence C. Reilly School No. 7, Principal Jennifer Cedeno; and first place, Elizabeth High School, Principal Michael Cummings. Mrs. Hugelmeyer and Board members congratulated the principals and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer congratulated the 2012-2013 top ten performing preschools including tenth place, Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28, Principal Sulisnet Jimenez; tie for eighth place, Proceed I Early Childhood Development Center, Director Maribel Hernandez, and Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29, Principal Linda Seniszyn; seventh place, Egenolf Early Childhood Center, Executive Director Lorraine Cooke; sixth place, Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30, Principal Arlene Campbell; fifth place, Woodrow Wilson School No. 19, Principal Carolina Cespedes; fourth place, Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27, Principal Carlos Lucio; third place, Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 51, Principal Jocelyn Rodriguez; second place, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Early Childhood Education School No. 52, Principal Liteove Tighe; and first place, Terence C. Reilly School No. 7, Principal Jennifer Cedeno. Mrs. Hugelmeyer and Board members congratulated the principals and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that it is noted that nobody is perfect but our EPS students have proven that when it comes to scoring high on standardized tests they are in fact perfect. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the NJ ASK tests are given over a five day period and the assessments of language arts and mathematics are required for the New Jersey students in third to eighth grade. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the students in grades 4 and 8 are also tested in science. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the perfect scores of our students are from the hard work of the students, the hard work of your parents and the hard work of your teachers. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools has experienced extraordinary increases in the last few years and the perfect scores achieved in 2005 were only 12, in 2006 we had 45, in 2007 there were 23, in 2008 there were 74, in 2009 there were 275, in 2010 there were 330, in 2011 there were 330, and in 2012 there were 331. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that this year in grade 3 there were 107 perfect scores in mathematics, in grade 4 there were 129 with 91 in math and 38 in science, in grade 5 there were 89 with 1 in language arts and 88 in math, in grade 6 there were 24 in math, in grade 7 there were 25 with 1 in language arts and 24 in math, and in grade 8 there were 36 with 2 in science and 34 in math for a total of 410 perfect scores. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that demonstrates an increase of 3,317% overall from 2005 to 2013.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that now we would like to recognize the excellence of our teachers who taught the students who achieved a perfect score on their state assessments.

Mr. Monteiro stated that it is remarkable that only fifteen years ago the Elizabeth Public Schools was one of the worst school districts in the State of New Jersey and now fifteen years later we are the Number One Urban School District in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Monteiro stated that this Board along with all of your parents could not be any prouder of all of you here tonight. Mr. Monteiro stated that now we are recognizing the teachers who gave so much every day in our schools and behind this successful school district is all the hard work from the top of the administration all the way to the classrooms and the teachers who work so hard, are so committed and so passionate about what they do here in the City of Elizabeth.

Board member Francisco González recognized the teachers who taught the students who achieved a perfect score on their State Assessments in 2012-2013 including third grade third grade mathematics teachers Bianca Alvarez, Ruby Bordoloi, Vanessa Clarke, Michelle Climent, Jaclyn Crismale, Amy Dreher, Mariann English, Cheryl Episcopo, Ismael Estrada, Meghan Flanagan, Courtney Glover, Arlene Greenfield, Marguerite Jensen, Truda Johnson, Lisa Kaverick, Maria Labrador, Elizabeth Lee, Vera Matos-Pereira, Margaret Melendez, Sarah Minervino, Gladys Miranda, Kristina Mitovski, Amber Palombo, Monica Passione, Patrice Patterson, Lisa Rafoa, Josephine Rodriguez, Diane Seested, Jessica Serafin, Lisa Stankiewicz, Tequila Stuckey, Patricia Swick, Katia Teixeira, Amy Rios, Nilaja Watkins, Kimberly Waugh, and Elizabeth Weslock.

Mr. González recognized the fourth grade mathematics teachers including Alison Beckles, Joanna Britanak, Susan Cameli, Ann Dolan, Katherine Fisher, Jacqueline Gaston, Nicole Gebhart, Shari Gershenfeld, Jane Gladis, Marcy Hackett, Susan Hernandez, Donna Junio, Meghan Linck, Janil Llano, Rafael Lopez, Michele Lourenco, Dana Malcolm, Jeanne Massarelli, Linda Mayer, Heather McAteer, Kathleen Ronk, Nicole Rueda, Stefanie Sacca-Rivera, Robin Schrotter, Isabel Sousa, Tanya Tenturier, Jannette Turano, Tanisha Tutt, Jennifer Whitford, and Adriano Zambrano. Mr. González recognized the fourth grade science teachers including Alison Beckles, Erin Devaney, Nicole Distefano, Ann Dolan, Colleen Flanigan, Jane Gladis, Marsha Henkel, Michele Lourenco, Dana Malcolm, Nicole Miller, Nicole Rueda, and Adriano Zambrano.

Mr. González recognized the fifth grade mathematics teachers including Michael Billian, Amy Boydston, Ann Branfman, Geraldine Calhoun, Mary Carson, Utikca Chaney-Wilson, Ellen Cohn, Jodie Craft, Marta Dias, Traci Freeman, Angie Garcia, Elisa Garcia-Pereira, Anne Johnson, Carolyn Kirkwood, Christine Lucia, Ralph Marciano, Kimberly Pantano, Michelle Poulos, Benjamin Pribish, Patricia Quinn, Catherine Simon, Rosaria Smeraglia, Brendee Solomon, Joshua Solomon, Phyllis Taub, Virginia Tropeano, and James Villarino. Mr. González recognized fifth grade language arts teacher Robyn Mack.

Mr. González recognized sixth grade mathematics teachers including Michelle Damanski, Sandra Haase, Lauren Herrmann, Andrew Kaplan, Suzanne Kim, Jessica Leroux, Doris Moskowitz, Robin Murphy, Peter Pantano, Alak Parmar, Ines Pontoriero, Melissa Shapiro, and Erin Sugrue.

Mr. González recognized seventh grade mathematics teachers including Valentina Beqaj, Randi Farber, Carmen Adamcik, Morgan Leavitt, Steven Litchfield, Phillip Orsini, Isaac Rimler, Karen Sasso, Kimberly Sutherland, and Tina Zaghera. Mr. Gonzalez recognized seventh grade language arts teacher Kristina Gillio.

Mr. González recognized eighth grade mathematics teachers including Keturah Childs, Kristi Godfrey, Abby Hersch, Harry Huber, Adriana Kolovani, John Kumar, Rodrigo Lipon, Phillip Orsini, Romeo Simoes, and Virginia Tantow. Mr. González recognized eighth grade science teacher Maria Borkowsky.

Mr. González congratulated the teachers who taught students who received a perfect score and thanked them for working so hard for making sure the students were able to achieve their best which is a perfect score. The Board members congratulated the teachers and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Nazco congratulated the students who received a perfect score and commented that it is a great night for all of us and we are so proud of you and next year we want 820 perfect scores, double the amount, and we want to see you back again. Mr. Nazco recognized the students who received a perfect score on the 2012-2013 NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 3 Mathematics including Melkart AbouJaoude, Kevin Acosta, Kelly Aguilar, Gabriela Allende, Daniel Almonte, Liddia Alvarado-Clotter, Stephanie Tepox, Emily Barranzuela, Vanessa Benenaula, Massimo Boccardo-Hollenstein, Allison Bravo, Melanie Bueno, Luke Camacho, Carlos Castaneda, Elias Castro, Moises Cespedes, Arthur Chen, Mateo Correa, Victoria Crespo, Ashley Cuevas, Alyssa DaCosta, Cristiana DeSousa, Simmi Dharan, Charles Diaz, Omar Dieguez, Gianna Domingues, Thiare Espinal, Mauro Ferreira, Carlos Franceschini, Jayson Freeman, Vanya Funez, Ashley Garcia, Bryant Garcia Sebastian Garcia, Cedric Gillo, Sarah Giraldo, Maria Gomez, Gabriella Gonzalez, Marcus Gonzalez, John Goytia, Adamaris Arriola, Johnny Gutierrez, Jessica Guzman, Yousef Hamed, Marvin Hidalgo, Samantha Jacob, Jacob Jauregui, Bilal Jeter, Cierra Knight, Miguel Londono-Cruz, Andy Lopez, Leneida Lopez, Mateo Lucumi, Kevin Machado, Valerie Marmol, Geanly Mejia, Nicole Mendo, Jerry Montero-Guillen, Daniel Montoya, Aidan Munoz, Isaiah Nana, Cristian Negron, Anthony Neyra, Christopher Noel, Jose Nopo, Omar Nunez, Sylvanna Nunez, Worthwell Ofori-Arhin, Valerie Orellana, Jeynelee Ortiz, Jorge Ortiz, Emily Ospina, Collin Owens, Alexander Pedraza, Nicole Perdomo, Mia Pelaez, Matthew Pires, Caleb Prempeh, Osmar Privado, Walter Quinteros-Morais, Victoria Reyes, Amanda Rivera, Lym Rivera, Zoe Rivera, Gabriela Rodriguez, Giovanni Rodriguez, Kenneth Roman, Ashley Romero, Lorjin Sanchez, Wonderful Santerre, Layla Sayed, Raven Scotland, Evan Sebastiao, Isabela Segarra, Angel Sosa, Giovanni Tanganelli, Rafael Teheran, Layla Teixeira, Mike-Lee Thezard, Nashalie Tineo, Irena Tutunari, Cesar Martinez, Catherine Sanchez, Nolan Vazquez, Jared Vega, David Velasquez, and Kylie Ventura. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Perreira recognized the students who received a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 4 Mathematics including Hector Abarca, Ishak Abdelrahm, Elissar AbouJaoude, Kalyn Angulo, Lisa Arias, Alex Barragan, Alexandra Bertoa, Emily Avalos, Kevin Anza, Nephtalie Brice, Amy Carbrera, Camila Cabrera, Renzo Calle, Javier Cardoza, Erwin Carreto, Matthew Castro, Yamileth Hernandez, Mario Clotter, Alexa Conti, Owen Cordoba, Dereck Corzo, Lanita Devine, Nicole Diaz, Sofia Diaz, Leslie Dominguez, Da’Nae Dunham, Alexander Duque, Alexandra Falcon, Sofia Favale, Alyssa Feliciano, Dyana Felipe, Emilly Figueiredo, Nicole Garcia, Aleksandra Gorska, John Guzman, Aneesah Hall, Mark Herrera, Julian Hincapie, Youssef Ibrahim, Olivia Iheke, Mohammad Islam, Carlos Jimenez, Armin Karic, Filip Laba, Nicholas Lage, Lisa Liaci, Ivan Lin, Taysia Lincoln, Javier Linero-Quintana, Derek Lorenzo, Daniel Lynes, Elvis Maldonado, Melissa Martinez, Sebastian Massella, Xavier Mayorga, Jayden Medina, Brian Melendez, Alexander Mendez, Manuel Morales, Fabricio Badano, Jeremy Munive, Mia Murillo, Sebastian Naranjo, Steven Narvaez-Mendieta, Youssef Nasr, Lesley Norena, Chris Nunez, Angel Olivencia, Vitor Paiva, Jose Pena, Pamela Pereyra, Aline Quintana, David Radovic, Lesley Riano, Nicholas Rios, Michael Rivera, Nicholas Rivera, Daniella Rivera-Agudelo, Andrew Rodriguez, Angeline Rodriguez, Alexander Roque, Keroles Roshdey, Emma Ruiz, Lisbel Samon-Gonzalez, Elijah Santiago, Matthew Suri, Alex Tan, Austin Torres, Bryan Valerio, Wilona Wiafe, and Helen Yanes. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized the students who received a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 4 Science including Erika Alvarado, Shemar Andre, Kraig Bubenick, Elenilson Calix, Karen Calles, Matthew Castro, Helton Cordeiro, Dereck Corzo, Rachel Delacruz, Lanita Devine, Nicole Diaz, Sofia Diaz, Xzavier Farraj, Zahlin Ford, Daniel Garcia, Youssef Ibrahim, Nicholas Lage, Lisa Liaci, Andres Lozada, Prathm Maisuria, Anthony Martinez, Jayden Medina, Belen Mendez, Zahid Nasim, Daniela Oblitas, Emmanuel Orbe, David Paiva, Emily Pena, Pamela Pereyra, Aline Quintana, Ahmir Rogers, Giancarlo Ruiz, Elijah

Santiago, Joseph Sousa, Matthew Suri, Bryan Valerio, Carolyn Vargas, and Krystal Villalobos. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina congratulated Matthew Castro, Dereck Corzo, Lanita Devine, Nicole Diaz, Sofia Diaz, Youssef Ibrahim, Nicholas Lage, Lisa Liaci, Jayden Medina, Pamela Pereyra, Aline Quintana, Elijah Santiago, Matthew Suri, and Bryan Valerio who achieved a perfect score on both of the NJ ASK State Assessments for math and science. The Board members congratulated the students on the wonderful achievement.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized the students who received a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 5 Mathematics including Mateo Acosta, Brandon Aguirre, Valeria Aleixo, Nehad Ali, Angelly Amozoqueno, Ryan Arriaga, Akua Atweaban, James Bally, Melvin Bermudez, Joao Bitencourt, Kal-el Bonilla, Jaden Brea, Miguel Campusano, Natali Cardoza, Alex Carrillo, Cesar Chavez, Anthony Claudio, Janesa Cockburn, Andrea Collier, Nathaniel Cordero, Stephanie Cueva, Lukas Czarnocki, Santiago Diaz, Kathleen Felli, Kevin Ferrari, Julian Ferrer, Christopher Gaitan, Ayami Gemino, Sebastian Grijalba, Sebastian Gutierrez, Steven Gutierrez, Malachi Henderson, Rafa Hossain, Tasnia Hossain, Alexander Huertas, Madison Huntley, Hyoboem Kim, Sharon Lojano, Justin Londono, Jackeline Lopez, Carlos Lozano, Carlos Maldonado, Zakiy Manigo, Deana Martinez, Johanna Martinez, Navaeh Martins, Abdiezer Mayzonett, Sadia Mohiuddin, Joel Montalvo, Rowan Nagy, Basilia Nieves, Adrian Nwosu, Kevin Casas, Kelly Olivera, Kahleb Ortega, Jonathan Osma, Nicholas Pascariello, Kevin Pereira, Jenny Perez, Ricardo Perez, Elizabeth Pineda, Sofia Ponze, Adriel Pupo, Daniel Ramos, Phillip Reguinho, Joseph Riascos, Kiasia Robinson, Adrian Rocha, Juliana Rodriguez, Ricardo Ron, Ethan Ruiz, Beatriz Santos, Angelie Saucedo, Farhan Shairy, Luiza Silva, Sarai Smith, Bryan Sosa, Alejandra Soto, Christina Spath, Goncalo Teixeira, George Tice, Kevin Valentin, Derick Vanegas, Kaileigh Volker, Joey Vokdedaj, Samuel Sanchez, Wistel Zamor, and Aris Zavala. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized Johanna Martinez who achieved a perfect score on both the NJ ASK State Assessments in Mathematics and Language Arts. The Board members congratulated Johanna Martinez on a wonderful achievement and presented her with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized the students who achieved a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 6 Mathematics including Rizvee Ahmed, Daniel Arellano, Leslie AVECILLAS, Maria Dilandro, Leslie Estevez, Lennin Galan, Ahmed Ghani, Hillary Gomez, Denny Goncalves, Leahnie Grau, Sarah Guerrero, Alexis Hernandez, Jessica Lage, Nathalie Londono, Adolfo Martinez, Kaylee Morales, Danny Nolasco, Rolando Quintana, Kevin Ramos, Dennis Salmanowitz, Alessandra Sommer, David Szaro, Jasmine Tan, and Jason Wong. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized the students who achieved a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 7 Mathematics including Stephanie Barraza, Samantha Bolton, Nathalie Bonilla, Nelson Capela, Janiya Copper, Thomas Dolalas, Sebastian Echegaray, Giselle Garcia, Jeffrey Gonzalez, Noura Hanno, Ryon Harris, Matthew Herrera, Alejandra Hincapie, Abigail Iheke, Joel Martinez, Martha Mejia, Adrian Morales, Bruno Moscoso-Rodriguez, Sayuri Naito, Luis Pupo, Haja Rakotoarivo, Michael Ratsimbazafy, Ruben Rivero, and Joseph Torsiello. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized Nataly Osma who achieved a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 7 Language Arts. The Board members congratulated her and presented her with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized the students who achieved a perfect score on the NJ ASK State Assessments – Grade 8 Mathematics including Brandon Albornoz, Denise Alves, Desiree Armas, Akosua Atweaban, Flor Barraza, Stefano Benincasa, Jorge Cedeno, Esther Charles, Leslye Erazo-Diaz, Alejandro Garcia, Harmony Garcia, Mohammad Hamed, Carlos Izaguirre, Judelynn Jeannoute, Ritu Kanchan, Tiffany Landazabal, Rishad Latchana, Elora Lugtu, Beatriz Malaspina, Beven Mathew, Natalia Mora, Giselle Omar, Edwin Ortiz, Kevin Pereira, Zulma Ramos, Alicia Roman, James Russell, Ratchell Sadovnik, Ryan Salvador, Brittney Segura, Manuela Soto, Jeyna Tutundzic, Carlos Vargas, and Donasia Wilson. The Board members congratulated the students and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mrs. Castillo-Ospina recognized the following students who achieved a perfect score on both of the NJ ASK State Assessments for Grade 8 Mathematics and Science including Akosua Atweaban and Stefano Benincasa. The Board members congratulated the students on a wonderful achievement and presented each with a plaque of commemoration.

Mr. Monteiro congratulated the students who achieved a perfect score, the teachers, and the parents and thanked everyone for attending.

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

On a motion by Mr. Nazco, seconded by Mr. González, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mr. Calella, Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. González, Nazco, Perreira, Monteiro – 6

Negative: None

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