

BOARD OF EDUCATION
(Official)

March 15, 2018
Elizabeth, New Jersey

The regular business meeting of the Board of Education was called on March 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., at J. Christian Bollwage Academy of Finance, 447 Richmond Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Board President Maria Carvalho presented the following statement at 6:45 p.m.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is a regular business 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 March 9, 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 March 15, 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, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron (arr. 7:15 p.m.), Rodriguez (arr. 6:50 p.m.), Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Absent: Mr. Nina – 1

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

Colors were presented during the Flag Ceremony by members of the Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health & Public Safety Academy Marine Corps Junior R.O.T.C.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by ninth grade student Anthony Yont and tenth grade student Sherline Jean Marie at J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy.

The *Star Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key was played.

The Pledge of Ethics was led by Dianni Leon, tenth grade student at J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy.

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

Mrs. Carvalho introduced students in the William F. Halloran School No. 22 Jazz Band who performed *Manteca* by Dizzy Gillespie and *Jive Samba* by Nat Adderley. Mrs. Carvalho thanked the students for a wonderful performance.

Mrs. Carvalho introduced Lucy Sneddon, first grade student at Victor Mravlag School No. 21 who performed a dance to *Siamsa* by Ronan Hardiman. Mrs. Carvalho thanked her for the wonderful performance.

Ms. Bathelus recognized students from the Elizabeth High School Speech and Debate Team for their wonderful accomplishments including a trip to Harvard University for the largest speech and debate tournament in the country. Ms. Bathelus recognized Hunter Ayala and Justin Dolalas, juniors at Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy who were quarterfinalists in Duo Interpretation; Damien McCree, junior at Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy, who was an Octo Finalist finishing among the top 50 in Dramatic Interpretation and Program Oral Interpretation; and Andres Duran, senior at Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy, who finished as a semifinalist in Congressional Debate and earned the Leadership Award in his chamber. Ms. Bathelus stated that the Congressional Debate Tournament featured more than 440 contestants from 140 schools in more than 20 states who competed in 26 preliminary chambers. Ms. Bathelus stated that Andres Duran also qualified this year to serve as a representative of the New Jersey Senate at the National Speech and Debate Association Tournament in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Ms. Bathelus stated that the team finished in the top 6 in two different tournaments that had at least 19 teams competing. Ms. Bathelus stated that the team had many top 6 individual finishes in a number of categories including Congress, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Interpretation, Improvisational Acting, and Program Oral Interpretation. Ms. Bathelus introduced Arriana Abulevsko, Hunter Ayala, Daniel Cano, Justin Dolalas, Andres Duran, Ian Flores, Oscar Heredia, Abigail Huaccho, Olivia Iheke, Fiona Joseph, Damien McCree, Rebecca Monsanto, Luis Muriel, Istabraq Musa, and Steven Urandeta; and coaches Renee Drummond and Brian Rodriguez. Ms. Bathelus and Board members congratulated them and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega recognized Anthony Yont, ninth grade student at J. Christian Bollwage Academy of Finance, as a star of excellence for being a model student, inspiring the best in himself and others, and for his good sense of humor and good-natured countenance. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega introduced Anthony Yont and teacher Todd Lecher. Mrs. Moreno-Ortega and Board members congratulated them and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Mrs. Barbosa recognized George Washington Academy of Science and Engineering School No. 1 and Jerome Dunn Academy of Mathematics, Technology, and the Arts School No. 9 for being selected as 1st Place Winners of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable VIP (Very Impressive Produce) Award and Toussaint L'Ouverture – Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6 for earning 3rd Place. Mrs. Barbosa stated that the program introduces students to new, healthier foods and increases their fruit and vegetable consumption. Mrs. Barbosa introduced Principal Anthony Ziobro and personal assistant Fern Perez, School No. 1; Principal Yalitza Torres and teacher Lacey McConkey, School No. 6; and Principal James Mondesir and teacher David Martin, School No. 6. Mrs. Barbosa and Board members congratulated them and presented each school with a certificate of commemoration.

Mr. Rodriguez recognized the school social workers as stars of excellence for their dedication to caring for the well-being of the members of our learning community. Mr. Rodriguez introduced Maria Brito, Aleina Cuza-Murray, Guadalupe Ferreiro, Daniela Grinienko,

Jennifer Hernandez, Kenyetta Jackson, Sara Laface, Christine Lillis-Flaherty, Dinorah Mejia, Kerry O'Connor, Christine Rappa, Colleen Reynolds, Tanya Santucci, Antonio Sapio, Nafeesa Simmons, Lourdes Soto, Jessica Trujillo, Denise Uniacke, Sofia Verma, Maria Vindas, and Steve Zografos. Mr. Rodriguez and Board members congratulated them and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Miss Goncalves recognized Supervisor of Physical Education, Health, and Safety Joseph Przytula who was the recipient of the 2018 New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Physical Activity (NJ-AH-PERD) Champion Award at the 99th Annual NJ-AH-PERD Convention in February that recognized outstanding achievement in promoting quality physical activity within schools and communities. Miss Goncalves and Board members congratulated Joseph Przytula and presented him with a certificate of commemoration.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that yesterday, March 14th, our seven high schools and high school annexes held assemblies on gun violence and school safety on the one-month anniversary of the tragic school shooting in Parkland, Florida. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that elected officials were invited to speak to students and students were given the platform to express their feelings about these important issues. Mrs. Hugelmeyer thanked the student government from all of our high schools for preparing an agenda that truly amplified their student voices. Mrs. Hugelmeyer thanked Board President Carvalho for assisting in the coordination and stated that her help was truly appreciated. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that all sites reported that the students enjoyed the dialogue between administration, students, and community officials and appreciated having their voices heard. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that we are truly proud of the leadership shown by our students and the resulting assemblies that were held in our high schools, as it was a collaborative effort between our administration and high school students. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that at all of the high school locations a video presentation from Senator Robert Menendez was played telling the students that they have turned their mourning into a movement along with a video presentation from Senator Corey Booker in which he expressed his gratitude for them. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that these assemblies served as a platform for the power of our students' voices. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that they are also clear illustrations of the concerns our students have for these issues going on in their schools, communities, state, and nation. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that it is very encouraging to her to see them speak out on these issues and it also a heartening sign that the future of our society is already making an impact today. Mrs. Hugelmeyer introduced a video presentation of the March 14th highlights at each of our academies.

Mrs. Carvalho thanked the Superintendent, Board members, elected officials, and most importantly the students who worked with us to make sure every one's voice was heard.

Mrs. Carvalho stated that she has designated office hours every Tuesday night from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. during which Elizabeth families may make an appointment to meet with her and discuss any issues or concerns pertaining to the Elizabeth Public Schools. Mrs. Carvalho stated that is the same for all of the Board members. Mrs. Carvalho stated that you can call the Board of Education for an appointment to meet with any Board member. Mrs. Carvalho stated that March is Women's History Month and recognized the women who serve as her colleagues on the Board who have dedicated themselves to serving the community. Mrs. Carvalho acknowledged Superintendent Hugelmeyer and all the women who serve our central office and schools as administrators, teachers, and certified and support staff for their commitment to preparing our students for college and career opportunities. Mrs. Carvalho stated that it is encouraging to see how far we have come as women and seeing a majority of women serving on this Board and a woman leading our school district. Mrs. Carvalho stated that they do wonderful work and should be very proud of their accomplishments.

Mrs. Carvalho stated that at yesterday's assemblies she had the opportunity to have inspiring dialogue with those who are most affected by school safety policy but most often have the least opportunity to speak out and effect change to those policies. Mrs. Carvalho stated that when she became Board President in January she mentioned that this year should be the Year of

the Children. Mrs. Carvalho stated that yesterday was a great example of her vision of work. Mrs. Carvalho stated that she is very proud of the way the students carried themselves yesterday and the way they empowered each other through unity and caring for one another.

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.”

Mrs. Carvalho called upon the first public participant, Kathleen Conroy, to address the Board.

Kathleen Conroy, Elizabeth Education Association Treasurer, thanked the Board for the sick bank for members.

Mrs. Carvalho thanked her for her comments and called upon the next public participant, Jon Lippi, to address the Board.

Jon Lippi, EEA Vice President, thanked the Board for the resolution for the medical waivers that go back several years.

Mrs. Carvalho thanked him for his comments and called upon the next public participant, Joe Cortico, to address the Board.

Joe Cortico, EEA President, stated that a terrific job was done yesterday to see the elected politicians come out. Mr. Cortico thanked and congratulated the students who were terrific.

Mrs. Carvalho thanked him for his comments and called upon the next public participant, Salaam Ismial, to address the Board.

Salaam Ismial, 513 Richmond Street, United Youth Council, spoke about the curriculum of inclusion and gun violence. Mr. Ismial stated that policy, programs, and action are needed by this Board. Mr. Ismial stated that April 4th is the 50th anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. and invited everyone to the memorial rally being held at the MLK Monument across from City Hall.

Mrs. Carvalho thanked him for his comments and called upon the next public participant, Kason Little, to address the Board.

Kason Little, student, stated that he is the only student who comes to the Board of Education business meetings. Mr. Little stated that students are discouraged to speak, at school students are downtrodden instead of uplifted, and hundreds of students were not allowed to voice their opinions. Mr. Little stated that the Board members are here to serve and represent and the National Walkout was not about you or the pictures shown, it was about us having our voices heard.

Mrs. Carvalho thanked him for his comments and called upon the next public participant, Christina Moreira, to address the Board.

Christina Moreira, 805 Gebhardt Avenue, congratulated Kason for speaking on behalf of his peers and stated that it takes courage to speak. Mrs. Moreira thanked the social workers and guidance counselors and stated that they have too many students and are overworked.

Mrs. Carvalho thanked her for her comments and called upon the next public participant, Patricia Gallante, to address the Board.

Patricia Gallante, 750 Grier Avenue, spoke about the social workers who are overworked. Ms. Gallante stated that parents can opt-out and refuse standardized testing for their children. Ms. Gallante stated that all of our time is valuable and the meeting should start on time or change the time of the meeting. Ms. Gallante stated that 60 parking spaces were blocked for tonight's meeting and there is no parking for the public.

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

Minutes of the Meetings of February 13 and 22, 2018

A motion was made by Ms. Bathelus, seconded by Miss Goncalves, that the minutes of the meetings of February 13 and 22, 2018 be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Secretary and Treasurer's Report for the Month of January 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Miss Goncalves, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Personnel Report

Supplemental Personnel Report

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, that the reports be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Tuition Report

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Ms. Bathelus, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Considerations

Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities - Board recommended waiver of all fees

Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities with Fees

Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

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

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, that the reports be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron (abstain- Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities request from City of Elizabeth Department of Recreation), Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Mrs. Carvalho introduced Supervisor of Anti-Bullying/EEOC/Affirmative Action/Guidance Peter Vosseler who presented the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Investigative Results.

Mr. Vosseler stated that according to Board Policy 5131.1 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) and New Jersey Statute 18A:37 the results of each investigation shall be reported to the Board of Education no later than the date of the next Board meeting following completion of each investigation and include any services provided, training established, discipline imposed, or other action that was taken or recommended. Mr. Vosseler stated that since our last Board meeting there have been 34 new cases. Mr. Vosseler stated that at the next regularly scheduled meeting after Board members receive the report of HIB investigations, the statute requires that the Board issue a decision in writing to affirm, reject, or modify the Superintendent's decision pertaining to the cases that were reported to the Board members at the last meeting.

Mr. Rodriguez requested that the report include repeat offender information.

Mr. Vosseler stated that the information will be included in future reports.

Mrs. Carvalho asked about the conferences that were held.

Mr. Vosseler explained that they were held for previous cases and already closed.

Mrs. Barbosa asked how many cases were bullying and how many were name-calling.

Mr. Vosseler stated that three were confirmed as HIB as per the criteria of the State of New Jersey.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the backup documentation is on the Cloud for the Board members.

Mr. Jacobs asked for the times of the incidents.

Mr. Vosseler stated that the location and time can be included in future reports.

Authorizations Report

Supplemental Authorizations Report

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Miss Goncalves, that the reports be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Finance and Accounting Report – Authorization to Pay Vouchers

Supplemental Finance and Accounting Report – Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Ms. Bathelus, that the reports be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mrs. Carvalho – 7

Abstain: Mr. Rodriguez – 1

Negative: None

Award of Contracts Report

A motion was made by Ms. Bathelus, seconded by Miss Goncalves, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Miscellaneous Communication – None

Claims List

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mmes. Moreno-Ortega, Carvalho (abstain- Maffey's Lock and Safe Co., Mandelbaum Salsburg P.C., Manhattan Welding Co, Matheny School, V.M., Medserv Healthcare Solutions, LLC, Methfessel & Wervel, Esqs., Miksal Printing, Miller & Chitty Co, Mobile Mini, Inc., MOESC, Morris County Track Coaches Association, Morris-Union Jointure Commission, Mountain Lakes Board of Education, MRA International, Inc.) – 6

Abstain: Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez – 2

Negative: None

Resolution – Autism Awareness Month

Resolution – National Library Week

Resolution – Requisition for Taxes

Resolution – Payment for Medical Health Insurance Waiver

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, that the above resolutions be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

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, D.A., M.D., S.Q., C.S., B.H., V.L., E.M., appointments; legal, specifically, settlement agreements T.H., C.F., A.L. and L.G., Innisfree Foundation, and confirmation of residency investigative results.

The Board will reconvene in public to add to the agenda.

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Ms. Bathelus, to go into private session at 8:25 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Mr. Rodriguez excused himself from the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, to reconvene in public session at 10:30 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mrs. Carvalho – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Accepting Resignation and Approving Settlement – B.B.

A motion was made by Ms. Bathelus, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mrs. Carvalho – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Approving Lease/Purchase of Five School Busses

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mrs. Carvalho – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Qualifying and Appointing Nuenergen, LLC for Energy Management

A motion was made by Ms. Bathelus, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mrs. Carvalho – 7

Negative: None

Supplemental Personnel Report – Additional Services

A motion was made by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mrs. Carvalho – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Appointment of Acting Principal – Maria Gaeta Alvarez

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Neron, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mrs. Carvalho – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Suspension with pay – D.A.

A motion was made by Ms. Bathelus, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mrs. Carvalho – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Suspension with pay – M.D.

A motion was made by Ms. Bathelus, seconded by Miss Goncalves, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mrs. Carvalho – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Suspension with pay –B.H.

A motion was made by Ms. Bathelus, seconded by Miss Goncalves, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mrs. Carvalho – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Suspension with pay –V.L.

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Neron, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Mr. Neron, Mrs. Carvalho – 7

Negative: None

Mr. Rodriguez returned to the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Resolution – Suspension with pay – S.Q.

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Suspension with pay – C.S.

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement Agreement (AR-2017-565) – C.F.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Ms. Bathelus, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement Agreement (Grievance No. 17-01-17) – T.H.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Ms. Bathelus, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement Agreement (PERC No. AR-2015-558) – A.L. and L.G.

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Fit for Duty Exam – E.M.

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Ms. Bathelus, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Extension for Appointment of Acting Vice Principal from March 13, 2018 to June 30, 2018 – Maria Isabel Lojo

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Mr. Neron, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Extension for Appointment of Acting Vice Principal from February 28, 2018 to March 12, 2018 – Maria Isabel Lojo

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement Agreement – Innisfree Foundation

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Miss Goncalves, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Resolution – Confirmation of Residency Investigative Results and Actions

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Mrs. Carvalho asked if there was any new business.

Mr. Rodriguez proposed a resolution to amend the contract for investigators to increase the hours to a maximum of 29 hours per week.

Mr. Williams stated that there is a not contract for investigators.

Mr. Kennedy stated that there are resolutions for each part-time investigator.

Mr. Williams stated that we should not amend the contract but revise the number of hours.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that this is needed because of the immense work they have been doing.

Resolution – Revised Appointment of Investigators – Part-time

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

Mr. Neron congratulated the students and stated that they had a chance for their voices to be heard. Mr. Neron stated that a lot of work lies ahead and we need to make sure that we listen to the students. Mr. Neron commended everyone for their efforts for putting this together. Mr. Neron congratulated Board President Maria Carvalho who will be honored tomorrow night as Woman of the Year.

Mrs. Barbosa stated that she is the chair of the Special Education Committee and the SEPAC workshop was held on March 6, 2018. Mrs. Barbosa stated that April is Autism month. Mrs. Barbosa stated that the Special Olympics Bowling will be held on April 7th and Special Olympics Track and Field will be held on April 22th.

Miss Goncalves stated that April is Autism Awareness Month.

Mrs. Moreno-Ortega thanked the principals and Superintendent and all who participated in the National Walkout.

On a motion by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, the agenda meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Moreno-Ortega, Messrs. Neron, Rodriguez, Mrs. Carvalho – 8

Negative: None

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