

BOARD OF EDUCATION
(Official)

July 18, 2019
Elizabeth, New Jersey

The regular business meeting of the Board of Education was called to order immediately following the agenda meeting on July 18, 2019 in the MultiPurpose Room, Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education, 544 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Board President Stephanie Pestana presented the following statement at 10:33 p.m. since the agenda meeting was held prior to the business meeting.

“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 July 11, 2019. 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 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 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 public speaking so that they may have the opportunity to speak. The sign-in sheet states the name, address, telephone number and reason that the person wants to comment, whether it is an agenda item or a general education comment.”

Present: Mmes. Barbosa, Chevres, Hernandez, Messrs. Jacobs, Neron,
Mrs. Pestana – 6

Absent: Ms. Bathelus, Mmes. Carvalho, Moreno-Ortega – 3

Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Co-General Counsel Jonathan Williams, Esq. of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP and members of the public were in attendance.

Board President Stephanie Pestana 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. Pestana closed this portion of the meeting.

Mrs. Pestana asked for a motion to accept the following:

Minutes of the Meetings of June 3, 8, 13, and 27, 2019
Secretary/Treasurer's Report for the Month of May 2019
Personnel Report
Supplemental Personnel Report
Tuition Report
Superintendent's Report – Considerations
Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities
Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities
Superintendent's Report – Field Trips
Superintendent's Report – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Investigative Results
Authorizations Report
Supplemental Authorizations Report
Finance and Accounting Report – Authorization to Pay Vouchers
Supplemental Finance and Accounting Report – Transfer of Funds
Award of Contracts Report
Supplemental Award of Contracts Report
2nd Supplemental Award of Contracts Report
Miscellaneous Communication - None
Claims List
Resolution – Custodian of Records – Harold E. Kennedy, Jr.
Resolution – Deferred Compensation Plan Administrator – Harold E. Kennedy, Jr.
Resolution – Public Agency Compliance Officer – Harold E. Kennedy, Jr.
Resolution – Section 504 Officer – Anthony DiDonato
Resolution – India's Independence Day
Resolution – Affirmative Action Officer – Peter Vosseler
Resolution – Consent of Waiver of Wholesale-Distribution License
Resolution – Approving Renewal of Blejwas Association, Inc. for Air Filters
Resolution – Approving Contract Renewals for Bio-Shine, Inc.; Clean All Tech Corp.; Imperial Bag and Paper Co., LLC; and Spruce Industries for Janitorial Supplies
Resolution – Payment for Medical Health Insurance Waiver
Resolution – Payment for Unused Sick Days
Resolution – Payment for Unused Vacation Days
Resolution – Transfer of Capital Reserves
Resolution – Approving Acquisition of Cisco Cyber Security Software and Authorizing Five-Year Lease/Purchase
Resolution – Approving Acquisition of Cisco Telephones and Authorizing Five-Year Lease/Purchase
Resolution – Right of Entry Agreement for Property Located at 300-324 Cherry Street
Resolution – Renew Contract with Central Poly Bag Corp. for Paper Towels
Resolution – Appointing BSN Sports, LLC; Metuchen Center, Inc.; Triple Crown Sports, Inc.; Pyramid School Products; and All American Sports Corp. d/b/a Riddell for Fall Athletic Equipment and Supplies
Resolution – Approving Annual Extensions of Student Transportation Contracts for Shore Vans, Inc., J&J Transportation Co., and Villani Bus Co.
Resolution – Approving Student Transportation Contract for Durham School Services
Resolution – Approving Student Transportation Contract for Shore Vans, Inc.
Resolution – Revised Rules of Governance, Policies, Regulations and Exhibits
Resolution – Repeal of Policies
Resolution – Termination – J.C.

Resolution – Memorandum of Agreement between EBOE and Elizabeth Administrative and Supervisory Council
Resolution – Memorandum of Agreement between EBOE and Directors’ Association
Resolution – Memorandum of Agreement between EBOE and Elizabeth Non-Certified Administrator Association
Resolution – Authorizing Execution of an Agreement to Arbitration between EBOE and Elizabeth Education Association – K-8 Schedule Dispute
Resolution – Appointing W.B. Mason Co., Inc. for Provision of Toilet Paper Products
Resolution – Approving Acquisition of Five School Busses
Resolution – Appointing Institute for Multi-Sensory Education to Provide Orton-Gillingham Training

A motion was made by Mr. Neron, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, that the above be accepted. The motion was carried by the following vote:
Affirmative: Mmes. Barbosa, Chevres (abstain- Authorizations Report – O.H.), Hernandez, Messrs. Jacobs, Neron (abstain- Superintendent’s Report Field Trips – City of Elizabeth Department of Recreation; Authorizations Report – O.H.), Mrs. Pestana – 6
Negative: None

The second reading of the Revised Policy and Exhibit File Code 1330 – Use of Facilities was done.

Resolution – Revised Policy and Exhibit File Code 1330 – Use of Facilities

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:
Affirmative: Mmes. Barbosa, Chevres, Hernandez, Messrs. Jacobs, Neron, Mrs. Pestana – 6
Negative: None

Mrs. Pestana stated the Elizabeth Board of Education and Elizabeth Schools Administration believe that its schools and facilities should be centers of community activities and enjoyment. Mrs. Pestana stated that our public schools play a vital role in the quality of life in our community and we are proud and pleased to be seen as an integral part of the City we serve.

Mrs. Pestana stated that the Elizabeth Board of Education is reaffirming and clarifying long-standing policies, rules, regulations and procedures related to the process for approval for use of facilities and the long-standing fees associated with this use. Mrs. Pestana stated that these fees are not new and they are simply being detailed. Mrs. Pestana stated that the district receives and approves hundreds of requests from community groups each year for use of its facilities. Mrs. Pestana stated that the district seeks only to recoup its costs for custodial and security personnel when the facilities are not being used for school functions. Mrs. Pestana stated that the District has always waived fees for community groups, if the facilities are simultaneously being used for school activities, since there is then no increased cost for security or personnel. Mrs. Pestana stated that policy remains.

Mrs. Pestana stated that the Board of Education is proud of its record of fiscal responsibility. Mrs. Pestana stated that for three consecutive years, the district has held the line on property taxes while at the same time increasing the number of schools, teachers, and programs for our students. Mrs. Pestana stated that the Board of Education is simply reaffirming its commitment to a balance of its fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers and the benefits to the community of social activities in district facilities.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer highlighted some of the articles in the Inside EPS Summer Edition. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that a record number of 1,459 graduating seniors of J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy, John E. Dwyer Technology Academy, Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy, Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy, Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr.

Health and Public Safety Academy, Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy, and Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy received their diplomas in commencement ceremonies on June 24, 2019 at Williams Field.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the next article honors senior Justin Dolalas from Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy who earned the National Speech and Debate Association's prestigious Academic All-American Award. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the Academic All-American Award recognizes high school students who have earned the degree of Superior Distinction (750 points); completed at least five semesters of high school; demonstrated outstanding character and leadership; and earned a GPA of 3.7 on a 4.0 scale. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that fewer than 1,000 students from more than 141,000 student members of the National Speech and Debate Association earn the Academic All American Award every year, placing Justin Dolalas among the top 1% of all student speech and debate members across the country.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the next article honors senior Hugo Rebolledo from Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy who received a full four-year scholarship for the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the NROTC scholarships cover a student's college expenses for their academics, summer training sessions, and a commitment to a number of years of active military duty. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that Hugo Rebolledo joins Christopher Derival, Class of 2018 from Admiral William F. Halsey Health and Public Safety Academy who received a full four-year NROTC scholarship.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the next article is that the Elizabeth Police Department visited the Elizabeth Public Schools special education and related services extended school year program at Elizabeth High School Frank J. Cicarell Academy to help teach students life skills. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the ESY program provides instruction and therapeutic services to students who are eligible for special education and related services beyond the regular school year as indicated in the students' individual education plan.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the next article is that Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6, Madison Monroe School No. 16, and Robert Morris School No. 18 are collaborating together to host a *Schools In* educational workshop for their students and families in grades K-8 to promote student learning during the summer months. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the research shows a considerable amount of information learned during the school year can be lost during the summer months while students are out of school. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the workshop will provide information and resources for parents and students to help make gains during the summer months. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the informational workshop will focus on four specific areas including English language arts and math tips and resources to help reinforce learning at home, district approved web links for families to view and access at home, ready made reference of skills in both language arts and math in grades K-8 for parents to help students succeed in their upcoming grade level, and support from a guidance counselor and social worker on topics such as goal setting, homework skills, and other areas to focus on for a successful school year.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the last highlighted article is the City of Elizabeth Department of Recreation, in conjunction with members of the coaching staff from the Elizabeth varsity boys' basketball team, provided community children the opportunity to participate in a basketball clinic. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the clinic instructed participants on various offensive and defensive basketball fundamentals such as dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, and positioning during team and individual activities.

Mrs. Pestana thanked Mrs. Hugelmeyer for the report. Mrs. Pestana wished everyone a happy summer.

On a motion by Mrs. Barbosa, seconded by Mrs. Hernandez, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Barbosa, Chevres, Hernandez, Messrs. Jacobs, Neron,
Mrs. Pestana – 6

Negative: None

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