

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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Elizabeth, New Jersey

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called on October 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., at George Washington Academy of Science and Engineering School No. 1, 250 Broadway, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Board President Stanley Neron presented the following statement at 6:45 p.m.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education. Pursuant to New Jersey Statutes and the rules adopted by the Board of Education, notice of this meeting was sent to The Star Ledger and Cablevision of Elizabeth on October 10, 2017. 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 October 19, 2017 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 this public portion may sign in up to the start of the public speaking portion of the meeting so that they may have the opportunity to speak. The sign-in sheet states the name, address, telephone number and reason that the person wants to comment, whether it is an agenda item or a general education comment.”

Present: Mmes. Amin, Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 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 Cedenno, Assistant Superintendent for Schools Rafael Cortes, Acting Assistant Superintendent for Schools Judy Finch Johnson, 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 Sophia Mohammed, second grade student at George Washington Academy of Science and Engineering School No. 1.

The *Star Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key was performed by music teacher Kerry Stubbs from George Washington Academy of Science and Engineering School No. 1.

The Pledge of Ethics was led by Ahmaad Daniels, eighth grade student at George Washington Academy of Science and Engineering School No. 1.

Mr. Neron welcomed everyone to George Washington Academy of Science and Engineering School No. 1 for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Neron introduced students in the George Washington Academy of Science and Engineering School No. 1 Choir who performed *America the Beautiful* by Samuel A. Ward, *Thank You* by Kerry Stubbs, and folk song *This Little Light of Mine*, author unknown. Mr. Neron thanked the students for a wonderful performance.

Miss Goncalves recognized team members as Stars of Excellence for their dedication to education from George Washington Academy of Science and Engineering School No. 1 including preschool teachers Elizabeth Bice and Patricia Pesoli, first grade teacher Kathy Santor, teacher tutor interventionist Nanette Conte-Markowitz, health and physical education teacher John Mahon, and child development associate Karen Boone. Miss Goncalves and Board members congratulated them and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Mrs. Barbosa recognized parents and guardians for community excellence including Daniel Collado, Tasleema Daniels, Eric Bunch, Christina Francisco, Michael Francisco, Maisner Franco, Wadis Franco, Rsendo Gomez, Carolyn Hughes, Shamorrh Knight, Delilah McLaurin, Natasha Meriwether, Zalaisha Mohammed, Marcia Rideiro, Jasmine Rivera, Pedro Rosa, Pearl Shepherd, Alannah Sutton, Carmen Vega, and Selema White. Mrs. Barbosa and Board members congratulated them and presented each with a certificate of commemoration.

Mr. Neron thanked the parents and teachers for establishing PTO/PTAs in the schools. Mr. Neron stated that he has office hours every Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for any parents/guardians who may have questions or concerns about the Elizabeth Public Schools. Mr. Neron stated that the Elizabeth Public Schools hosted the New York Jets Play 60 program at the Dunn Sports Center and Jets Coach Todd Bowles and wife Tameka Bowles presented a check to the district for \$25,000. to support the district's Special Olympics Play Unified program.

A motion was made by Mrs. Carvalho, seconded by Miss Goncalves, to suspend the rules.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mmes. Amin, Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Abstain: Mr. Perreira – 1

Negative: None

Board President Neron 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.”

Mr. Neron called upon the first public participant, Christina Moreira, to address the Board.

Christina Moreira, 805 Gebhardt Avenue, stated that at the last meeting the Board Attorney attacked a parent and called her a liar. Mrs. Moreira stated that nine Board members were elected by the public and the attorney should only speak when asked. Mrs. Moreira questioned the different prices for the elementary and middle school lunches. Mrs. Moreira asked how do the lunch servers know what grade a student is in to serve the right size lunch since the students get their food first and then pay.

Mr. Neron thanked her for her comments and called upon the next public participant, Hikeemah Thomas, to address the Board.

Hikeemah Thomas, 136 Pine Street, questioned how a candidate running for the Board of Education can be elected when he can't run the Little League.

Mr. Neron thanked her for her comments and called upon the next public participant, Tony Thomas, to address the Board.

Tony Thomas, 136 Pine Street, stated that his son was in Little League and spoke about the man who cannot run Little League and should not be running for the Board of Education.

Mr. Neron thanked him for his comments and called upon the next public participant, Sima Farid, to address the Board.

Sima Farid, 531 Jefferson Avenue, spoke about an event at Hamilton Annex that was not on the agenda. Mrs. Farid stated that she has been PTO President for ten years and knows the paperwork and deadlines for having events approved. Mrs. Farid stated that her paperwork was sent October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and stamped October 5<sup>th</sup> which is before the cutoff. Mrs. Farid stated that this is a children's activity and hopes that it was not political but it gives the illusion when a councilman has to approve the forms.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer responded that the forms were completed on time. Mrs. Hugelmeyer explained that all of the high school student activities are sent to Mr. Mazza.

Mr. Neron thanked her for her comments and called upon the next public participant, Maria Lorenz, to address the Board.

Maria Lorenz, 103 Murray Street, spoke about the lack of professionalism of the Board Attorney. Mrs. Lorenz stated that three Board members have ethics charges against them and were censored.

Mr. Neron thanked her for her comments and called upon the next public participant, Maria DaRassi Medeiros, to address the Board.

Maria DaRassi Medeiros, 420 Fay Avenue, stated that there is a bullying policy and parents should be treated with respect when they come to speak. Mrs. Medeiros stated that when a child came up to speak he was ridiculed. Mrs. Medeiros stated that the Board members were put in here because we wanted a change but you are bullies.

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

Mrs. Amin excused herself from the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Neron introduced Director of Plant, Property, and Equipment Luis Couto for a solar energy presentation.

Mr. Couto stated that the district has been considering options for renewable energy and introduced Ryan Scerbo, Esq., DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP and Andrew Conte from Gable Associates to present a solar energy evaluation.

Ryan Scerbo, Esq., DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP, and Andrew Conte from Gable Associates presented a PowerPoint on a Solar Project Proposal. Mr. Scerbo explained the state and federal regulations for renewable energy. Mr. Conte stated that Gable Associates assists public and private sector clients to implement energy plans and projects that reduce costs by generating solar electricity on-site to partially displace the utility purchase of power. Mr. Conte stated that the benefits to the school include cost savings, better budget predictability and control, reduced carbon footprint, reduced environmental impact, learning asset for students and community, greater energy independence, local job creation, and eligible for Sustainable Jersey Certification. Mr. Conte explained that most New Jersey school solar projects are based on a power purchase agreement (PPA) and explained the benefits and the minimized risk to the Board of Education. Mr. Conte stated that the solar feasibility assessment included site assessments, sizing analysis, and the information needed from the Elizabeth Board of Education including location preferences, roof ages and warranty information, and recent 12 months of utility usage. Mr. Conte stated that based upon the site assessments, three proposal options for the RFP are recommended including the safe, possible, and risky locations. Mr. Conte explained the next steps including the issue of the RFP on November 1<sup>st</sup>, pre-proposal conference on November 9<sup>th</sup>, receive proposals on December 15<sup>th</sup>, award of Power Purchase Agreement in February 2018 and solar in operation by March 2019. Mr. Conte asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Perreira asked if it is push-back or do we get a credit.

Mr. Conte explained the process.

Mr. Perreira asked who is responsible for the roof after construction.

Mr. Conte explained.

Mr. Rodriguez asked if we are purchasing solar power from the solar provider what is the length of the contract and how much electricity do we use.

Mr. Conte stated that by law the contract cannot be more than 15 years.

Mr. Perreira asked if this is part of the E-Rate program.

Mr. Couto responded that power is not part of the E-Rate program.

Mr. Rodriguez asked if we could purchase solar panels through E-Rate.

Mr. Scerbo explained that the tax credits are not available to the district.

Mrs. Carvalho asked about the 15 year contract.

Mr. Scerbo stated that the legislature only allows government agencies 15 years.

Mrs. Barbosa asked if other districts around here have solar energy.

Mr. Scerbo stated that there is a county-wide initiative and they have done RFPs for Franklin Township School District, Readington Township Board of Education, Delaware Valley Regional Board and others.

Mr. Neron thanked them for the informative presentation.

A motion was made by Mr. Perreira, seconded by Miss Goncalves, that the minutes of the meetings of September 7 and 14, 2017 be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus (abstain- September 7, 2017), Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Abstain: Mr. Perreira – 1

Negative: None

#### Secretary and Treasurer's Report for the Month of August 2017

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Negative: None

#### Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez to table the Transfers – Business Office – Custodians.

The motion to table the Transfers – Business Office – Custodians was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Negative: None

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the amended report be accepted (without the Transfers – Business Office – Custodians which was tabled).

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho (abstain- G.D., M.G.), Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira (abstain- D.F., C.C.), Rodriguez, Neron (abstain- C.T., E.R.) – 7

Negative: None

#### Supplemental Personnel Report

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 (abstain- I.R., A.D., T.A., M.A., J.G.), Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Negative: None

#### Tuition Report

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, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Negative: None

#### Superintendent's Report – Considerations

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, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Negative: None

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

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Abstain: Mrs. Carvalho – 1

Negative: None

#### Supplemental Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities with Fees

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Negative: None

#### Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

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, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Negative: None

Mrs. Carvalho asked if the fees are waived for the buses.

Mr. Kennedy responded no.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer explained that the fee is waived only for the district initiatives.

Mr. Perreira asked if the information for the waived fees is shared with the schools.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer responded yes.

Mrs. Carvalho requested the list be given to the Board members.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the list will be provided.

Mr. Neron introduced Peter Vosseler, Supervisor of Anti-Bullying/EEOC/Affirmative Action/Guidance 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 47 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. Perreira asked what is a non-student.

Mr. Vosseler explained that any offender who is not a student is considered a non-student.

Superintendent of Schools Olga Hugelmeyer welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) for the period starting January 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2017. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that in January 2011 the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights was signed into law as P.L. 2010, Chapter 122 and in accordance with this law all New Jersey public school districts must designate the first full week of October of each year as a "Week of Respect" and during the Week of Respect school districts are expected to organize activities including, but not limited to, age-appropriate instruction and opportunities for student discussion on conflict resolution, issues of diversity, and tolerance. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that a resolution was put before the Board in September declaring the week of October 3-7, 2016 Week of Respect and each of our schools planned appropriate activities for this week.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that in fulfilling the reporting requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46 two times each year between September 1 and January 1 and between January 1 and June 30, the school board shall hold a public hearing at which the Chief School Administrator will report to the Board of Education and the public any acts of harassment, intimidation and bullying which occurred during the reporting period. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, there were 310 HIB investigations completed by appropriate school staff and of those cases investigated 86 were confirmed cases of HIB and were affirmed by Board members through the August 2017 meeting. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that the following Anti-Bullying Specialists, Anti-Bullying Specialist Alternates, and Anti-Bullying Coordinator conducted these investigations including Ann Schpakow, Lourdes Soto, Nafeesa Simmons, Theresa Zucosky, Margaret Lundrigan, Andreia Giuca, Patricia Makras, Steven Zografos, Christine Rappa, Daniela Damiani, Rosaria Scaff, Lisa Rappa, Denise Uniacke, Sofia Verma, Jasmine Lee, Maria Brito, Jennifer Hernandez, Jessica Sofranko, Sam Bernstein, Theresa Guevara, Fabi Ramos, Colleen Reynolds, Antonio Sapio, Sara Laface, Sarah Brown, Maria Cabrera, Janet Payne, Kenyetta Jackson, Kathy Amato, Nicole Webb, Deborah Leff, Kerry O'Connor, Aleina Cuza-Murray, Lauren Cortes, Janet Mazarella, Jessica Trujillo, Wilma Helm, Maria Vindas, Cindy Lichtenstein, Lisa Baginski-Matlosz, Wendy Maravi, Edison Berrio, Linda Lewis, Adrian Bennett, Marc Korbman, Josephs Sanchez, Stephanie Gardner, Safiyyah Howell, Heather Savage-Ford, Lucila Hernandez, and Peter Vosseler.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that there were 15 incidents based on race/ethnic origin, 6 incidents based on color, 3 incidents based on religion, 3 incidents based on ancestry, 14 incidents based on gender, 9 incidents based on sexual orientation, 3 incidents based on gender identity or expression, 9 incidents based on mental, physical or sensory disability, and 59 incidents based on other targeted bases. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that 0 incidents involved a gesture, 0 incidents involved a written communication, 74 incidents were verbal, 34 incidents were physical, and 14 incidents involved an electronic communication. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that there were 99 out-of-school suspensions, 68 in-school detentions, and 34 other disciplinary actions. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that additional services such as in-house counseling, skill development, and behavioral intervention were offered to involved students. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017, the district provided appropriate HIB training to guidance counselors and social workers and to new staff and support staff in the district and additionally, the district provided the two-hour State required HIB training for each five-year developmental period to certified staff throughout the district and extensive and specified training to the Anti-Bullying Coordinator and to all Anti-Bullying Specialists and their alternates. Mrs. Hugelmeyer

stated that non-certificated staff also received training. Mrs. Hugelmeyer stated that new school level administrators and new HIB staff received training in the HIBster reporting program.

Mrs. Hugelmeyer asked if there is anyone who would like to comment on tonight's report. Since no dialogue transpired and no comments were made regarding the Chief School Administrator's presentation on harassment, intimidation and bullying, Mrs. Hugelmeyer closed the public hearing.

Mr. Neron asked for a motion to accept the HIB Report and send it to the New Jersey Department of Education.

A motion was made by Mr. Perreira, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, to accept the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Negative: None

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

None

#### Authorizations Report

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho (abstain- O.H.), Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira (abstain- O.H.), Rodriguez, Neron (abstain- O.H.) – 7

Negative: None

#### Supplemental Authorizations Report (Moved to Private Session)

A motion was made by Ms. Bathelus, seconded by Mrs. Carvalho, to move the report to private session.

The motion to move the report to private session was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Negative: None

#### Finance and Accounting Report – Authorization to Pay Vouchers

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, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Neron – 6

Abstain: Mr. Rodriguez –1

Negative: None

#### Supplemental Finance and Accounting Report – Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Mrs. Carvalho, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Negative: None

#### Award of Contracts Report

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Negative: None

#### Supplemental Award of Contracts

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Negative: None

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Supplemental Award of Contracts

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, Mrs. Carvalho (abstain- City of Elizabeth Department on Aging), Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron (abstain- City of Elizabeth Department on Aging) – 7

Negative: None

#### Miscellaneous Communication - None

#### Claims List

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Neron – 6

Abstain: Mr. Rodriguez – 1

Negative: None

Mr. Neron asked for a motion to approve the following:

Resolution – National Parental Involvement Day

Resolution – Puerto Rican Heritage Month

Resolution – Veteran's Day

Resolution – Assignment of Affirmative Action Officer

Resolution – Payment for Unused Vacation Days

Resolution – Payment for Unused Sick Days

Resolution – Approve Participation Attendance at New Jersey School Board's Annual Workshop and Exhibition

Resolution – Assignment of 504 Officer for 2017-2018 - Anthony DiDonato

Resolution – Payment for Medical Health Insurance Waiver

Resolution – Anti-Litter Campaign

Resolution – Correction of Date of Transfer to September 1, 2017 – Joia Hill

Resolution – Correction of Salary – Samuel Etienne

Resolution – Correction of Salary – Bartolomeo Candelino

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

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, interviews, appointments, and supplemental personnel report; legal matters, specifically, settlement agreements D.L., C.W., W.P., K.M., and J.S. The Board will reconvene in public to take formal action.

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, to go into private session at 8:40 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Perreira, Rodriguez, Neron – 7

Negative: None

Mr. Perreira excused himself from the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Miss Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, to reconvene in public session at 10:15 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Negative: None

A motion was made by Ms. Bathelus, seconded by Miss Goncalves, to table the following:

2<sup>nd</sup> Supplemental Personnel Report page 1

Supplemental Authorizations Report pages 4 and 5

The motion to table the above pages was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Negative: None

2<sup>nd</sup> Supplemental Personnel Report –amended (deletion of page 1 which was tabled)

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Negative: None

Supplemental Authorizations Report –amended (deletion of pages 4 and 5 which were tabled)

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement Agreement – S.F.

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, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Consent for Waiver of Wholesale Distribution License

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, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Appointing BSN Sports, LLC; Metuchen Center, Inc.; Triple Crown Sports, Inc.; and MFAC, LLC to Provide Athletic Equipment and Supplies for Winter Sports

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – National French Week

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, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Appointment of Supervisor of Language Arts Literacy PreK-5 – Vivian Martinez

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Appointment of Director of Bilingual and ESL Education – Sandra Nunes

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement Agreement – OAL Docket No. EDU 09816-2017N – W.P.

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, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement Agreement – C.W.

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, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Termination effective October 16, 2017 – J.S.

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, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement Agreement – N.M. and K.B., individually and o/b/o K.M.

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, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Negative: None

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

1311	Policy	Data Dashboard
1311(X)	Exhibit	Data Dashboard
3541.33	Policy	Transportation Safety
3541.33(X)	Exhibit	Transportation Safety Student Bus Information Card
3542.1	Policy	Local Wellness/Nutrition
3542.1(X)	Exhibit	Wellness and Nutrition Summary Chart
6114	Policy	Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness
6145.1/ 6145.2	Policy	Intramural Competition; Interscholastic Competition

Mr. Neron thanked George Washington Academy of Science and Engineering School No. 1 and Jerome Dunn Academy of Mathematics, Technology, and the Arts for hosting tonight's Board meeting.

Mr. Neron stated that the Elizabeth High School Band, Soccer Team, and Football Team will be playing this weekend. Mr. Neron stated that the Fall *We Believe - The President's Tour* is continuing at our schools.

On a motion by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Barbosa, Ms. Bathelus, Mrs. Carvalho, Miss Goncalves, Messrs. Rodriguez, Neron – 6

Negative: None

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