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BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Elizabeth, New Jersey

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called on September 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., in the Multi Purpose Room, Donald Stewart Center for Early Childhood Education, 544 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Board President Carlos Trujillo presented the following statement at 7:50 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 Monday, September 13, 2010. 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 and to our television viewers to this September 16, 2010 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. I also ask that you silence the sound on your electronic devices. Since it is legally mandated that these proceedings be accurately recorded, I may have to ask for order periodically should noise begin to interfere with our recording capabilities. I am pleased that you have taken time this evening to join us. 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 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. DaSilva (arr. 9:00 p.m.), Donoso (arr. 8:10 p.m.), González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Absent: Pastor Burgos, Mr. Nazco – 2

Superintendent of Schools Pablo Muñoz, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., Board Attorney Kirk Nelson, Esq., Assistant Superintendent for Schools Jennifer Barrett, Assistant Superintendent for Family and Community Outreach Jerome Dunn, Assistant Superintendent for Schools Aida Garcia, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Olga Hugelmeyer, Assistant Board Secretary Donald Goncalves, Executive Director of Human Resources/Labor Attorney Karen Murray, Comptroller William Greene, and members of the public were in attendance.

Pastor Gary Hartley, Christ Fellowship Church, gave the invocation.

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 Jennifer Becher, eighth grade student at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26.

The *Star-Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key, was performed by trumpeter Dr. Thomas Siebenhuhner, music teacher at Dr. Orlando Edreira School No. 26 and accompanied on the piano by Christine Cho, music teacher at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26.

The Pledge of Ethics was led by Jessica Argueta-Flores, eighth grade student at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26.

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

Mr. Trujillo introduced students from Voices of Harmony at Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 who performed *Autumn Canon* by Lajos Bardos and *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* by Robert Sherman. Mr. Trujillo thanked the students for the wonderful performance.

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the minutes of the meetings of August 12, 18, and 19, 2010 be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Mr. González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 5

Negative: None

Secretary and Treasurer's Report for the Month of July 2010

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Mr. González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 5

Negative: None

Personnel Report – Leaves of Absence, etc.

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. González, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Mr. González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 5

Negative: None

Tuition Report

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Mr. González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 5

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Excellence News

Superintendent's Report – Field Trips

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Mr. González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 5

Negative: None

Superintendent's Report – Use of Facilities was held for private session.

Superintendent's Report – Considerations

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Authorizations Report – Authorization to Enter into Contract, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Supplemental Authorizations Report – Authorization to Accept Funds, etc.

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Finance and Accounting Report – Authorization to Pay Vouchers

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

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Supplemental Finance and Accounting Report – Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Award of Contracts Report – Award of Contracts, etc.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Supplemental Award of Contracts Report – Award of Contracts, etc.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Miscellaneous Communication

None.

Claims List

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. González, that the report be accepted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Christopher Columbus Day

The resolution was read by Mr. Donoso.

A motion was made by Mr. Donoso, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – National Disability Employment Awareness Month

The resolution was read by Mr. Perreira.

A motion was made by Mr. Perreira, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Resolution – Italian-American Heritage Month

The resolution was read by Assistant Superintendent for Schools Jennifer Barrett.

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo congratulated the Italian-Americans in the City of Elizabeth and stated that they have an incredible history, that Peterstown is a beautiful community within Elizabeth, and that he lived next door to Mrs. Barrett's mother who was a very caring woman and a very proud Italian-American.

Resolution – Elizabeth Board of Education in Support of Dream Act Legislation

The resolution was read by Mr. González.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Mr. González stated that it is very important that the undocumented have the opportunity for higher education and that many were young children when they came here with their parents and deserve the opportunity for a higher education.

Mr. Trujillo stated that tonight we honored the Italian-Americans who came as immigrants and helped build our nation's infrastructure including railroads, tunnels, highways and subways and now we are trying to help the innocent children who have been brought here because of a decision their parents made. Mr. Trujillo stated that the children are being punished and not let to live their lives in our great nation, that we are teaching them to reach for the highest goals, and that our valedictorian from Elizabeth High School was accepted to all the schools to which she applied but cannot attend. Mr. Trujillo stated that they can not attend college and are being forced to take lower paying jobs and that the children should not bear the burden of their parents. Mr. Trujillo encouraged everyone to contact their legislatures to vote on this bill and encouraged his colleagues to support this resolution to bring awareness to this issue.

Resolution – Requisition for Taxes

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. González, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

The second reading of the revised Chief School Administrator Policy and Exhibits File Code No. 2131 was done.

Resolution – Revised Chief School Administrator Policy and Exhibits File Code No. 2131

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

Mr. Trujillo presented the following public participation statement.

“At this time, the microphones are open for public comment to those who have signed in prior to this session. 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 citizens signed in to address the Board, Mr. Trujillo declared this portion of the public meeting closed.

The President requests a motion to go into Private Session to consider matters exempt under the Open Public Meetings Act, for discussion of personnel, specifically M.S., W.T., and I.R.; CRSS training, joint meeting for shared services and workers’ compensation claims, specifically J.D., A.V., J.R., E.F., E.S., and J.R. The Board will reconvene in public to take formal action.

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. Perreira, to go into private session at 8:35 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 6

Negative: None

The Board reconvened in public at 10:45 p.m. to continue with the meeting and take formal action.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, to amend the Private Session Statement to include discussion of workers’ compensation claim, specifically W.T.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

Supplemental Personnel Report – Leaves of Absence, etc.

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. DaSilva, that the report be accepted.
The motion was carried by the following vote:
Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn,
Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 7
Negative: None

2nd Supplemental Personnel Report – Leaves of Absence, etc.

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the report be accepted.
The motion was carried by the following vote:
Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn,
Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 7
Negative: None

Superintendent’s Report – Use of Facilities

A motion was made by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the requests be approved with a waiver of fees and that the request from Councilman Cedeno be approved with a waiver of fees for the months of September and October.
The amended motion was carried by the following vote:
Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn,
Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 7
Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim No. 2006-4550 – E.F.

A motion was made by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Perreira, that the resolution be adopted.
The motion was carried by the following vote:
Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn,
Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 7
Negative: None

Resolution – Confidential Settlement Agreement between EBOE and I.R.

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the resolution be adopted.
The motion was carried by the following vote:
Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn,
Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 7
Negative: None

Resolution – Confidential Settlement Agreement between EBOE and M.S.

A motion was made by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. González, that the resolution be adopted.
The motion was carried by the following vote:
Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn,
Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 7
Negative: None

Resolution – Confidential Settlement Agreement between EBOE and W.T.

A motion was made by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Munn, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – Settlement of Workers’ Compensation Claim File No. 2006-4552 – E.F.

A motion was made by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. González, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

Resolution – CRSS Training: Reform Leadership in Challenging Times

A motion was made by Mr. González, seconded by Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, González – 3

Abstain: Mr. Donoso, Mrs. Munn, Mr. Perreira – 3

Negative: Mr. Trujillo – 1

On a motion by Mrs. Munn, seconded by Mr. González, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Affirmative: Mrs. Castillo-Ospina, Messrs. DaSilva, Donoso, González, Mrs. Munn, Messrs. Perreira, Trujillo – 7

Negative: None

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