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REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2010

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Elmont Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, held at the Covert Avenue School on Tuesday, February 9, 2010.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael A. Jaime, President
Lorraine Ferrigno, Vice President
Angel A. Camacho
Patrick O. Emeagwali
Anthony S. Maffea Sr.
Colleen Mockenhaupt

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Deniece Walker
(Present for Executive Session Only)

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Mr. Albert Harper,	Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Barbara Schwartz,	Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Education
Mrs. Kathleen Safrey	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Celestine L. Lloyd,	District Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ABSENT:

Colum P. Nugent,	School Attorney
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CONSULTANT PRESENT: Mr. Thomas W. Galante

On a motion by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:30 PM.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Emeagwali, seconded by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, the Board convened in Public Session at 8:05 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Mr. Jaime called the meeting to order and along with the student color guard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

OATH OF OFFICE
FOR NEW BOARD
MEMBER

Ms. Lloyd administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Board member, Mr. Angel A. Camacho.

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the agenda which was distributed to the audience.

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

Motion Carried Unanimously.

On a motion by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2010.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Vote on approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of:

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	1 (Mr. Camacho)

Motion Carried

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Emeagwali, the Board approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 22, 2010.

Vote on approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of:

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	1 (Mr. Camacho)

Motion Carried

INFORMATION REPORT - None

PRESIDENT'S/VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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REMARKS

President – Mr. Jaime thanked everyone for coming out on a cold evening to the meeting with an upcoming snowstorm.

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The Board has begun its annual review of the 2011 Budget and February 24, 2010 at the Elmont Road Building the first Budget Workshop will be conducted. Mr. Jaime invited everyone to come out and provide their input in the decision making of keeping the programs which are needed for the children of Elmont.

PRESIDENT'S/VICE
PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS

Mr. Jaime noted that school districts across the county are faced with budget cuts. We ourselves are faced with a cut from the State of approximately \$1.8M. The Sewanhaka Central High School District is approximately \$3.8M and will be forced to cut Summer school, adult education services and many other programs will be scaled back in order to meet the budgetary guidelines due to the state of economy. Mr. Jaime urged everyone to come out to the upcoming workshops.

Vice President – Ms. Ferrigno welcomed Mr. Camacho. She echoed the comments of Mr. Jaime in reference to the presentation of the 2010 budget. Ms. Ferrigno expressed her concern with the cuts by the State. She noted that both the elementary and high school District Board of Education will work hard to do their best for the Elmont community and its children.

SEWANHAKA BOARD ITEMS

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BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Jaime mentioned the plays to be performed on March 5 and 6th, *42nd Street* being performed at Elmont Memorial and *All Shook Up* being performed at Sewanhaka.

AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Harper greeted everyone. He expressed the debates and contemplation which took place over the concern of the impending snowstorm forecast. Mr. Harper expressed his reluctance due to the previous weekend snowstorm results. Mr. Harper informed the process of how the decision is determined and mentioned how he heard the excitement from children in the background when the school closure was announced.

Mr. Harper thanked everyone from the District and community for coming out despite being faced with an impending snowstorm.

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, the Board approved the following Professional leaves of absence:

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VALENTINO, MICHELE, Elementary Teacher at Alden Terrace School, effective 3/1/10, duration of leave: 3/1/10 – 4/14/10, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 8 years, 5 months.

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVES OF
ABSENCE

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 3/1/10 – 4/14/10.

BIANCO, KRISTINE, Elementary Teacher (District Mentor), District-wide, effective 3/15/10, duration of leave 3/15/10 – 4/23/10, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 7 years, 5 months.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 3/15/10 – 4/23/10.

DECASTRO, CHRISTINA, Special Education Teacher at Stewart Manor School, effective 4/8/10, duration of leave: 4/8/10 – 6/2/10 unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 7 years, 5 months.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 4/8/10 – 6/2/10.

The Board approved the following employee requesting a change in District Child Rearing and/or Family and Medical Leave of Absence:

SAGNELLI, AMANDA, Elementary Teacher, Clara H. Carlson School

From: 2/22/10 – 8/31/10, unpaid

To: 2/8/10 – 8/31/10, unpaid*

Reason: District Child Rearing Leave

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 2/8/10 – 5/18/10.

Note: Leave of Absence was originally approved by the Board on 12/8/09.

The Board also approved the following professional appointments:

PROFESSIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

BENDER, RANDI, School Social Worker, Dutch Broadway/Stewart Manor Schools, at a salary of \$57,750 MA Step 1 (pro-rated from start date and based on 2008-2009 Teachers' Salary Schedule), effective 3/1/10, probation: 9/1/10 – 8/31/13. Certification: School Social Worker (Provisional).

ALBA, MELISSA, Long Term Substitute (Art), Gotham Avenue School, at a salary of \$57,750 MA Step 1 (pro-rated from start date and based on 2008-2009 Teachers' Salary Schedule), effective 2/11/10, no probation and no tenure involved. Certification: Visual Arts (Initial).

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The Board approved the following teachers to be employed as per diem substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year. Not eligible for probation/tenure.

PROFESSIONAL
PER DIEM
SUBSTITUTE
APPOINTMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Balmir, Kristine	Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)
Bascetta, Lindsey	Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)
	Early Childhood Education B-2 (Initial)
Brophy, Kathleen	Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)
Cohen, Lauren	Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)
Hassan, Minelli	Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)
Miller, Lisa	Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)
Murray, Ayana	Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial Pending)
Rivera, Darnell	Reading (Permanent)
Silecchia, Kristen	Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)

The Board approved the following professional change in status:

PROFESSIONAL
CHANGE IN
STATUS

ACCARY, ANGELINA, approved by the Board on 1/12/10 for assignment as a Permanent Substitute Teacher (Remedial Reading) effective 1/5/10 be placed on probation from 2/1/10 to 1/31/13.

Reason: Availability of probationary line.

PROFESSIONAL
TERMINATION

The Board further approved the termination of the following professional employee:

GERAS, ROBERT, Director of Business and Facilities, Elmont Road School, effective 11/13/09, service to District: 9 years, 10 months.

PROFESSIONAL
RESIGNATION

The Board approved the following professional resignation:

BELTRAMI, HAYDEE, School Social Worker, Dutch Broadway/Stewart Manor Schools, effective 2/26/10, service to District: 5.5 months, reason: accepted a position elsewhere.

The foregoing motions were put to a roll call with the following results:

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the following Civil Service Leave of Absence:

CIVIL SERVICE
LEAVE OF
ABSENCE

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ORLANDO, MARIANNA, Teacher Aide at Dutch Broadway School, effective 2/1/10; duration of leave: 2/1/10 – 6/25/10 (unpaid), reason: medical.

The Board approved the following Civil Service appointment:

CIVIL SERVICE
APPOINTMENT

BRODSKY, EILEEN, Typist Clerk 10-month, at a salary of \$27,062 annual, effective 2/22/10 pending Civil Service and medical approval, probation: 26 weeks from Civil Service approval. Replacing: Michel Galante (transfer to Elmont Road).

The Board also approved the employment of the following Civil Service Substitute personnel:

CIVIL SERVICE
SUBSTITUTE
APPOINTMENTS

RAVENELL, WILLIAM, Cleaner Part-time Substitute, District-wide, at a salary of \$10.25 hourly, effective 2/10/10 pending Civil Service, medical approval.

MAMMONE, WILLIAM, Cleaner Part-time Substitute, District-wide, at a salary of \$10.25 hourly, effective 2/10/10 pending Civil Service, medical approval.

The Board further approved the following Civil Service employees who will complete their probationary period and are recommended for permanent status on the dates indicated:

CIVIL SERVICE
CHANGES IN
STATUS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>End Probation</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Mickens, Herbie	Cleaner	2/11/10	2/12/10
Fallon, Janet	Registered Prof. Nurse	3/1/10	3/2/10
Lauria, Elizabeth	Library Aide	3/9/10	3/10/10
Badet, Yvans	Bus Driver 10-month	3/11/10	3/12/10
Peralta, Rosa	Bus Driver 10-month	3/11/10	3/12/10
St. Louis, Leslie	Bus Driver 10-month	3/17/10	3/18/10
Baksh, Swabera	Teacher Aide	3/17/10	3/18/10
Correa, Ginnette	Teacher Aide	3/17/10	3/18/10
Salzarulo, Jeanine	Teacher Aide	3/25/10	3/26/10
Aguanna, Michelle	Teacher Aide	3/30/10	3/31/10

The Board approved the following Civil Service changes in status:

MONGELLI, CARMEN

From: Teacher Aide Part-time substitute

To: Teacher Aide

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CIVIL SERVICE
CHANGES IN
STATUS

NARDI, MARIANNE

From: Teacher Aide Part-time substitute
To: Teacher Aide

Clara H. Carlson School, at a salary of \$15.30 hourly (based on 08/09 salary schedule), effective 2/10/10 pending Civil Service approval, probation: 26 weeks from Civil Service approval.

VENTURI, DAWN

From: Teacher Aide
To: Teacher Aide Special Education 1:1

Stewart Manor School, at a salary of \$19.50 hourly (based on 08/09 salary schedule), effective 2/10/10 pending Civil Service approval, probation: NA.

LAZARO, ELISA

From: Food Service Helper Part-time substitute
To: Food Service Helper

Clara H. Carlson School, at a salary of \$13.01 hourly (based on 08/09 salary schedule), effective 2/10/10 pending Civil Service approval, probation: 26 weeks from Civil Service approval.

ALLEN, ELIZABETH

From: Teacher Aide
To: Teacher Aide Part-time substitute

District wide, at a salary of \$12.25 hourly (based on 08/09 salary schedule), effective 1/29/10 pending Civil Service approval, probation: N/A.

LEZIN, MIRIELLE

From: Bus Attendant 10-month
To: Bus Driver 10-month

Transportation, at a salary of \$20.95 hourly (based on 08/09 salary schedule), effective 2/10/10 pending Civil Service approval, probation: 26 weeks from Civil Service approval.

FODERA, MARY

From: Teacher Aide Part-time substitute
To: Teacher Aide Special Education ABA

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CIVIL SERVICE
CHANGES IN
STATUS

GALANTE, MICHEL

From: Senior Typist Clerk 10-month

To: Senior Typist Clerk 12-month

Elmont Road, at a salary of \$36, 684 annual, effective 2/10/10 pending Civil Service approval, probation: NA.

The Board also approved the following Civil Service resignation:

CIVIL SERVICE
RESIGNATION

RAYMOND, JEAN, Bus Driver-10 month, Transportation, effective 2/3/10; service to District: 1 year 10 months; reason: personal.

The foregoing motions were put to a roll call with the following results:

Motion Carried

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Emeagwali, the Board received the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education designations and program placements for the Evaluation Placements, Reviews of Program and I.E.P. Modifications of students.

COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL
EDUCATION AND
PRE-SCHOOL
SPECIAL
EDUCATION

Motion Carried

CSE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

On a motion by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, seconded by Mr. Emeagwali, the Board approved *Linda Mordkovitch* as an additional Subcommittee on Special Education Chairperson at the Dutch Broadway School.

CSE
SUBCOMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSON

CALENDAR: 2010 -2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Board approved the adoption of the School Calendar for the 2010-2011 school year. A copy of the calendar is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of February 9, 2010.

2010-2011
SCHOOL
CALENDAR

2010 – 2011 WORK CALENDAR FOR 12 MONTH CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

The Board also approved the calendar contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of February 9, 2010 for Clerical and Custodial personnel for the 2010-2011 school year.

2010-2011 WORK
CALENDAR FOR 12
MONTH
CLASSIFIED
PERSONNEL

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The calendar contains those days on which no regular work will be scheduled. Each of these days is either a holiday or non-work day as agreed to by contract with the two units referenced.

Motion Carried Unanimously

ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

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Use of Facilities

USE OF FACILITIES

Requests for Use of Facilities that have been approved by the Superintendent of Schools since the last Board Meeting are enclosed in the backup pages of the Board Book of February 9, 2010.

Worker's Compensation

WORKER'S
COMPENSATION

The following employees are on a leave of absence due to Worker's Compensation case still pending:

Christopher Chisolm	Sub Cleaner
Cathy Madonna	Bus Driver
Barbara Nimmo	Food Service Worker

Family and Medical Leave of Absence

FAMILY AND
MEDICAL LEAVE
OF ABSENCE

The following are leaves of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Duration of Leave</u>
Jolene German	Teacher	3 weeks, 2 days
Stephanie Anderson	175 Day Sub.	2 – 6 weeks
Alice Katz	Art Teacher	5 weeks

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, the Board approved the backup booklet entitled "Schedule of Disbursements and Warrants," which is filed in the "bulky" document file.

SCHEDULE OF
DISBURSEMENTS
AND WARRANTS

The Board also approved the Report of the Treasurer for the General Fund, Capital Fund, the Lunch Fund, the Trust and Agency Fund, Payroll, Special Aid Fund and Capital Bond Fund as of December 2009.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

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Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, the Board approved the authorization to make budgetary transfers (over \$5,000) as per the backup pages in the Board Book of February 9, 2010.

BUDGET
TRANSFERS OVER
\$5,000

The Board approved the disposal of computer hardware equipment as requested by Hope Kranidis. Information regarding this disposal is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of February 9, 2010.

DISPOSAL OF
EQUIPMENT

The Board also approved the disposal of Time and Date Electric Clock as requested by Stephanie Muller per the backup pages of the Board Book of February 9, 2010.

The Board further approved the Change Order #1 indicating a credit to the District for unused portion of the allowance for the Alden Terrace School roofing project per the backup pages of the Board Book of February 9, 2010.

CHANGE ORDER
#1 – ALDEN
TERRACE SCHOOL
ROOFING
PROJECT

The Board approved the Change Order #1 indicating a credit to the District for unused portion of the allowance for Dutch Broadway roofing project as per backup pages of the Board Book of February 9, 2010.

CHANGE ORDER
#1 – DUTCH
BROADWAY
SCHOOL ROOFING
PROJECT

The Board also approved the salvage of five (5) school bus vehicles, which are beyond repair as per backup pages of the Board Book of February 9, 2010.

DISPOSAL OF
EQUIPMENT

The foregoing motions were put to a roll call with the following results:

Motion Carried Unanimously

ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

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Analysis of Revenue – for the month of December 2009.

General Fund Schedule of Receivables - General Fund Schedule of Receivables for the month of December, 2009 appears in the backup pages of the Board Book of February 9, 2010.

Monthly Budget Status Report

Monthly Budget Status Report – as of December 31, 2009 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of February 9, 2010.

Various Fund Trial Balances

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Trial Balance Reports General, Capital, Trust & Agency, Expendable Trust, Special Aid, Capital Bond and Non-Expendable Trust as of December 31, 2009 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of February 9, 2010.

ITEMS NOTED FOR
MINUTES

General Fund Cash Flow Statement

General Fund Cash Flow as of December 31, 2009 and Cash Flow Projection as of January 31, 2010 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of February 9, 2010.

General Fund – Fund Balance Estimate

Estimated General Fund Balance as of January 31, 2010 appears in the backup pages of the Board Book of February 9, 2010.

School Meals Profit and Loss Statement

School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the month of December, 2009 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of February 9, 2010.

Custodial/Transportation Overtime

Breakdown Custodial/Transportation Overtime:

Cust./Trans. Overtime – January 31, 2010	\$ 24,031.81
Overtime paid Year to Date	\$ 72,669.62
Cust./Trans.Overtime - July, 2008 - June, 2009	\$107,308.32

VANDALISM TALLIES FOR JANUARY, 2010 - \$ 0

Year-to-Date \$ 140

Previous Year-to-Date \$ 199

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS - None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – None

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AUDIENCE ITEMS - None

NEXT MEETING

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Mr. Jaime announced the next Regular Board of Education meeting will be held March 9, 2010 at the Gotham Avenue School at 8:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM on a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Submitted by,

March 9, 2010
Date Approved

Celestine L. Lloyd
District Clerk