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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 Gotham Avenue School on Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lorraine Ferrigno, Vice President

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
Colum P. Nugent,	School Attorney
Celestine L. Lloyd,	District Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ABSENT: None

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Mr. Thomas W. Galante

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

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, seconded by Mr. Emeagwali, the Board convened in Public Session at 8:07 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Mr. Jaime called the meeting to order. The Color Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance and we were favored by a selection from Mr. Zucker of *America the Beautiful*. Mr. Jaime greeted and welcomed everyone to the meeting at the Gotham Avenue School.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, 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. Camacho, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2010.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Vote on approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2010:

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	1 (Ms. Walker)

Motion Carried

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Camacho, the Board approved the minutes of the Budget Workshop of February 24, 2010.

Vote on approving the minutes of the Budget Workshop of February 24, 2010:

Yes	-	6
No	-	0
Abstain	-	0

Motion Carried

INFORMATION REPORT - None

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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REMARKS

President – Mr. Jaime extended thanks to everyone who helped in the various programs during Black History month and Martin Luther King Day. He noted his attendance at several of the events and stated that the children performed beautifully. Mr. Jaime thanked Mr. Patrick Boyle for the GYO Martin Luther King Celebration. He also thanked Mr. Aubrey Phillips for the program at the Elmont Library on February 6, 2010 as well as Senator Craig Johnson for the program on February 11, 2010. He noted how

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nice it is to know that there are people within the community, teachers and staff that extend themselves to the betterment of our children in the Elmont District. Mr. Jaime thanked everyone.

SEWANHAKA BOARD ITEMS

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BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Jaime announced that the annual Sewanhaka Sports Night Win Celebration will be March 16, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Sewanhaka Library on the second floor.

Some of the highlights from Elmont Memorial over the past several months noted were: The Model UN team traveled to Washington over the December break and won best delegation at the Georgetown competition.

Sixty-five students from Sewanhaka Central High School District music ensemble performed at the District Music Festival held on February 4th. It was an enjoyable event.

Mr. Jaime congratulated the Elmont Spartans and the Lady Spartans who once again made it to the county playoffs. It was noted that it was a slim victory for Westbury.

Both of the high schools have produced their plays. *42nd Street* was performed by Elmont and Mr. Jaime expressed how in awe he was. Sewanhaka performed *All Shook Up* and it was fantastic. Mr. Jaime thanked and congratulated everyone that was involved with the production of the performances.

Mr. Jaime made mention of Mr. Capozzi's attendance at a conference in San Antonio with the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. The conference provided information on best practices that the District can utilize in the continuance as our children progress from the elementary district to the high school district. In a previous conversation Mr. Jaime had with Mr. Capozzi the previous afternoon it was noted how the District outshines other districts that spend much more on their children. The District's tax dollars do go a long way. He encouraged the audience to attend the budget presentations that will be conducted by Mr. Harper and Mr. Meierdiercks. He mentioned the disparity of high school graduation rate of close to 60% going ten minutes west toward the city from Elmont, but our District has a graduation rate of 98%. Our dollars are being spent wisely on all of our children. Mr. Jaime thanked Mr. Harper and the Administration for putting together a budget to support our needs. Mr. Jaime also thanked Mr. Meierdiercks and his colleagues from both the elementary and high school Boards.

Students from Sewanhaka participated in the Lego League and won the finalist award on February 28, 2010.

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On March 16, 2010, the Senior High Jazz Band of Sewanhaka High School will travel to Berkley College of Music in Boston to participate in the High School Jazz Festival.

SEWANHAKA
BOARD ITEMS

Members of the Sewanhaka Builders Club volunteered to package meals for the homeless at the Mary Brennan Inn.

The faculty and students of Sewanhaka raised \$560 for the Haitian Relief Fund on “Wear Red, White and Blue Jeans Day.”

Mr. Jaime made mention of two senior students who will now move on to the medal-round of the Math Fair competition to be held on April 30th. It will be held at SUNY Old Westbury.

Mr. Jaime spoke of some of the highlights from February that were not mentioned for Sewanhaka: the students won first place in hair coloring, fantasy, second, third and honorable mention in fantasy. The event was held in February at the Hilton Hotel in Suffolk County. The competition was very stiff; however our students came home with many wins. Some of them were also scouted by a number of professional salons.

Mr. Jaime announced the 2nd Annual Elmont/Belmont Stakes Parade to be held on May 29, 2010 along Hempstead Turnpike. All are invited to participate.

Mr. Jaime made mention of the District as being cited by Thomas DiNapoli, the State Comptroller as being a district with a positive audit in the February 22nd edition of NYSBBA *On Board* magazine. This was a very good report on the District. He extended a thank you to the Administration for all the hard work they do to make these audits successful.

Mr. Jaime gave the success rate of the graduates from the Elmont schools in relation to all of the efforts put into the ELA Assessments. The initial year 2007 our 7th graders had a 57% success rate, the following year the success rate of the new entry of 7th graders increased to 69% and the following year new entry of 7th graders achieved 74%. Mr. Jaime noted that what the District does for the ELA exams is important and it follows with the children as they move into the high school district.

AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

Mr. Jaime acknowledged Mr. Cushing in the audience and thanked him for the years of service he has provided to the Elmont Community and Mr. Thomas Alfano as his aide. He also wished Mr. Cushing well on behalf of the Board in his new position with Nassau County.

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Mr. Jaime mentioned the event sponsored by the Interschool PTA, "Apple of My Eye" held on March 8, 2010. In the coming weeks information from the event will be made available through the District website or handouts to those who are interested.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

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Mr. Nugent did not have a report however he requested a motion for an Executive Session to be held immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss matters appropriate to Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Emeagwali, the Board approved an Executive Session, as per Mr. Nugent's request, to be held immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss matters appropriate to Executive Session.

Motion Carried Unanimously

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Mr. Harper greeted everyone and proceeded with the following items of business:

PRESENTATIONS TO STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE HAITIAN RELIEF

STUDENT
PRESENTATIONS
FOR HAITIAN
RELIEF

Mr. Harper acknowledged Zhaneia Thybulle and Alana Bernard for volunteering at the St. Paul Community Baptist Church with the packaging of goods for shipment to Haiti. Mr. Harper read the letter from Elder Robert Hooks, Director of Quiver Ministry and presented each student with a certificate and flowers.

PRESENTATION OF CITATION FOR BOARD MEMBER

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Mr. Harper than presented Mrs. Colleen Mockenhaupt with a Developmental Achievement Citation from the New York School Boards Association for participation in the leadership development opportunities totaling 40 credits.

JAZZ MASTERS PERFORMANCE

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BAND
PERFORMANCE

Mr. Zucker was then requested to come forth for the introduction of the performance of the Jazz Masters. Mr. Harper announced the upcoming concert to be held on March 24, 2010. Mr. Zucker then introduced the ensemble and they performed three selections. Mr. Zucker also extended the invitation to the concert on March 24, 2010.

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Mr. Harper announced the Grade 4 Model UN Conference to be held March 13, 2010 at 8:00 AM at the Dutch Broadway School. He urged everyone to come observe what the students are doing. Mr. Harper also expressed what the Model UN is about.

REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT

It was also announced that on Saturday, March 20, 2010, Chef Charlie will be at the Gotham Avenue School to cook an Italian meal at 9:30 AM. This is a lesson not only in cooking, but in science, geography and mathematics as well.

Mr. Harper thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting this evening.

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

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVES OF
ABSENCE

GAMRAT, AMY, School Social Worker Covert Avenue School, effective 5/10/10, duration of leave 5/10/10 – 1/31/11, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 5 years, 8 months.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 5/10/10 – 6/30/10 & 9/7/10 – 10/11/10.

CELESTIN-PARKS, KATHLEEN, Art Teacher, Covert Avenue/Stewart Manor Schools, effective 5/10/10, duration of leave 5/10/10 – 8/31/10, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 9 years, 6 months.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 5/10/10 – 6/25/10.

The Board approved the following employee requesting a change in their Family and Medical/District Child Rearing Leaves:

STYLAREK, KELLY, Special Education Teacher Clara H. Carlson School:

From: 3/22/10 – 8/31/10, unpaid

To: 3/1/10 – 5/31/10, unpaid*

Reason: District Child Rearing Leave.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 3/1/10 – 5/31/10.

Note: Leave of Absence was originally approved by the Board on 1/12/10.

LUCE, JODI, School Psychologist Dutch Broadway School:

From: 1/13/10 – 3/10/10, unpaid

To: 1/13/10 – 3/17/10, unpaid*

Reason: District Child Rearing Leave.

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*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 1/13/10 – 3/17/10.

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

The Board also approved the following change in compensation:

PROFESSIONAL
CHANGE IN
COMPENSATION

MORDKOVITCH, LINDA, School Psychologist

From: \$14,437.50

To: \$15,881.00

at the Dutch Broadway School, effective 1/1/10 – 3/19/10.

Reason: Extension of time as leave replacement

The Board further approved the following change in status and compensation for the following teachers effective February 1, 2010:

PROFESSIONAL
CHANGES IN
STATUS

SCHOOL	NAME	FROM DEGREE	STEP	SALARY	TO DEGREE	STEP	SALARY	ACTUAL 2009-10 SALARY	COST
DB	Ambrosino, Meghan	MA+30	8	\$77,971	MA+45	8	\$80,083	\$79,027.00	\$1,056.00
AT	Bennett, Debra	MA+60	12	\$92,604	MA+75	12	\$93,819	\$93,211.50	\$607.50
DB	Bosl, Stephanie	MA+45	5	\$71,998	MA+60	5	\$74,738	\$73,368.00	\$1,370.00
AT	Bukauskas, Gintare	MA+30	13	\$90,919	MA+45	13	\$92,721	\$91,820.00	\$901.00
DB	Constant, Kenya	MA+15	11	\$82,438	MA+30	11	\$85,531	\$83,984.50	\$1,546.50
GA	Covington, Michelle	MA+30	6	\$73,051	MA+45	6	\$75,160	\$74,105.50	\$1,054.50
CHC	DeJesus,-Hernandez, M.	MA+30	7	\$75,529	MA+45	7	\$76,909	\$76,219.00	\$690.00
CHC/CA	Delahanty, Mary	BA	3	\$53,379	MA+30	3	\$65,388	\$59,383.50	\$6,004.50
CA	FitzGibbon, Jeremy	MA+30	6	\$73,051	MA+45	6	\$75,160	\$74,105.50	\$1,054.50
GA	Gibson, Valerie	MA+30	10	\$82,840	MA+60	10	\$87,484	\$85,162.00	\$2,322.00
CHC	Goff, Jodi	MA+60	18	\$110,633	MA+75	18	\$111,325	\$110,979.00	\$346.00
GA	Huber, Brian	MA	5	\$66,193	MA+15	5	\$68,027	\$67,110.00	\$917.00
DB	Jacob, Staney	MA+45	7	\$76,909	MA+60	7	\$79,687	\$78,298.00	\$1,389.00
SM	Kanellopoulos, Zaira	MA+30	6	\$73,051	MA+75	6	\$78,296	\$75,673.50	\$2,622.50
GA	Katz, Alice	MA+60	13	\$95,154	MA+75	13	\$96,517	\$95,835.50	\$681.50
AT	King, Carolyn	MA+45	13	\$92,721	MA+60	13	\$95,154	\$93,937.50	\$1,216.50
DB	Kohut, Matthew	MA+15	4	\$65,867	MA+45	4	\$69,645	\$67,756.00	\$1,889.00
AT/GA	**Lemite, Dara	MA+60	11	\$90,040	MA+75	11	\$91,239	\$90,639.50	\$599.50
CHC	Lombino, CarrollAnne	MA+30	4	\$67,837	MA+45	4	\$69,645	\$68,741.00	\$904.00
CHC	Navratil, Heather	MA	5	\$66,193	MA+15	5	\$68,027	\$67,110.00	\$917.00
CA	O'Donnell, John	MA+60	10	\$87,484	MA+75	10	\$88,649	\$88,066.50	\$582.50
DB	Paupeck, Jessica	MA	4	\$64,033	MA+15	4	\$65,867	\$64,950.00	\$917.00

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SCHOOL	NAME	FROM DEGREE	STEP	SALARY	TO DEGREE	STEP	SALARY	ACTUAL 2009-10 SALARY	COST
AT	Pereira, Susana	MA+45	5	\$71,998	MA+60	5	\$74,738	\$73,368.00	\$1,370.00
DB	Pourakis, Vitginia	BA	1	\$50,055	MA	1	\$57,750	\$53,902.50	\$3,847.50
DB	Saenz, Glenn	MA+30	8	\$77,971	MA+45	8	\$80,083	\$79,027.00	\$1,056.00
AT	Sajecki, Michael	MA+15	22	\$104,203	MA+30	22	\$107,485	\$105,844.00	\$1,641.00
AT	Spitaletta, Amy	MA+30	9	\$80,408	MA+45	9	\$82,675	\$81,541.50	\$1,133.50
DB	Terry, Nancy	MA+45	8	\$80,083	MA+60	8	\$82,078	\$81,080.50	\$997.50
AT/SM	Vardouniotis, Renee	MA+60	7	\$79,687	MA+75	7	\$80,842	\$80,264.50	\$577.50
DB	Wilson, Mary	MA+45	22	\$109,318	MA+60	22	\$111,434	\$110,376.00	\$1,058.00
TOTAL									\$41,269.00

**Subject to pro-rating

The Board approved the following professional resignations:

**PROFESSIONAL
RESIGNATIONS**

ULICH, CHRISTA, Remedial Reading Teacher, District wide, effective 1/29/10, service to District: 18 years, 5 months, reason: personal.

TULLY, CAROLYN, Teacher of the Hearing Impaired, District wide, effective 6/30/10, service to District: 3 years, 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 approved the following Civil Service change in status:

**CIVIL SERVICE
CHANGE IN
STATUS**

HOCHENBERGER, DIANE,

From: Teacher Aide

To: Teacher Aide Special Education

Dutch Broadway School, at a salary of \$17.90 hourly (based on 2008/2009 salary schedule), effective 3/10/10 pending civil service approval, probation: N/A

The Board approved the following Civil Service resignation:

**CIVIL SERVICE
RESIGNATIONS**

MORGAN, DWAYNE, Security Aide, Gotham Avenue School, effective 6/20/08, service to District: 2 years 10 months, reason: Personal.

The Board also approved the following Civil Service termination:

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SKWIERSKY, ROBERT, Automotive Servicer/Bus Driver 12 month, Transportation, effective 2/26/10, service to district: 6 months.

CIVIL SERVICE
TERMINATIONS

The Board approved the termination of the following Civil Service employee effective 3/10/10 due to no recent service to the District:

Keelyn Nori – Typist Clerk Part-Time Substitute

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

Motion Carried

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Camacho, 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
PRESCHOOL
SPECIAL
EDUCATION

Motion Carried Unanimously

STAFF MEDICAL ADVISORS

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ADVISORS

On a motion by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, seconded by Mr. Camacho, the Board approved **Premier Care** to provide medical services to our employees. The cost for this contract is \$25, 000.00 annually.

STUDENT POPULATION MEDICAL ADVISORS

STUDENT
POPULATION
MEDICAL
ADVISORS

The Board approved **Winthrop Pediatric Associates** to provide medical services for our student population. The cost for this contract is \$1950 per month from March, 2010 through June 2010.

PLAN FOR SHARED DECISION MAKING

SHARED DECISION
MAKING PLAN

The Board also approved the Plan for Shared Decision Making. This plan is presented by the unanimous vote of committee members who conducted the biennial review of the District's Shared Decision Making Plan, as required by the State Education Department.

The Plan for Decision Making may be found under separate cover.

ELA AND MATH SATURDAY ACADEMY

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SATURDAY
ACADEMY

Professional Staff

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PROFESSIONAL
STAFF

The Board approved the employment of the following teachers for ELA and Math Academy Classes on April 10th, 17th, 24th and May 1st, at a rate of \$125 per day, as per teachers' contract. (*Teaching Assistants will be paid at a rate of \$20 per hour.)
***All appointments are pending student enrollment.

School	April 10, 2010	April 17, 2010	April 24, 2010	May 1, 2010
AT	Erin Albeck Katherine Bennett Kara Tloczkowski Stephanie Anderson Maria Leva	Erin Albeck Katherine Bennett Kara Tloczkowski Stephanie Anderson Angelina Accary Lisa Italiano	Erin Albeck Katherine Bennett Kara Tloczkowski Stephanie Anderson Maria Leva Lisa Italiano	Erin Albeck Katherine Bennett Kara Tloczkowski Stephanie Anderson Maria Leva
CHC	Joanne Marracello Joseph Bahm Chris Tricarico Maura Schaedler Mary Delahanty Enzamaria Grimaudo Catherine Kors Sarah Esposito Amanda Palermo Corrine Kudel	Joanne Marracello Carroll Anne Lombino Joseph Bahm Chris Tricarico Maura Schaedler Mary Delahanty Enzamaria Grimaudo Catherine Kors Sarah Esposito Amanda Palermo	Joseph Bahm Chris Tricarico Maura Schaedler Mary Delahanty Enzamaria Grimaudo Catherine Kors Sarah Esposito Amanda Palermo Melissa Perrone Katina Leo	Joanne Marracello Chris Tricarico Maura Schaedler Mary Delahanty Enzamaria Grimaudo Catherine Kors Sarah Esposito Melissa Perrone Katina Leo Chad Meyers
CA	Kimberly Schulze Janice Feurtado Lindsay Ruocco George Primrose Jessica Oliveri Cara Gaffney Denisse Guillen Victoria Odessky Diane McKiernan	Kimberly Schulze Janice Feurtado Lindsay Ruocco George Primrose Jessica Oliveri Cara Gaffney Denisse Guillen Victoria Odessky Diane McKiernan	Kimberly Schulze Janice Feurtado Lindsay Ruocco George Primrose Denisse Guillen Victoria Odessky Diane McKiernan	Janice Feurtado Lindsay Ruocco George Primrose Denisse Guillen Victoria Odessky
DB	Christine Smith Jason Lewis Jessica Belsham Alethea Jackson Melissa O'Brien Mary Randel Jane Lombardi	Christine Smith Jason Lewis Jessica Belsham Alethea Jackson Robert Mugno Melissa O'Brien Mary Randel Jane Lombardi	Christine Smith Jason Lewis Jessica Belsham Alethea Jackson Robert Mugno Melissa O'Brien Mary Randel Jane Lombardi	Christine Smith Jason Lewis Jessica Belsham Alethea Jackson Robert Mugno Melissa O'Brien Mary Randel Jane Lombardi
GA	Maria Bonich Terry Lewis Anthony Pino Jacqueline Hansen Sharon Williams Jillian Verdecchia Matthew Dideriksen •Patricia Benstock	Maria Bonich Terry Lewis Anthony Pino Jacqueline Hansen Michelle Covington Jillian Verdecchia Matthew Dideriksen •Patricia Benstock	Maria Bonich Terry Lewis Anthony Pino Jacqueline Hansen Michelle Covington Amy Gaddes Matthew Dideriksen •Patricia Benstock	Maria Bonich Terry Lewis Anthony Pino Jacqueline Hansen Matthew Dideriksen •Patricia Benstock Michelle Martin Mary Thompson

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GA	Michelle Martin Mary Thompson Joy Levinn Sharon Anderson Dara Lemite Dimitri Bernadel *Sheryl Finley *Dario Alexandre	Michelle Martin Mary Thompson Sharon Anderson Samantha Hovanac Dara Lemite Brian Huber Dimitri Bernadel *Sheryl Finley *Dario Alexandre	Michelle Martin Mary Thompson Joy Levinn Dara Lemite Dimitri Bernadel *Sheryl Finley *Dario Alexandre	Samantha Hovanac Gloria Haisward Dara Lemite Brian Huber Dimitri Bernadel *Dario Alexandre
SM	Jenna Ardolino Elizabeth Connell Michelle Drury •Francine Fox	Jenna Ardolino Elizabeth Connell Michelle Drury •Francine Fox	Jenna Ardolino Elizabeth Connell Michelle Drury •Francine Fox	•Francine Fox

- Patricia Benstock- GA or AT
- Francine Fox- SM or CA

SUPPORT STAFF

The Board also approved the employment of the following clericals to work in the office during the ELA and Math Academy Classes on April 10th, 17th, 24th and May 1st, as per clerical contract.

ELA AND MATH
SATURDAY
ACADEMY
SUPPORT STAFF

School	April 10, 2010	April 17, 2010	April 24, 2010	May 1, 2010
AT	Marilyn Cirillo	Judy Rocco	Diane Tool	Judy Rocco
CHC	Christine Ladalia	Maria Gilbert	Christine Ladalia	Maria Gilbert
CA	Joanna Esposito	Ronnie Geever	Ronnie Geever	Ronnie Geever
DB	Kathy Harsch	Karin Filippi	Kathy Harsch	Karin Filippi
GA	Sharon Voitko	Gena Hollwedel	Sharon Voitko	Gena Hollwedel
SM	Michel Galante	DonnaJean Cicio	DonnaJean Cicio	Michel Galante

***All appointments are pending student enrollment.

NYSESLAT SATURDAY ACADEMY

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

The Board approved the employment of the following teachers for the Saturday NYSESLAT Academy Classes on March 13th, March 20th, April 10, at a rate of \$125 per day, as per teachers' contract.

NYSESLAT
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(*Teaching Assistant will be paid at a rate of \$20 per hour.)

***All appointments are pending student enrollment.

Jeanne Branciforte	March 13 th , March 20 th , April 10 th
Paul Paquette	March 13 th , March 20 th , April 10 th
Filomena Bugeia	March 13 th , March 20 th , April 10 th
Heather Navratil	March 13 th , March 20 th , April 10 th
Francine Fox	March 13 th , March 20 th , April 10 th
Tara Savage	March 13 th , March 20 th , April 10 th
Amy Gaddes	March 20 th
*Dario Alexandre	March 13 th , March 20 th , April 10 th

**NYSESLAT
SATURDAY
ACADEMY**

**PROFESSIONAL
STAFF**

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)

**STATE
ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY REVIEW
ACT**

Effective September 1, 2001, the State Education Department no longer acts as the lead agency for public school construction projects. Consequently, the Elmont Union Free School District must assume the lead agency role for its own capital construction projects.

As lead agency, the school district must determine whether the capital project actions they directly undertake, fund or approve may have a significant impact on the environment, and, if it is determined that the action may have a significant adverse impact, prepare or request an Environment Impact Statement.

In the proposed Elmont UFSD 2010-2011 budget, funding is included for the following capital projects. The Board further approved classifying the projects under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

- 8.1 Alden Terrace School – Window Replacement:
After careful evaluation of the project, it is determined that the work involved will have no significant environmental impact and requires no further review under SEQR. The project is therefore classified as a Type II Action.
- 8.2 Clara Carlson School – Window Replacement:
After careful evaluation of the project, it is determined that the work involved will have no significant environmental impact and requires no further review under SEQR. The project is therefore classified as a Type II Action.
- 8.3 Covert Avenue School – Univent Rehabilitation: After careful evaluation of the project, it is determined that the work involved will have no significant environmental impact and requires no

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STATE
ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY REVIEW
ACT

further review under SEQR. The project is therefore classified as a Type II Action.

- 8.4 Gotham Avenue School – Masonry Rehabilitation:
After careful evaluation of the project, it is determined that the work involved will have no significant environmental impact and requires no further review under SEQR. The project is therefore classified as a Type II Action.
- 8.5 Gotham Avenue School – Window Replacement:
After careful evaluation of the project, it is determined that the work involved will have no significant environmental impact and requires no further review under SEQR. The project is therefore classified as a Type II Action.
- 8.6 Elmont Road School – Electrical service upgrade and overhead paved area: After careful evaluation of the project, it is determined that the work involved will have no significant environmental impact and requires no further review under SEQR. The project is therefore classified as a Type II Action.
- 8.7 Elmont Road School – Replacement of Various Roof Areas:
After careful evaluation of the project, it is determined that the work involved will have no significant environmental impact and requires no further review under SEQR. The project is therefore classified as a Type II Action.
- 8.8 District Wide – General repair of Asphalt and Concrete surfaces:
After careful evaluation of the project, it is determined that the work involved will have no significant environmental impact and requires no further review under SEQR. The project is therefore classified as a Type II Action.
- 8.9 District Wide – Flooring Replacement: After careful evaluation of the project, it is determined that the work involved will have no significant environmental impact and requires no further review under SEQR. The project is therefore classified as a Type II Action.

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

Motion Carried

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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 March 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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Moryl, Concetta	Teacher	5 weeks
Ramroosingh, Gloria	Bus Attendant	2 weeks

Budget Transfers Under \$5,000

BUDGET
TRANSFERS
UNDER \$5,000

Requests for Budget Transfers under \$5,000 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 March 9, 2010.

On a motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Maffea, 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

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Ms. Walker, the Board received 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 January 2010.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

Motion Carried Unanimously

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On a motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, the Board approved the appointment of Nawrocki Smith LLP as District Independent Auditors for fiscal year 2009-2010 at a base cost of \$41,500.00 as per backup pages to the right.

APPOINTMENT OF
INDEPENDENT
AUDITORS –
NAWROCKI SMITH
LLP

The Board approved the Change Order #2 to provide new window and transom panel on the 2nd floor east wing, resulting in an increase (add) to the District of the contract sum using funds from the unused portion of the allowance balance for the Dutch Broadway Window Project as per the backup pages of the Board Book of March 9, 2010.

CHANGE ORDER
#2 – DUTCH
BROADWAY
WINDOW PROJECT

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

Motion Carried

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Analysis of Revenue – for the month of January 2010.

General Fund Schedule of Receivables - General Fund Schedule of Receivables for the month of January 2010 appears in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 9, 2010.

Monthly Budget Status Report

Monthly Budget Status Report – as of January 31, 2010 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 9, 2010.

Various Fund Trial Balances

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

General Fund Cash Flow Statement

General Fund Cash Flow as of January 31, 2010 and Cash Flow Projection as of February 28, 2010 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 9, 2010.

General Fund – Fund Balance Estimate

Estimated General Fund Balance as of February 28, 2010 appears in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 9, 2010.

School Meals Profit and Loss Statement

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

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Custodial/Transportation Overtime

Breakdown Custodial/Transportation Overtime:

Cust./Trans. Overtime – February 28, 2010	\$ 3,733.89
Overtime paid Year to Date	\$ 76,403.51
Cust./Trans.Overtime - July, 2008 - June, 2009	\$107,308.32

VANDALISM TALLIES FOR FEBRUARY 2010 - \$ 0

Year-to-Date \$ 140

Previous Year-to-Date \$ 266

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMITTEE
REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
ITEMS

Ms. Walker stated that she was selected to represent the District in Albany to advocate for the monies and other things that the District feels is pertinent to the continuance of the education for our children on March 14th and 15th. Ms. Walker noted that she is hopeful that she will do as good of a job as she did last year and stated that she will be diligent.

Last year was her first and this year she will be better prepared and more vocal. Ms. Walker also noted that she did not know who the representation would be from the Sewanhaka Central High School District. Upon her return, she will supply a report.

Mr. Jaime thanked her for her report. He urged those community members when they get the opportunity to also plead for more support for the District. Mr. Jaime thanked Mr. Galante for his expertise also. He urged the audience to contact their representatives in support that the District may obtain State Aid for the 2011 school year.

Mr. Jaime also mentioned that as a result of the two fires which have occurred in West Babylon and Riverhead recently that a special committee convene to investigate fire safety in all of our school buildings. The team would ensure that the situation that occurred in those buildings will not occur in ours. He noted what effect it would have on our children as well as our finances if such a thing should happen. He is hopeful that members of the Board, community, fire department, police and anyone else interested will get involved to develop a risk assessment to keep our buildings maintained.

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OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS – None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION - None

AUDIENCE ITEMS

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Mrs. Lisa Yevoli a Covert Avenue Parent had an inquiry in regards to the State testing for grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. Her concern was that the practice test takes away from the actual teaching time in the classroom.

Mr. Harper stated that the practice test does not impede the academic process at all. As a result our children are doing very well academically. Upon analyzing the data that is used to drive the instruction, it is also an important tool. Mrs. Yevoli noted the concern was for her son who receives speech services. The practice tests take away from the IEP mandated services. Mr. Harper noted that if a child has missed a speech session it is made up. Mr. Harper urged Mrs. Yevoli to address any concerns she may have regarding the instruction her son receives with the Principal, Dr. Pleta.

Mrs. Yevoli inquired if outside teachers are hired to sit with students with IEP requirements or teachers within our schools? Mr. Harper responded that they are teachers utilized within our schools. Mrs. Yevoli expressed her concern of the lesson make up time for the students. Mr. Harper responded that the teaching time is made up and also directed Mrs. Yevoli to address her concerns with Dr. Pleta.

Mr. Patrick Nicolosi, of East End Civic President and Elmont resident mentioned the various groups of which he is a member, and that he advocates for them. Mr. Nicolosi noted the fourth letter that he received from Local 550. Mr. Nicolosi expressed his concerns about the cuts in the private industry, losing of pensions. He referenced the upcoming lobbying in Albany and requested that the Board should lobby for change. He advised that the Board should be aware if a new group that is looking to take over school boards. Mr. Nicolosi commented that there is no money in Albany.

Mr. Jaime thanked Mr. Nicolosi for his comments. The District's paramount goal is to be about change. He mentioned the mandate that has been sent out to superintendents and school boards by the Commissioner of Education. Mr. Jaime noted the ongoing process within the District in reducing the amount of cost in running the District. He also noted the cost that the District has no control over that must be funded.

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Mr. Nicolosi expressed his dissatisfaction with the amount of time taken to resolve the issues and noted that without the private sector what impact it will have on the school districts.

Mr. John Smith, an Elmont resident reminded the audience of the upcoming Budget Workshop on March 15, 2010 at 7:00 PM at Elmont Road School.

Ms. Barbara Reynolds, Elmont Interschool PTA thanked the District for sponsoring the parent workshop the previous evening. Mr. Harper commented that the event was outstanding, well done, and the necessity of getting the message to more parents to attend and learn how to protect our children.

Mr. Aubrey Phillips, an Elmont resident noted his agreement with the concerns raised by Mr. Nicolosi. With the proposed budget cuts, he inquired if the District has taken into account for it and if necessary, will there be anything eliminated from the academic programs to address the approximate short fall of \$1.8M.

Mr. Harper responded that it has been taken into account as well as resolution to recoup the money. There will be no cuts in the academic programs at all. We have been very creative and frugal.

Mr. Phillips expressed his concern for the upcoming year with the budget cuts and the lack of stimulus funds, which will be a critical year. He inquired of the Board if anything was in place to combat this issue.

Mr. Jaime responded explaining the steps the District is pursuing. The District is monitoring its resources on a daily basis to ensure that expenditures are kept to a minimum. He referenced the comments of the Comptroller that we are a District which is doing what is right. Mr. Phillips further clarified his inquiry of the District's proactive measures of the loss of stimulus monies from the Federal Government. Mr. Jaime stated that the District is taking aggressive and proactive steps with the assistance of Mr. Galante.

Mr. Phillips thanked Mr. Zucker, staff and students for the presentation. He noted the enjoyment of the performance at the Black History program this year. Mr. Phillips mentioned his attendance at the high school play *42nd Street* and it was nothing short of a Broadway show. Mr. Phillips urged everyone to visit the Elmont Online website to view photos from the Black History Program.

Mr. Phillips requested clarification of the success rate figures for the 7th and 8th grade ELA assessments. Were the rates based on the different classes of students that the progression was in?

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Mr. Jaime responded that the progression may be via different children; however, the rates are of the children graduating from the Elmont District and the education which is provided in each of our buildings by comparison is equal to none. This is the reason for the increase each year.

AUDIENCE ITEMS

Mrs. Sandra Smith, Elmont Resident, thanked Mr. Zucker, Mr. Pino and the Jazz Masters for their performance at the Black History celebration program. It was phenomenal. On behalf of the Black History Month Committee, Mrs. Smith presented a folder that includes photos of the band while performing on February 6, 2010 at the Elmont Public Library. She thanked the District again for allowing the children to participate in such an important and phenomenal community event.

Mr. Jaime thanked everyone for coming out again to the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

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Mr. Jaime announced the next Regular Board of Education meeting will be held April 13, 2010 at the Clara H. Carlson School at 8:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:16 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC SESSION

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On a motion by Mr. Emeagwali, seconded by Mr. Camacho, the Board reconvened into Public Session at 9:55 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:58 PM on a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Submitted by,

April 13, 2010
Date Approved

Celestine L. Lloyd
District Clerk