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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 Clara H. Carlson School on Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Pamela Byer, President
Elsy Mecklenbourg-Guibert, Vice President
Lorraine Ferrigno
Michael A. Jaime
Carol Parker-Duncanson
Aubrey Phillips
Frank Ragona

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Mr. Albert Harper,	Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Robert Geras,	Director of Business and Facilities
Mrs. Barbara Schwartz,	Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Education
Dr. Lynne Stucchio,	Director of Curriculum and 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. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Ragona, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:30 PM.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board convened in Public Session at 8:08 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Mrs. Byer called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

On a motion by Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert, seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Board approved the agenda which was distributed to the audience.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

Motion Carried Unanimously.

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2008.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Vote on approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2008:

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	2

(Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert and Mr. Phillips)

Motion Carried

On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 16, 2008.

Vote on approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 16, 2008:

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	2

(Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert and Mrs. Parker-Duncanson)

Motion Carried

On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, the Board approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 2, 2008.

Vote on approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 2, 2008:

Yes	-	4
No	-	0
Abstain	-	3

(Mr. Jamie, Mrs. Parker-Duncanson and Mr. Ragona)

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Motion Carried

Ms. Ferrigno inquired about a notation for GYO on the agenda. Mrs. Byer responded that it would be discussed within the old business portion of the meeting.

INFORMATION REPORT - None

PRESIDENT'S/VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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REMARKS

President - Mrs. Byer greeted and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mrs. Byer made mention of her recent interaction with many board members across the nation during her attendance at the National School Boards Association Conference in Orlando Florida. One of the main discussions was on the closing of the achievement gap. Mrs. Byer made mention of other discussions which took place among various school districts. She was proud to relate where the Elmont Union Free School District is now and where we strive to be in the future. It was also noted that there was a commonality of one goal, which is always to find and employ quality teachers and administrators.

Mrs. Byer shared that some members noted the importance of the changes in physical education and insuring that guidelines are met as far as nutrition is concerned. She further noted programs, accomplishments that the district has experienced in closing the achievement gap. Mrs. Byer noted the districts mission. She also noted many ways the district communicates this valuable information to the parents of the children. Mrs. Byer thanked everyone again and turned the meeting over to Mr. Harper.

RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

Mr. Harper welcomed everyone and then called upon Elaine Mitchell, President and members of the Elmont Elementary Teachers Association for the recognition of the outstanding teachers in the district. Mrs. Mitchell presented the teachers with the recognition awards.

RECOGNITION OF
OUTSTANDING
TEACHERS

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO DISTRICT

Mr. Harper requested for Mr. Gary Friedman to come forward, at which time he was recognized and presented with a certificate for 36.6 years of service to the Elmont District.

RECOGNITION OF
SERVICE TO THE
DISTRICT

Mr. Harper made mention of the upcoming Jazz concert which will take place on May 22, 2008 at the Gotham Avenue School at 7:00 PM. Mr. Harper urged everyone to come

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out and support the children. The Jazz Masters Ensemble was presented and they performed some selections.

JAZZ MASTERS
ENSEMBLE
RENDITION

He then thanked all the students, Mr. Zucker and Mr. Pino for their rendition. Mr. Harper also urged everyone to come out and vote Tuesday, May 20, 2008.

Mr. Harper then turned the meeting over to the six principals of the elementary schools for the Special Academic Award presentations to its 5th graders. At the conclusion of the presentations, Mr. Harper called for a five (5) minute break at 9:00 PM.

SPECIAL
ACADEMIC
AWARD
PRESENTATIONS

The meeting resumed at 9:09 PM.

Vice President – Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert noted that she did not have much to report this evening after such a recap of the activities, programs and direction the District is taking. She noted that the year has been interesting. Its challenges still remain. Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert requested the support of the parents in the future along with the end of year activities. She wished everyone a good evening.

VICE PRESIDENT
REMARKS

SEWANHAKA BOARD ITEMS – Mrs. Parker-Duncanson greeted everyone and stated her report would be brief. She reported on the spring sports which are being conducted in the high schools along with the spring concerts. Mrs. Parker-Duncanson urged everyone to check the school calendar and see if their schedule permits them to attend a junior or senior concert.

SEWANHAKA
BOARD ITEMS

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson reported on regents' preparation, Operation Success and AP examinations which are being conducted at both high schools. Classes are scheduled for April 28, 2008 beginning in the morning at 7:00 AM and after school. Parents are being notified of students who may be at risk of not graduating to work with them. She made mention that the graduating ceremonies will be held at Hofstra University for all the high schools. More information will be presented at next months meeting.

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson relayed information on the blood drive being hosted by the Key Club of Elmont Memorial. She also mentioned the report received from Mr. Capozzi. It contained information relating to the extra curriculum information highlighting the clubs, honor societies, sports, service organizations and special organizations that are available in Elmont and Sewanhaka that children and parents are encouraged to be involved in.

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson noted that the high school newspaper demonstrates high quality journalism and encouraged the audience to take a look at the papers. They display the talents of the students within the high schools. The students report on current affairs, school activities, poetry, editorial and commentaries, reviews of art and other general

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information that the students are able to write about. Mrs. Parker-Duncanson continued to encourage the audience to take advantage of this material.

SEWANHAKA
BOARD ITEMS

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson continued her report from Sewanhaka with mention of the following items:

- Foreign Language Club did exceptionally well in the participation with a group of 100,000 students. Six (6) were placed in the top ten (10) in Nassau County.
- Sewanhaka participation in the first Beauty Culture District Night Competition
- Long Island Math Olympics Program of which four (4) students participated.
- Poetry publications from fifteen (15) students in grade 8-12 in the National Students newspaper.
- Boston Chamber Theatre Company will visit Sewanhaka
- Key Club Members visited St. Albans Veterans Hospital. They participated in the Bingo activity; this is the sixth year being conducted.

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson in conclusion of her report stated that she will attempt to have more information on the college acceptances, scholarships students received and the graduation dates.

Mr. Phillips continued the high school report by noting that Mr. Warren Meierdiercks, Superintendent of Schools was selected as the Administrator of the Year for his contributions to school libraries by the Nassau BOCES Library system. Mr. Phillips extended congratulations. The ceremony was to take place on May 14, 2008 and all are welcome.

He then referenced Mrs. Byers report about the graduation rates, noting that on average 95% of the districts' students graduate. This achievement should make the parents and district proud of its students as well as its staff.

Mr. Phillips mentioned the high school budget of a 2.8% increase this year and when combined with the other two districts' tax levy the average increase is less than 2%. This ended his report.

AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

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ATTORNEY

Mr. Nugent stated that he had two items for the Public Session tonight.

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REPORT OF THE
ATTORNEY

Mr. Nugent asked the Board of Education to direct a certain employee to submit to a psychiatric examination as per §6915 Education Law. On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Mecklenbourg-Guibert the Board approved the requirement for a District employee to submit to a psychiatric examination per §6915 Education Law.

Motion Carried Unanimously

The next item presented was the matter of Gillian L. vs. Elmont Union Free School District. On a motion by Mrs. Mecklenbourg-Guibert, seconded by Mr. Ragona the Board approved the matter of Gillian L. vs. EUFSD in settlement of \$5300 to be paid to the plaintiff.

GILLIAN L. VS.
EUFSD
SETTLEMENT

Motion Carried Unanimously

This concluded Mr. Nugent's report; he then requested a motion for an Executive Session to be held immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss matters appropriate to Executive Session.

REQUEST FOR
APPROVAL OF
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Ragona, 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

Mr. Ragona requested elaboration on the contract for Mr. Harper. Mr. Nugent responded, the contract has been agreed upon and will be brought forth at the June Board Meeting. Mr. Ragona then extended congratulations to Mr. Harper.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Harper stated that tonight's meeting serve as the Budget Hearing for 2008-2009. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Geras for a few comments. Mr. Geras referenced the April 15, 2008 meeting of the Board Adoption by the Board of Education in the amount of \$68,950,211. He stated that the budget was developed with the projection of a 0% tax levy with no tax increase over the previous year's budget. Mr. Geras concluded his comments.

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Board approved the following professional leaves of absence:

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVES OF
ABSENCE

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GAMRAT, AMY, School Social Worker at Covert Avenue School, effective 9/1/08, duration of leave 9/1/08 – 11/23/08, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 4 years, 1 month.

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVES OF
ABSENCE

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 9/2/08 – 11/23/08.

CALCIANO, BETH, Elementary Teacher at Gotham Avenue School, effective 9/1/08, duration of leave 9/1/08 – 10/7/08, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 4 years, 8 month.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 9/2/08 – 10/7/08.

FRANGELLA, LORIE, Elementary Teacher at Alden Terrace School effective 5/12/08, duration of leave 5/12/08 – 2/1/09, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 4 years, 8 months.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 5/12/08 – 6/24/08 & 9/1/08 – 10/9/08.

BROWN-CAVALLUZZO, MARJORIE, School Social Worker at Alden Terrace School effective 1/3/08, duration of leave 1/3/08 – 8/31/08, unpaid*, reason: Medical; Service to District: 5 years, 8 months.

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

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVE OF
ABSENCE
AMENDMENT

CARR, GINA, Art Teacher, Covert Avenue School
From: 4/28/08 – 8/31/08, unpaid
To: 4/9/08 – 8/31/08, unpaid*
Reason: District Child Rearing Leave

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 4/9/08 – 6/24/08.

Note: Leave of Absence was originally approved by the Board on 3/18/08.

The Board further approved the following employees requesting an extension of their District Child Rearing and/or Family and Medical Leave of Absence:

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVE OF
ABSENCE
EXTENSION

HERBERT-MUNLIN, RAISSA, Elementary Teacher, Clara H. Carlson School
From: 3/13/08 – 4/29/08, unpaid
To: 3/13/08 – 5/14/08, unpaid*
Reason: District Child Rearing Leave

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*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 3/13/08 – 5/14/08.

Note: Leave of Absence was originally approved by the Board on 2/27/08.

MURRAY, LAURA, Elementary Teacher, Covert Avenue School

From: 1/2/08 – 8/31/08, unpaid

To: 1/2/08 – 8/31/09, unpaid*

Reason: District Child Rearing Leave

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 1/2/08 – 4/1/08,

Note: Leave of Absence was originally approved by the Board on 2/27/08.

The Board also approved the following professional appointment:

PROFESSIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

RA, JILLIAN, 175 Day Substitute at Gotham Avenue School at a salary of \$3,285.78 (pro-rated from \$25,000), effective 5/14/08 – 6/17/08, no probation and no tenure involved. Certification: Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial).

The Board approved the following teachers to be employed as a per diem substitute teacher for the 2007-2008 school year. Not eligible for probation/tenure.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area of Certification</u>
Rotheim, Jacqueline	Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial Pending)
Young, Geoffrey	Early Childhood Education B-2 (Initial)

The Board also approved the termination of the following professional:

PROFESSIONAL
TERMINATION

PESOLA, ALIDA, 175 Day Substitute at Stewart Manor School, effective 6/17/08, service to District: 6 years.

The Board approved the following professional resignations:

PROFESSIONAL
RESIGNATIONS

DEFELICE, NICOLE, Elementary Teacher at the Clara H. Carlson School, effective 6/30/08, service to District: 2 years, reason: personal.

HOSHINO, KAZU, Elementary Teacher at the Clara H. Carlson School, effective 6/30/08, service to District: 1 year, reason: personal.

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The Board also approved the following professional retirement:

PROFESSIONAL
RETIREMENT

FRIEDMAN, GARY, Music Teacher, Clara H. Carlson/Dutch Broadway Schools, effective 6/30/08, service to District: 36 years, 6 months.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert, seconded by Mr. Ragona, the Board approved the extension of conditional appointment of the following Civil Service personnel:

CIVIL SERVICE
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

Janet Stebner - Account Clerk
Darryl S. Woods - Custodian

The Board also approved the extension of the conditional appointments for the following Civil Service personnel:

Kevin Dickerson - Security Aide Part-time
Jacqueline Hamill - Security Aide Part-time
William Regan - Security Aide Part-time

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

CIVIL SERVICE
APPOINTMENT

RANSELLE, EBONEE, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$12.00 hourly, effective 4/16/08*

*Employee termed last month no service to District and requested reinstatement.

The Board further approved the extension of conditional appointments for the following Civil Service employees:

CIVIL SERVICE
EXTENSION OF
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

Nancy Clark - Teacher Aide Part-time substitute
Ann Gelorum - Typist Clerk Part-time substitute
Philomnea Winters - Food Service Helper Part-time substitute

The Board approved the following Civil Service change in status:

CIVIL SERVICE
CHANGE IN
STATUS

MANETTA, JOANN

From: Typist Clerk
To: Senior Typist Clerk

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at Dutch Broadway School at a salary of \$33,037 annual, effective 5/12/08 pending civil service approval, probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval.

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

CIVIL SERVICE
CHANGE OF
STATUS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>End Probation</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Anna Barbagallo	Teacher Aide	4/16/08	4/17/08
Rosemary Ciampa	Teacher Aide	4/16/08	4/17/08
Jennifer Coppola	Teacher Aide	4/16/08	4/17/08
Cathy Fritz	Teacher Aide	4/16/08	4/17/08
Sharon McManamy	Teacher Aide	4/16/08	4/17/08
Victoria Rodriguez	Teacher Aide	4/16/08	4/17/08
Lyndsey Turk	Teacher Aide	4/16/08	4/17/08
Chini Carney	Teacher Aide	5/21/08	5/22/08
Michael Cowhig	Cleaner	5/21/08	5/22/08
Michael Garcia	Cleaner	5/21/08	5/22/08

The Board approved the termination of the following Civil Service employee effective 5/14/08 due to no recent service to the District:

CIVIL SERVICE
TERMINATIONS

Franz Baron - Teacher Aide

The Board also approved the termination of the following Civil Service employee effective 5/14/08 due to no service to the District:

Joanne Tyler - Security Aide Part-Time

The Board approved the following Civil Service resignation:

CIVIL SERVICE
RESIGNATION

LEANDRO, ANTHONY, Cleaner, Covert Avenue School effective 5/23/08, service to District: 2 years, 4 months, reason: personal.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Ragona, the Board received the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education designations and program

COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL
EDUCATION
PRE-SCHOOL
SPECIAL
EDUCATION

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placements for the Evaluation Placements, Reviews of Program and I.E.P. Modifications of students.

On a motion by Mrs. Parker-Duncanson, seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Board approved the staff and salary recommendations for the extended school year program at Alden Terrace.

**EXTENDED
SCHOOL YEAR AT
ALDEN TERRACE
SCHOOL**

The program will take place Monday through Friday, July 1, 2008 to August 11, 2008. The teachers' day is from 8:30AM to 3:00PM. The nurse and teacher aides' hours are from 9:00AM to 2:30PM with a 30 minute lunch break.

Information pertaining to the program is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of May 13, 2008.

The Board authorized the following consultant to work as a translator as needed:

CONSULTANT

ISMAIL YALCINKAYA, provide translation upon request.

Fee - \$25 per hour, as needed

The Board also approved a donation of \$226.14 from WaMu to the District for the Dutch Broadway School. Information about the donation is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of May 13, 2008.

**GIFTS TO THE
DISTRICT**

The Board further approved the Calendar of Religious Holidays for 2008-2009. A copy of the calendar is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of May 13, 2008.

**APPROVAL OF
CALENDAR OF
RELIGIOUS
HOLIDAYS**

The Board approved the Board Member representation at the Moving-Up Ceremonies for June 2008 as follows:

**MOVING-UP
CEREMONIES
REPRESENTATION**

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Board Member</u>
Alden Terrace	6/20	12:00 PM	Pam Byer
Clara H. Carlson	6/23	3:30 PM	Michael Jamie/Elsy Mecklembourg-Guibert
Covert Avenue	6/23	7:00 PM	Frank Ragona/Lorraine Ferrigno
Dutch Broadway	6/23	12:30PM	Michael Jamie/Carol Parker-Duncanson
Gotham Avenue	6/20	9:00AM	Carol Parker-Duncanson/Pam Byer
Stewart Manor	6/20	3:00 PM	Aubrey Phillips

The Board approved the employment of the following teachers for Summer School at the rate of \$242.00 per day for 12 days each, as per teachers' contract. The appointments listed below are pending budget approval.

**SUMMER SCHOOL
TEACHER
APPOINTMENTS**

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SUMMER SCHOOL
TEACHER
APPOINTMENTS

Principal: Kathy Safrey (Enrichment)*

*Carries a stipend of \$350 and additional days as needed.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Ragona, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno the Board approved the employment of the following teachers for Summer School at the rate of \$242.00* for 12 days each as per teachers' contract. The appointments listed below are pending budget approval.

<u>Teachers</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Course</u>
Dario Alexandre*	GA	French
*Compensation Rate will equal 1.5 normal Teaching Assistant salary.		
Mary Alfaro	DB	Advanced Math
Joseph Bahm	AT	Forensics
Patricia Benstock	GA	Orchestra
Maria Bonich	GA	Advanced Math
Robert Cavaliere	AT	Introduction to Science
Gary Citro	DB	Chorus
Mary Delahanty	CHC	Sports Clinic
Rina DiRe	CHC	Writer's Workshop
Jeremy FitzGibbon	CA	Sports Clinic
Heather Goodenough	CA	Dance
Alice Katz	GA	Fine Arts
Dara Lemite	AT	Spanish
Terry Lewis	GA	Actor's Workshop
Kate Monaghan	GA	Photography
Mona Niles	DB	Actor's Workshop
Jessica Paupeck	DB	Archeology
Anthony Pino	GA	Jazz Band
Michael Richards	DB	Sports Clinic
Glenn Saenz	DB	Sports Clinic
Colin Wessel	CA	Robotics

The Board approved the employment of the following personnel as summer school secretary for Dutch Broadway Summer School for a maximum 12 days as per contract:

SUMMER SCHOOL
SECRETARY
APPOINTMENT

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Kathy Harsch

The Board also approved the employment of the following personnel as teacher aides for Dutch Broadway Summer School at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, maximum 5 hours per day; maximum 12 days as needed:

SUMMER SCHOOL
TEACHER AIDES
APPOINTMENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Kristin Boyle	DB
Ann Napolitano	DB
Tammy Nieves	CA
Kim Termini	CHC

On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Ragona, the Board approved the following consultants to work in our Summer Enrichment Program.

SUMMER
ENRICHMENT
PROGRAM

Mr. David Spinnato will teach Science Research to fourth and fifth grade students.

Fee - \$242 per day

Jazz Masters, as per contract, is approved for 24 total hours of service and clearly stipulates the musicians must sign-in to get paid.

The Board also approved the employment of the following substitute teachers for Summer School at the rate of \$242.00 per day for 12 days each, as needed.

SUMMER SCHOOL
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER
APPOINTMENTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Ginta Bukauskas	GA
Eleftheria Koutsouras	CHC
Kristina LoCastro	DB
Brad Wochinger	DB
Heather Wendling	CHC

The Board approved the employment of the following personnel as substitute teacher aides for Gotham Avenue Summer School at the rate of \$12.00 per hour, maximum 5 hours per day; maximum 12 days, as needed.

SUMMER SCHOOL
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER AIDE
APPOINTMENTS

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NAME **SCHOOL**

Barbara Brucia-Surlis GA

The Board further approved the employment of the following substitute teacher for Summer School at a rate of \$242.00 per day for 16 days each, as needed.

**SUMMER SCHOOL
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER
EMPLOYMENT**

NAME **SCHOOL**

Colleen Mooney GA

The Board approved the employment of the following personnel summer school secretary for Gotham Avenue Summer School for a maximum 16 days, as per contract.

**GA SUMMER
SCHOOL
SECRETARY**

Chris Ladalia

The Board also approved the employment of the following professional for the Curriculum Mapping, at the rate of \$242 per day as needed.

**CURRICULUM
MAPPING
PROFESSIONAL
APPOINTMENT**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>GR/Assignment</u>
Pamela Boyd	GA	4

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

**ITEMS NOTED FOR
THE MINUTES**

Use of Facilities

USE OF FACILITIES

Requests for Use of the Facilities that have been approved by the Superintendent of Schools since the last Board Meeting are enclosed in the backup pages in the back of the Board Book of May 13, 2008.

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
Nancy Soevyn Library Aide

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Mirielle Dumont	Bus Driver
Barbara Nimmo	Food Service
Dwight Jones	Maintainer

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Board received 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 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 March 2008.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert, seconded by Mrs. Parker-Duncanson, the Board approved in accordance with the resolution prepared by Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP, the appointment of RBC Capital Markets, the lowest responsible bidder, as underwriters for the refunding of the Series 2000 Bond. Information pertaining to the resolution is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of May 13, 2008.

**REFUNDING OF
SERIES 2000 BOND**

The Board approved the award of Cooperative Bids to the lowest Bidder specified below as per backup pages in the Board Book of May 13, 2008.

**AWARD OF
COOPERATIVE
BIDS**

Bid #14-07/08 - Cooperative Fencing & Associated Site Work

- a. Fencing to Island Fence Cooperation
- b. Associated Site Work to Stasi Brothers

Bid #15-07/08 - Cooperative Boiler/Burner Service & Repairs

- a. Boiler/Burner Service & Repairs to Bain Heating

Bid #16-07/08 - Cooperative Power Sweeping

- a. Power Sweeping to Brizzi Contracting

The Board also approved the disposal of obsolete/beyond repair six (6) cafeteria tables and one (1) potter's wheel, as per backup in the Board Book of May 13, 2008.

**DISPOSAL OF
OBSOLETE
CAFETERIA
TABLES**

The Board approved Flushing Commercial Bank (FCB) with Offices at 1979 Marcus Avenue, Lake Success, NY 11042 be added to the district's list of Depository Banks, effective immediately, as per the backup pages of the Board Book of May 13, 2008. Currently, FCB offers a government investment account offering superior return to what we are receiving at other banks.

**FLUSHING
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The Board also approved bid awards to the following vendors, as per the backup pages of the Board Book of May 13, 2008.

BID AWARDS

Bid #6-07/08 - Custodial Supplies
34 items to I. Janvey & Sons. Inc.
46 items to Essential Maintenance Products
18 items to Knight Marketing Corp. of NY
25 items to Ocean Janitorial Supply, Inc.
1 item to Wipe Tex
3 items to Healthy Clean Builders
6 items to Central Poly Corp.
1 item to Fordian Packaging
12 items to Shiffler Equipment Sales, Inc.
5 items to New Paper & Chemical

Bid #7-07/08 Paint & Paint Supplies to Elmont Paint

Bid #9-07/08 RPZ Testing & Repair to Excel Company

Bid #10-07/08 Electrical Supplies
10 items to Avon Electric
42 items to Mid Island Electric

Bid #11-07/08 Plumbing Supplies
16 items to Babylon Plumbing Supply
19 items to Green Art Plumbing Supply
30 items to J. A. Sexauer
13 items to C & L Plumbing

Bid #12-07/08 Carpentry Supplies
51 items to Pioneer Mason Supply
43 items to Feldman Lumber

Bid #13-07/08 Fire Alarm Annual Cleaning & Service to
World Wide Security

The foregoing motion was put to a roll call with the following results:

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Analysis of Revenue – for the month of March 2008.

General Fund Schedule of Receivables - General Fund Schedule of Receivables for the month of March, 2008 appears in the backup pages in the Board Book of May 13, 2008.

Monthly Budget Status Report

Monthly Budget Status Report – as of March 31, 2008 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of May 13, 2008.

School Meals Profit and Loss Statement

School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the month of March, 2008 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of May 13, 2008.

Custodial/Transportation Overtime

Breakdown Custodial/Transportation Overtime:

Cust./Trans. Overtime – April, 2008	\$ 5,161.15
Overtime paid Year to Date	\$107,125.15
Cust./Trans.Overtime - July, 2006 - June, 2007	\$ 88,018.79

<u>VANDALISM TALLIES FOR APRIL 2008</u>	-	\$ 221
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VANDALISM
TALLIES

Year-to-Date	\$ 489
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Previous Year-to-Date	\$ 517
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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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Mr. Phillips presented a report from the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association. He elaborated on the approval of the funding formula.

OLD BUSINESS - Mrs. Byer requested a motion to accept GYO at Dutch Broadway for the summer 2008. On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Parker-Duncanson, discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

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Ms. Ferrigno requested clarification on the request for a motion. A summer program was never discussed as she was aware. The request was for children of Dutch Broadway area for the next school year due to a generous grant received. There was discussion of the Dutch Broadway School having the greatest need for the type of program that GYO offers. Due to a long waiting list and inadequate space for the children, GYO could expand and offer up to 200 children this program for the school year.

Mr. Ragona further stated that the GYO program was able to obtain funds for over 200 children. The program is presently conducted in three (3) of our schools and it is a huge success. Many of the children, Mr. Ragona's included, have participated in the program. It is a reasonably priced program and serves a great need for the community. The expansion of GYO will be a great opportunity for 200 additional children. Action should be taken immediately as the Board has been informed of the details by Mr. Boyle on three separate occasions.

Ms. Ferrigno requested that the motion put forth by the Board President be amended to grant the request for the expansion of the GYO program for the summer 2008 and for the school year 2008. Mr. Jaime seconded the motion.

Mr. Phillips made an inquiry about the motion. Ms. Ferrigno repeated the motion.

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson continued the discussion. She stated that the information shared this evening was previously discussed in executive session. It appears there are some questions, suggestions before a vote could be made on the proposal brought to the Board for the expansion of a program into a district school building that would impact the facilities. Mrs. Parker-Duncanson stated that discussions took place prior to Ms. Ferrigno's arrival in executive session. Mrs. Parker-Duncanson stated that further discussion was needed about the program.

Mr. Ragona noted that Mr. Boyle made presentations as far back as March 6, 2008. Mr. Boyle also presented numbers and was open to any questions the Board may have had. Mr. Ragona, himself took the opportunity to contact Mr. Boyle's office to get clarification on some items. It was urged that a decision should be made quickly.

Mr. Jaime further mentioned that the original proposal had nothing to do with the summer program. It was an expansion of the program to Dutch Broadway for the 2008-2009 school year and possibly with the funding received, further into the next school year. Mr. Ragona made mention that the program was an existing one and a very good program. Discussion continued with Mr. Ragona and Mr. Jamie.

Discussion also continued regarding the clarification of the motions presented.

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The foregoing amendment vote was put to a roll call with the following results:

Mr. Phillips	-	No
Mrs. Parker-Duncanson		No
Mr. Ragona		Yes; with comments
Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert		No; with comments
Ms. Ferrigno		Yes; with comments
Mr. Jaime		Yes; with comments
Mrs. Byer		No

Mr. Jamie voiced his opinion as a Dutch Broadway parent and how one might prefer the program being conducted as a school year program versus a summer program as well as the utilization of it.

Further discussion continued about the subject above among the board members. It consisted of involvement of the discussion about the program, information availability from Mr. Boyle, the necessity for more information and the non-receipt of information. A suggestion was put forth, that since Mr. Boyle was present that he could present an overview of the program. Motions were attempted but were not successful.

Request was made for continued discussion about the GYO Summer program.

NEW BUSINESS - None

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS - None

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Mr. Pat Boyle, President of GYO spoke of his speechlessness. He stated that information had been distributed to the Board. He further explained the grant of \$300,000 that was received for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Boyle gave further details of the timeline and distribution of correspondence to the Board and his request for the use of facility for a community based program.

Mr. Boyle gave additional details of the submission of documentation to the board, as well as, information on the responses he received. He also stated how he has embraced the suggestions from teachers as well as the Superintendent. Mr. Boyle stated that he has been performing this activity for thirty-three (33) years. The only concern he has is for the constituency he works for. Mr. Boyle assured those in attendance that he makes no extra money. His heart is in Elmont and he just wanted to use our buildings to help provide services for the children. Mr. Boyle's desire is to answer all questions and

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requested suggestion from the various fields of expertise, i.e.; educators, superintendent of schools and administrators. He concluded his comments by apologizing for the time taken for his explanation.

Mrs. Byer inquired if Mr. Boyle was promised facility accommodations prior to submitting his application for the expansion grant. Mr. Boyle responded that he was never promised anything. Mr. Phillips sought clarification of what was submitted and further discussion continued. Mr. Boyle reiterated what he was requesting. Ms. Ferrigno continued to explain that the board received other Use of Facilities requests in their Board Book. Mr. Ragona expressed his disbelief of the accusations implied by his fellow Board members. Discussion continued.

Ms. Dorothy Werner, Elmont resident stated that it was a disgrace what was going on with the Board and inquired if anyone had consulted with the parents if they wanted such a program for the community. Mrs. Byer responded that the Board would like to review the program some more.

Ms. Guerdy Jean, cousin of the Metellus family thanked Mr. Harper, Mr. Aksionoff, Mrs. Lambert, staff and teachers and Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert for their presence at the service for Margaret Metellus on May 9, 2008 and taking part in the service.

Mrs. Mockenhaupt approached the microphone and expressed her agreement in the need for review of the GYO program. However, she did not understand with the program currently operating in three of the Elmont District buildings, why is there so much thought about the expansion.

Mrs. Mockenhaupt directed a question to Mr. Nugent regarding the campaigning emails received on the district computers. Was this considered on school grounds? When are the employees opening the emails? Mr. Nugent responded in the case of campaigning literature, there were some mistakes made and it has been corrected. Discussion continued about the correction of the campaign literature.

Mrs. Mockenhaupt continued to address the question which has been presented at previous Board Meetings. She inquired if there was any knowledge of when she will receive an answer. Mrs. Mockenhaupt expressed her disbelief in not receiving an answer and inquired how the Board expects the community to vote for this type of behavior.

Mr. Phillips presented and read an Elmont Herald document he printed on May 7, 2008 at 6:37 PM to be submitted for the record in its entirety (*ref. attached*) He stated that the article was posted on the Elmont Library website. Further discussion continued. Ms. Ferrigno also requested to have copies of the emails utilized for campaigning by Mr. Phillips submitted for the record. Discussions and inquiries continued.

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Mr. Phillips informed those in attendance that the “elmont.org” website is not funded by taxpayer dollars. Mrs. Mockenhaupt was signaled that the allotted time was up. Further comments were made as members of the audience began to exit. Mrs. Mockenhaupt approached the microphone again. Further discussion continued.

Mrs. Cathy Ferrigno of the Elmont Herald inquired about the correction of the distribution of emails. She further stated that two of the emails came from “elmont.org” and one came from the Nassau BOCES website and she will be in touch with them for resolution. Mr. Phillips responded that the statement was false and he did not send an email from the Nassau BOCES website.

Mr. Phillips was unaware of how many emails have been transmitted and will take accountability for his actions. However if they are forwarded by the recipient, he is not responsible. He then requested that he not be accused of such actions.

Mr. Peter Foltmer directed his comment to Mrs. Parker-Duncanson’s statement regarding GYO. He explained the program and its existence. He then referenced the reorganization meeting in reference to the reinstatement of Carol Pane. Mr. Foltmer made the comparison of GYO to the non-appointment of Mrs. Pane.

Mr. Foltmer noted his interaction with family members of Mrs. Byer. He requested he be granted permission to submit the minutes from the July 27, 2006 Board meeting for the record. Mr. Foltmer also inquired why there was no mention of additional information regarding the decision to vote on the termination of a board member. Further discussion continued. Mr. Nugent responded that the information could not be submitted for the record and discussion continued.

Ms. Barbara Reynolds requested information about the summer program. She would like more information as there is a Scope program in place and did not desire to have a GYO program at Dutch Broadway. Mr. Jaime responded to her. Ms. Reynolds gave explanation for her question. Discussion continued. Mr. Jaime responded again, stating that he has been on a waiting list for three (3) years and noted that a lot of parents have the problem of children going home alone. He supported his previous comment by providing additional information of what GYO provides. Ms. Reynolds then requested that a proper survey be conducted for the parents of Dutch Broadway.

Ms. Kathy McManus commented that the GYO program is needed; however, based on the display this evening, there should be equal concern about the program implementation at Dutch Broadway, as well as, the existing program within the district.

Ms. Joanne Manetta further stated that something should be done for the extension of a program at Dutch Broadway. She expressed what is done currently by the staff at the

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schools when children are not picked up. Mr. Phillips expressed that the comments of Ms. Manetta are the same concerns of the Board.

Mrs. Mockenhaupt questioned Ms. Manetta about the hours for the Dutch Broadway students and aides and stated that it should be taken into consideration when considering the GYO program. Mrs. Mockenhaupt referenced Mr. Phillips comment about the article published. Discussion continued. Mrs. Mockenhaupt requested for Mr. Phillips to explain his statement from the October Board meeting; however he did not answer her question.

Mr. Pat Nicolosi inquired about the increase percent for Mr. Harper's contract. Mr. Nugent responded that it will be noted when the contract is presented. Mr. Phillips inquired that being this is a personnel item, is it appropriate to be discussed in public session. Mr. Nugent responded with an explanation to Mr. Phillips. Mr. Nicolosi also inquired how the contracts are done.

Mr. Nicolosi then directed a question to Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert about the purpose of her traveling. Discussion continued. Mr. Nicolosi was notified that he had reached his allotted time.

Mr. Phillips inquired about the appropriateness for the review of the chart included in the campaigning email that the public viewed. He then gave an explanation of the campaigning email.

Ms. Ferrigno requested a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Deniece Walker mentioned that she was a parent who utilized the program. She gave a review of the discussions that had taken place this evening which resulted in her inquiry. Ms. Walker inquired if the Board was looking into other programs? What has transpired since the acceptance of an existing program in the past, that is causing such a halt to the current request? Mr. Phillips responded. Ms. Walker requested clarity on the stance of the Board.

Mr. Phillips stated that he now understands her question. Mrs. Parker-Duncanson understood the question and answer as well.

Ms. Claudine Hall, President of the Jamaica Square Improvement League extended to the Board an invitation for the graduation ceremony which will take place on Monday, June 16, 2008 at 7:30 PM at Hendrickson Park. They will be honoring the elementary school students that live in the Jamaica Square area that attend the Clara H. Carlson and Stewart Manor Schools. She urged everyone to come out and support the graduation program.

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Ms. Ferrigno, left the meeting at 11:12 PM.

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Ms. Walker requested a response from Mr. Phillips. Mr. Phillips did not respond. Madeline Hartburg, resident for 59 years in the district expressed that the meeting should have been held when the majority of the community was in attendance.

Mrs. Carol Pane inquired information on the contribution to the budget by Mrs. Mecklenbourg-Guibert as noted on the website. Mrs. Mecklenbourg-Guibert responded that she could not reveal certain information discussed in executive session to the public.

Mrs. Pane stated that other board members have contributed as well. Mrs. Mecklenbourg-Guibert responded that her governance on a three (3) year term has been outstanding. She expressed that she has given her whole input, investment of time and energy and money. Discussion continued. Mrs. Pane stated that fellow Board Members have been committed as well. Mrs. Pane also expressed how disturbing the emails have been as well as the legality of them..

Mr. Phillips commented on the response on the Commissioners' website that relates to email and campaigning within a district.

Further discussion ensued with Mrs. Pane trying to explain her question and the bias implication from the distribution of information about Mr. Phillips and Mrs. Mecklenbourg-Guibert. Mr. Phillips made mention of how fliers were distributed by Mr. Ragona. Discussion continued.

Ms. Manetta requested clarification on personal email accounts being blocked for employees of the district. Mr. Geras responded that her statement was correct.

NEXT MEETING

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Mrs. Byer announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at the Dutch Broadway School at 7:30 PM.

ADJORNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Parker-Duncanson, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 11:22 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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PUBLIC SESSION

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On a motion by Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert, seconded by Mr. Phillips the Board reconvened into Public Session at 11:28 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:30 PM on a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Parker-Duncanson.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Submitted by,

June 17, 2008

Date Approved

Celestine L. Lloyd
District Clerk