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REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 16, 2009

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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 Dutch Broadway School on Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Ragona, President
Lorraine Ferrigno, Vice President
Michael A. Jaime
Anthony S. Maffea Sr.
Deniece Walker

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Pamela Byer

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
Mrs. Kathleen Safrey,	Interim Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Colum P. Nugent,	School Attorney
Celestine L. Lloyd,	District Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ABSENT: None

Motion Carried Unanimously

CONSULTANT ABSENT: Mr. Thomas W. Galante

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board convened in Public Session at 7:45 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Mr. Ragona called the meeting to order at 7:47 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

Motion Carried

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2009.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Vote on approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2009:

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	0

Motion Carried

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 19, 2009.

Vote on approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 19, 2009:

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	0

Motion Carried

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Ms. Walker, the Board approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 28, 2009.

Vote on approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 28, 2009:

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	0

Motion Carried

On a motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 9, 2009.

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Vote on approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 9, 2009:

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	0

Motion Carried

INFORMATION REPORT - None

PRESIDENT'S/VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS

President – Mr. Ragona stated that he would keep his comments brief. He thanked everyone for coming out for the last board meeting before the end of the school year and children are free for the summer. He commented on the forthcoming presentations for the evenings' Board meeting.

Mr. Ragona mentioned the Model UN program which took place at the Stewart Manor School on June 3, 2009. The program was implemented four years ago and it is unbelievable to see what is done by 4th, 5th and 6th grade children in the program. This year 85 children participated in the program and he noted how happy he was to see so many children participate. The topic of the conference was World Hunger. It was impressive and he thanked Mrs. Safrey, teachers, parents and children.

Mr. Ragona mentioned how wonderful the Memorial Day Parade was. He also reported on the first annual Elmont/Belmont Day, which was wonderful and participated in by the community.

Mr. Ragona reported on the Diversity Day Celebration at Covert Avenue which occurred on May 29, 2009. There were people of many cultures and all types of food. Elected Officials also attended the celebration.

Mr. Ragona announced the appointment of Ms. Ferrigno as the representative from the Elmont School District to the Sewanhaka Central High School District due to the resignation of Mrs. Parker-Duncanson. He congratulated and thanked Ms. Ferrigno, for the undertaking of the position for the balance of the year.

Vice President – Ms. Ferrigno did not have any comments.

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SEWANHAKA BOARD ITEMS

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ITEMS

Mr. Jaime reported that school ended June 15, 2009 for the High School District. The students are now in Regents Week. Over 4000 students will be taking Regents in all major subject areas.

The high school prom for Elmont Memorial will take place June 25 and for Sewanhaka on June 26 at Leonard's of Great Neck.

Mr. Jaime spoke of the excitement of Winston Waters II, along with other students, related to the end of year activities as it signals a culmination of a great high school career. He extended congratulations to him and his family.

There was \$65,000 in scholarships given out at the two annual senior awards night between Elmont Memorial and Sewanhaka High Schools. Mr. Jaime also mentioned the fundraising of over \$7000 done by the high school students for cancer and autism.

Mr. Jaime spoke of how proud he is to serve as a trustee on the High School Board and he looks forward to serving with Ms. Ferrigno as well.

RECOGNITION OF INTEL SCIENCE TALENT RESEARCH SEMI-FINALIST

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INTEL SCIENCE
TALENT RESEARCH
SEMI-FINALIST

Mr. Harper greeted everyone. He noted that students would be recognized tonight. Mr. Harper also mentioned the recognition and presentation to Winston Waters II, which will also be done. He gave an account of the accomplishments and activities the Waters' family are known for. Mr. Harper gave a scenario of a recent event that occurred. He then requested Mrs. Safrey and Mr. Aksionoff to come forward to make the presentation to the guest of honor.

Mr. Aksionoff gave a chronological description of Winston Waters II from his elementary years. He described his humor and good nature. Winston possessed a maturity toward his work. He then congratulated him on his award as the Science Research Semi-finalist. He thanked Hon. Assemblyman, Tom Alfano who secured the grant for the High School District to have this type of science research program. Mr. Aksionoff continued his presentation with additional comments on the achievements through the high school years as well as the future endeavors of Winston Waters II.

Mrs. Safrey then recalled the privilege of meeting Winston Waters II, who participated in the district wide PALs program. She gave her accounts of Winston from the age of eight years. Mrs. Safrey noted his articulation, sense of detail and the awareness that it was okay to ask the teacher many questions. He demonstrated courage. The continued outstanding support of a strong and solid family behind the success of Winston Waters II

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was also noted. Mrs. Safrey encouraged everyone to emulate Winston as he exemplifies hard work. Mrs. Safrey acknowledged the assistance she has received from Winston Waters II with the Model UN program and how he is there to help children in the community accomplish great things. She also noted how proud she and the District are of his success.

RECOGNITION OF
INTEL SCIENCE
TALENT RESEARCH
SEMI-FINALIST

Winston Waters II thanked the Board, Mr. Aksionoff and Mrs. Safrey for the presentation. He mentioned how his family supports him and this makes all the difference. Winston extended congratulations to the 6th graders who will be graduating. He acknowledged the Dutch Broadway School for giving him the foundation to be successful. He thanked everyone for their hard work, which made a difference in his life, the presentation and reception.

On behalf of the Board Mr. Harper thanked Winston again, and for being part of the Elmont Community. Mr. Ragona noted how proud the District is to see Winston's success and thanked the family for raising such a wonderful individual.

PRESENTATIONS BY EETA TO SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

OUTSTANDING
PERFORMANCE
PRESENTATIONS BY
EETA

Mr. Ragona then invited the president of the Elmont Elementary Teachers Association (EETA), Mrs. Elaine Mitchell and Mrs. Eileen Kantor to come forth. Mrs. Mitchell extended congratulations to Winston Waters II, as well. Awards were then presented to outstanding sixth grade students. They have demonstrated excellent academic achievement. They come to school each day highly motivated to learn and model outstanding school citizenship. Mrs. Mitchell presented the awards and thanked the parents and the teachers.

PRESENTATIONS OF MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS TO STUDENTS

MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD
PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Harper requested the principals from each of the elementary schools to come forth to present the students receiving music awards.

Mr. Harper made two additional announcements to the community. One was the introduction of the Assistant to the Principal of Covert Avenue School, Sharon Chapman. The second announcement was the change of status of Mrs. Safrey from Interim Director of Curriculum and Instruction to the Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

Mr. Ragona mentioned the effort which will be continued by the District in support of its arts and music programs. He encouraged the students to keep up the good work. Mr. Ragona congratulated Mrs. Safrey, and welcomed Ms. Chapman.

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Mr. Harper introduced the Jazz Masters Band of the District, who then performed a musical selection for the audience.

MUSICAL
PERFORMANCE

The meeting was called to recess at 8:45 PM. The meeting resumed at 9:05 PM.

AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

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. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Maffea, 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 thanked the entire community for attending the Board meeting supporting the children and the District. He mentioned that although he was remiss in informing the parents and teachers while they were in attendance to keep up with the Summer reading list he will remind them at the graduations, which begin on Friday.

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

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVES OF ABSENCE

STADTMAN, LAURIE, Elementary Teacher at Gotham Avenue School, effective 5/11/09, duration of leave 5/11/09 – 8/31/09, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 7 years.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 5/11/09 – 6/24/09.

LEVINN, JOY, Special Education Teacher at Gotham Avenue School, effective 5/21/09, duration of leave 5/21/09 – 8/31/09, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 3 years.

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*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 5/21/09 – 6/24/09.

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVES OF ABSENCE

NOLAN, JENNIFER, Elementary Teacher at Dutch Broadway School, effective date 9/29/09, duration of leave 9/29/09 – 1/31/10, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave, Service to District: 3 years.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 9/29/09 – 12/21/09.

BRUNO, KARINA, School Social Worker at Clara H. Carlson School, effective 9/8/09, duration of leave 9/8/09 – 10/19/09, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave, Service to District: 2 years, 2 months.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 9/8/09 – 10/19/09.

KOCH, IRENE, Special Education Teacher at Dutch Broadway School, effective 9/24/09, duration of leave 9/24/09 – 1/31/10, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave, Service to District: 9 years.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 9/24/09 – 12/16/09.

MCMANUS, KIMBERLY, Elementary Teacher at Clara H. Carlson School, effective 9/8/09, duration of leave 9/8/09 – 1/31/10 unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave, Service to District: 12 years.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 9/8/09 – 11/30/09.

The Board also approved the following professional appointments:

PROFESSIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

AXELROD, MICHELLE, Permanent Substitute (General Special Education), initial assignment: Clara H. Carlson School, at a salary of \$57,750 MA Step 1 (based on 2008-09 Teachers' Salary Schedule and pending receipt of official documentation of Master's Degree), effective 9/1/09 – 6/30/10 (pending medical approval and fingerprint clearance), no probation and no tenure involved, certification: Students with Disabilities 1-6 (initial) and Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial).

POURAKIS, VIRGINIA, Permanent Substitute (Elementary), initial assignment: Dutch Broadway School, at a salary of \$57,750 MA Step 1 (based on 2008-09 Teachers' Salary Schedule and pending receipt of official documentation of Master's Degree), effective 9/1/09 – 6/30/10 (pending medical approval and fingerprint clearance) no probation and no tenure involved, certification: Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial).

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CHAPMAN, SHARON, Elementary Education , initial assignment: to be determined, at a salary of \$73,214 MA + 75 Step 4 (based on 2008-09 Teachers' Salary Schedule and pending receipt of official documentation of credits beyond Master's Degree), effective 9/1/09 (pending medical approval and fingerprint clearance), probationary period: 9/1/09 – 8/31/12, certification: PreK-6 (Permanent).

ADAMS, JERRILL, Elementary Education, initial assignment: to be determined, at a salary of \$80,842 MA + 75 Step 7 (based on 2008-09 Teacher's Salary Schedule and pending receipt of official documentation of credits beyond Master's Degree), effective date 9/1/09 (pending medical approval and fingerprint clearance), probationary period: 9/1/09 – 8/31/12, certification Childhood Education 1-6 (Professional), School Building Leader (Initial), School District Leader (Professional).

BELTRAMI, HAYDEE, School Social Worker, Initial Assignment: Dutch Broadway/Stewart Manor Schools, at a salary of \$59,450 MA Step 2 (based on 2008-09 Teachers' Salary Schedule and pending receipt of official documentation of Master's Degree), probationary period: 9/1/09 – 8/31/12, certification: School Social Worker (Permanent).

DIDERIKSEN, MATTHEW, 175 Day Substitute; home school to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective 9/1/09 – 6/17/10 (pending medical approval and fingerprint clearance), no probation and no tenure involved, certification: Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial Pending).

AMFT, MARK, 175 Substitute; home school to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective 9/1/09 – 6/17/10 (pending medical approval and fingerprint clearance), no probation and no tenure involved, certification: PreK-6 (Permanent), Visual Arts (Professional).

The Board also approved the continuation of employment of the following teachers for the 2009-10 school year:

O'BRIEN, MELISSA, Permanent Substitute (Elementary Education), initial assignment: Dutch Broadway School, salary as per teacher's contract, effective date 9/1/09 – 6/30/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

BAHM, JOSEPH, Permanent Substitute (Elementary Education), initial assignment: Clara H. Carlson School, salary as per teacher's contract, effective date 9/1/09 – 6/30/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

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WILLIAMS, SHARON, Permanent Substitute (Speech), initial assignment: Alden Terrace/Gotham Avenue Schools, salary as per teacher's contract, effective date 9/1/09 – 2/3/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

CAVALIERE, ROBERT, Permanent Substitute (Elementary Education), initial assignment: Clara H. Carlson School, salary as per teacher's contract, effective date 9/1/09 – 6/30/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

KUDEL, CORINNE, Permanent Substitute (Speech), initial assignment: Clara H. Carlson School, salary as per teacher's contract, effective date 9/1/09 – 6/30/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

MEYERS, CHAD, Permanent Substitute (Elementary Education), initial assignment: Clara H. Carlson School, salary as per teacher's contract, effective date 9/1/09 – 6/30/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

GUTIERREZ, DANIEL, Permanent Substitute (Elementary Education), initial assignment: Alden Terrace School, salary as per teacher's contract, effective date 9/1/09 – 6/30/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

RUOCCO, LINDSAY, Permanent Substitute (Elementary Education), initial assignment: Covert Avenue School, salary as per teacher's contract, effective date 9/1/09 – 6/30/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

SMITH, DEBORAH, Permanent Substitute (Speech), initial assignment: Clara H. Carlson School, salary as per teacher's contract, effective date 9/1/09 – 6/30/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

BURDETTE, KIMBERLY, 175 Day Substitute, initial assignment: to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective date: 9/1/09 – 6/17/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

BAEZ, LISETTE, 175 Day Substitute, initial assignment: to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective date: 9/1/09 – 6/17/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

SOKHEY, SHARANPREET, 175 Day Substitute, initial assignment: to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective date: 9/1/09 – 6/17/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

LOCASTRO, KRISTINA, 175 Day Substitute, initial assignment: to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective date: 9/1/09 – 6/17/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

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MUGNO, ROBERT, 175 Day Substitute, initial assignment: to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective date: 9/1/09 – 6/17/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

KINSLEY, DEBRA, PreK Teacher, initial assignment: to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective date: 9/1/09 – 6/17/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

LEO, KATINA, PreK Teacher, initial assignment: to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective date: 9/1/09 – 6/17/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

CAMMAROTO, TRICIA, PreK Teacher, initial assignment: to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective date: 9/1/09 – 6/17/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

VERDECCHIA, JILLIAN, PreK Teacher, initial assignment: to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective date: 9/1/09 – 6/17/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

GLUCK, DEBRA, .6 Speech Teacher, initial assignment: Dutch Broadway School, salary as per teacher's contract, effective date: 9/1/09 – 6/30/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

TERMINI, NICOLE, .8 Teaching Assistant, initial assignment: Stewart Manor School, at a salary of \$23,735, effective date: 9/1/09 – 6/30/10, no probation and no tenure involved.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the following professional changes in status:

PROFESSIONAL
CHANGES IN STATUS

SMITH, CHRISTINE

From: 175 Day Substitute

To: Long Term Substitute (General Special Education)

Initial assignment: Dutch Broadway School, at a salary of \$59,450 MA Step 2, effective 2/23/09 – 6/30/09. Not eligible for probation and/or tenure, certification: Students With Disabilities 1-6 (Professional)

SAFREY, KATHLEEN

From: Interim Director of Curriculum and Instruction

To: Director of Curriculum and Instruction

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Initial Assignment: Elmont Road School, at a salary to be determined, effective 7/1/09, probationary period 7/1/09 – 8/31/11 (2 years, 2 months), certification: School District Administrator (Permanent)

PROFESSIONAL
CHANGES IN STATUS

BELSHAM, JESSICA

From: Permanent Substitute (Elementary Education)

To: 175 Day Substitute

Initial assignment: to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective 9/1/09 – 6/17/10, not eligible for probation and/or tenure, certification: Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)

ABRAHAM-KLENGLER, SHARON

From: Teaching Assistant

To: Permanent Substitute (General Special Education)

Initial assignment: Dutch Broadway School, at a salary of \$57,750 MA Step 1 (based on 2008-09 Teachers' Salary Schedule and pending receipt of official documentation of Master's Degree), effective date: 9/1/09 – 6/30/10, not eligible for probation and/or tenure, certification: Students With Disabilities 1-6 (Initial Pending) Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial Pending)

SMITH, CHRISTINE

From: Long Term Substitute

To: Permanent Substitute (General Special Education)

Initial Assignment: Dutch Broadway School, at a salary of \$59,450 MA Step 2 (based on 2008-09 Teachers' Salary Schedule), effective date 9/1/09 – 6/30/10, not eligible for probation and/or tenure, certification: Students With Disabilities 1-6 (Professional)

GRIMAUDO, ENZAMARIA

From: 175 Day Substitute

To: Permanent Substitute (General Special Education)

Initial Assignment: Clara H. Carlson School, at a salary of \$57,750 MA Step 1 (based on 2008-09 Teachers' Salary Schedule and pending receipt of official documentation of Master's Degree), effective date 9/1/09 – 6/30/10, not eligible for probation and/or tenure, certification: Students With Disabilities 1-6 (Initial)

SINNREICH, ARIELLA

From: .4 School Psychologist

To: .6 School Psychologist

Initial Assignment: Gotham Avenue School, salary as per contract, effective date 9/1/09 – 6/30/10, not eligible for probation and/or tenure, certification: School Psychologist (Provisional)

The Board approved the following professional resignations:

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WENDLING, HEATHER, Special Education Teacher, Clara H. Carlson School, effective 6/30/09, service to district: 2 years, reason: personal.

PROFESSIONAL
RESIGNATIONS

EMANUELE, JOANNE, Teacher assigned as Principal's Assistant, Covert Avenue School, effective 6/30/09, service to district 9 years, reason: personal.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

CIVIL SERVICE LEAVE
OF ABSENCE

PARINIS, CAROLE, Bus Attendant 10-month, Transportation, effective 5/18/09, duration of leave 6 weeks, unpaid, reason: medical.

The Board approved the employment of the following personnel:

CIVIL SERVICE
APPOINTMENTS

LEMMON, NEIL, Security Aide at a salary of \$17.85 hourly, effective 6/17/09 pending civil service, medical and fingerprint approval, probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval.

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

CIVIL SERVICE
SUBSTITUTE
APPOINTMENTS

CROATTA, MICHAEL, Cleaner Part-time Substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$10.00 hourly, effective 6/17/09, pending civil service and medical approval.

GILLIARD, CHRISTOPHER, Cleaner, Part-time Substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$10.00 hourly, effective 6/17/09 pending civil service and medical approval.

RIVERA, ROBERT, Cleaner, Part-time Substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$10.00 hourly, effective 6/17/09 pending civil service and medical approval.

MEJIA, RICARDO, Cleaner, Part-time Substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$10.00 hourly, effective 6/17/09 pending civil service and medical approval.

TRUMPY, JOHN, Teacher Aide Part-time Substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$12.00 hourly, effective 5/15/09 pending civil service and medical approval.

GLYNN, BRENDA, Teacher Aide Part-time Substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$12.00 hourly, effective 6/17/09 pending civil service and medical approval.

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DORTCH, ARIELLE, Typist Clerk Part-time Substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$14.00 hourly, effective 6/17/09 pending civil service and medical approval.

CIVIL SERVICE
SUBSTITUTE
APPOINTMENTS

LANDSBERG, ADAM, Typist Clerk Part-time Substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$14.00 hourly, effective 6/17/09 pending civil service and medical approval.

The Board further approved the following Civil Service changes in status:

CIVIL SERVICE
CHANGES IN STATUS

TURK, LINDSAY

From: Teacher Aide

To: Teacher Aide Part-time substitute

District wide, at a salary of \$12.00 hourly, effective 9/10/09 pending civil service approval, probation: NA

WILLIAMS, DARRELL

From: Cleaner Part-time substitute

To: Cleaner

Clara H. Carlson School, at a salary of \$31,329 annual, effective 07/01/09 pending civil service approval, probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval.

TAYLOR-MITCHELL, PHYLLIS

From: Teacher Aide Part-time substitute

To: Teacher Aide Special Education 1:1 (4 hours per day)

Stewart Manor School, at a salary of \$17.15 hourly, effective 06/17/09 pending civil service approval, probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval.

The Board approved the termination of the following Civil Service employee:

CIVIL SERVICE
TERMINATIONS

VABRINSKAS, PAULETTE, Teacher Aide, Covert Avenue School, effective 6/11/2009, service to district: 17 years 9 months, reason: deceased.

The Board also approved the termination of the following Civil Service employee effective 5/13/09 due to no service to the District:

Kevin Causey, Cleaner Part-time Substitute

The Board further approved the termination of the following Civil Service employee effective 6/17/09 due to no recent service to the District:

Anna Maria Caputo – Food Service Helper Part-time Substitute

The Board approved the following Civil Service resignation:

CIVIL SERVICE
RESIGNATION

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RODRIQUEZ, VICTORIA, Teacher Aide, Clara H. Carlson School, effective 5/29/09, service to district: 1 year 2 months, reason: personal.

CIVIL SERVICE
RESIGNATION

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, the Board approved the following staff to participate in the CPSE/CSE meetings from June 25, 2009 through September 4, 2009, at a rate of \$50.00 per hour, on an as needed basis:

CPSE/CSE STAFF
PARTICIPATION

Psychologist

Karen Green	Stewart Manor
Jodi Luce	Dutch Broadway
Ruby Pieri	Gotham Avenue
Theresa Stanlewicz	Clara Carlson

Social Worker

Joyce Korn	Dutch Broadway
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Special Education Teacher

Lisa Italiano	Alden Terrace
Sandra Lennon	Covert Avenue
Nancy McLaughlin	Clara Carlson
Lauren Murphy	Clara Carlson
Carolyn Tully	Covert Avenue

Speech Teacher

Sharon Williams	Gotham Avenue
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General Education Teacher

Susan Aksionoff	Stewart Manor
Jodi Clark	Alden Terrace
Gina Colica	Alden Terrace
Patricia Delay	Stewart Manor
Santa Feibus	Gotham Avenue
Janice Feurtado	Covert Avenue

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Carolyn King	Alden Terrace
Maria Leva	Alden Terrace
Karen Ann Moleculeski	Stewart Manor
Jillian Verecchia	Gotham Avenue

CPSE/CSE STAFF
PARTICIPATION

The Board approved the revision in the salary recommendations for the special education teachers, speech/language teachers, psychologist, and coordinator of the 2009 extended school year program.

SALARY
RECOMMENDATION
REVISION FOR
SPECIAL EDUCATION
STAFF

Information pertaining to the revision can be found in the backup pages of the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

The Board also approved the authorization for the following consultant to work in the Summer Enrichment Program at Clara H. Carlson School.

SUMMER
ENRICHMENT
PROGRAM
CONSULTANT

Mr. John DiNaro - to work on a summer art project with Mrs. Katz

Fee - \$325 – project fee

The Board further approved the employment of the following Social Worker for Academic Summer School at the Gotham Avenue School. The compensation rate will be \$250.00 per day for 16 days each, as per teachers' contract.
(Funds from Title IV will be used to offset the cost of summer school.)

ACADEMIC SUMMER
SCHOOL SOCIAL
WORKER
EMPLOYMENT

Cheryl Goldstein

The Board approved the employment of the following ESL Teacher for Academic Summer School at the Gotham Avenue School. The compensation rate will be \$250.00 per day for 16 days each, as per teachers' contract.

ACADEMIC SUMMER
SCHOOL ESL
TEACHER
EMPLOYMENT

Francine Fox

The Board approved the updated Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan for 2009-2010. The plan is contained under separate cover.

COMPREHENSIVE
DISTRICT-WIDE
SCHOOL SAFETY
PLAN

The Board also approved the employment of the following food service personnel for the Summer School program.

SUMMER SCHOOL
FOOD SERVICE
EMPLOYMENT

(29 Day Program – Clara H. Carlson School)

Graziella Titone – 4 hours @ \$13.00 an hour on timesheet

Rokiatu Mutjabah – 4 hours @ \$11.00 an hour on timesheet

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(16 Day Program – Gotham Avenue School)
Silvana Apicella – 2 hours @ \$13.00 an hour on timesheet
Pasqualina Gallone – 2 hours @ \$11.00 an hour on timesheet

SUMMER SCHOOL
FOOD SERVICE
EMPLOYMENT

Rosalba Agostino and **Joan Ryan** will work as substitutes when needed at \$11.00 an hour.

The Board further approved the School Lunch Manager, **Uliana Cavalluzzo** to work during the 2009 summer. Time worked will not exceed 278 hours and compensation will be at the regular hourly rate of pay.

SUMMER
EMPLOYMENT FOR
SCHOOL LUNCH
MANAGER

Information pertaining to the School Lunch Manager can be found in the backup pages of the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

The Board approved the second reading of the **By-Laws of the Board Policy – 9000 (3); Article IV, Section 2 – Meetings.**

SECOND READING
BY-LAWS OF BOARD
POLICY #9000 (3);
ARTICLE IV,
SECTION 2 –
MEETINGS

A copy of the policy can be found in the backup pages of the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

The Board also approved the pre-approval of the Board Meeting Dates for the 2009-2010 school year. Official approval will take place at the Board's Reorganization Meeting in July. However planning for the school calendar necessitates an earlier approval.

PRE-APPROVAL OF
BOARD MEETING
DATES FOR 2009-
2010

3 rd Tuesday	September 15	8:00 PM	Elmont Road
2 nd Tuesday	October 13	8:00 PM	Alden Terrace
2 nd Tuesday	November 10	8:00 PM	Covert Avenue
2 nd Tuesday	December 8	7:30 PM	Dutch Broadway
2 nd Tuesday	January 12	8:00 PM	Stewart Manor
2 nd Tuesday	February 9	8:00 PM	Covert Avenue
2 nd Tuesday	March 9	8:00 PM	Gotham Avenue
2 nd Tuesday	April 13	8:00 PM	Clara H. Carlson
3 rd Tuesday	April 20	6:30 PM	Elmont Road
	(BOCES Budget Vote)		
2 nd Tuesday	May 11	8:00 PM	Dutch Broadway
3 rd Tuesday	May 18	9:00 PM	Elmont Road
	(Annual Budget Vote)		
2 nd Tuesday	June 8	7:30 PM	Dutch Broadway
1 st Tuesday	July 6	8:00 PM	Elmont Road
	(Reorganization)		
2 nd Tuesday	August 10	8:00 PM	Elmont Road

The Board approved the donation of two checks for \$100.00 each from Mr. Douglas Heiser and Mr. David Heiser for the purchase of \$200.00 in United States Savings Bonds

GIFT TO THE
DISTRICT

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to the District for the Gotham Avenue School. Information pertaining to this donation can be found in the backup pages of the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

GIFTS TO THE
DISTRICT

The Board also approved the donation of \$200.00 from Newsday Future Corps to the District for the Gotham Avenue School for Clean-up Day. Information pertaining to this donation can be found in the backup pages of the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

The Board was presented for a first reading, policy #3030 – **Conference Requests**. A copy of the policy (changes are noted in italics) can be referenced in the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

FIRST READING –
POLICY #3030 –
CONFERENCE
REQUESTS

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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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 June 16, 2009.

Family and Medical Leave of Absence

FAMILY AND
MEDICAL LEAVE OF
ABSENCE

Name

Dates

Anthony Ciambrone

12 Weeks

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 Ann Madonna	Bus Driver
Barbara Nimmo	Food Service Worker

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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 in the back of the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Maffea, 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**

Motion Carried Unanimously

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 April 2009 on a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Maffea.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the authorization to make budgetary transfers (over \$5,000) as per the backup pages in the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS
OVER \$5,000**

The Board approved the increase in selling price of ala carte item for school lunch as per the backup pages in the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

**ALA CARTE ITEMS
SCHOOL LUNCH
PRICE INCREASE**

The Board also approved the bid awards to the following vendors, as per backup pages in the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

BID AWARDS

- a. Bid # 14-09/10 Uniforms to Hanover
- b. Bid # 15-09/10 Transportation Repair Contracts to the following:
 - Bid #1 Transmission Repairs to Delta Transmissions
 - Bid #2 Towing to Ogden's Towing
 - Bid #3 General Repairs to Nassau Spring
 - Bid #4 DOT Inspections & Repairs to Checkered Flag
 - Bid #5 Tire Replacement & Repairs to Hempstead Tire
 - Bid #6 Vehicle Glazing to Star Auto Glass
 - Bid # 7 Body Repair to Islandwide Body Repair
- c. Bid # 16-09/10 Vehicle Fuel Contracts to:
 - First Petroleum
 - Wright Express

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Tudor Mobil

BID AWARDS

- d. Bid # 05-09/09 Bread and Bagels to Sapienza Baking – 8 items
- e. Bid # 06/08/09 Ice Cream to American Classic – 9 items
- f. Bid #7-08/09 Milk to Oak Tree Dairy – 7 items
- g. Bid # 08-08/09 Paper Goods/Cleaning Supplies to:
 - Appco – 12 items
 - Mivila – 10 items
- h. Bid #09-08/09 Produce to:
 - Arrow of Westbury – 23 items
 - T.A. Morris – 2 items
- i. Bid # 10-08/09 Grocery to:
 - Savory – 28 items
 - Mivila – 70 items
 - T. A. Morris – 44 items
- j. Bid # 07-09/10 Carpentry Supplies to:
 - Pioneer – 61 items
 - Marjam – 11 items
 - Barneys – 27 items
 - Tunloy – 44 items

ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

**[ITEMS NOTED FOR
THE MINUTES**

Analysis of Revenue – for the month of April 2009.

General Fund Schedule of Receivables - General Fund Schedule of Receivables for the month of April, 2009 appears in the backup pages in the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

Monthly Budget Status Report

Monthly Budget Status Report – as of April 30, 2009 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

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Various Fund Trial Balances

ITEMS NOTED FOR
MINUTES

Trial Balance Reports General, Capital, School Lunch, Trust & Agency, Expendable Trust, Special Aid, Capital Bond and Non-Expendable Trust as of April 30, 2009 appear in the backup pages in the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

General Fund Cash Flow Statement

General Fund Cash Flow as of April 30, 2009 and Cash Flow Projection as of May 31, 2009 appear in the backup pages in the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

General Fund – Fund Balance Estimate

Estimated General Fund Balance as of April 30, 2009 appears in the backup pages in the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

School Meals Profit and Loss Statement

School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the month of April, 2009 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of June 16, 2009.

Custodial/Transportation Overtime

Breakdown Custodial/Transportation Overtime:

Cust./Trans. Overtime – May, 2009	\$ 5,346.77
Overtime paid Year to Date	\$ 99,817.14
Cust./Trans.Overtime - July, 2007 - June, 2008	\$ 122,501.03

<u>VANDALISM TALLIES FOR MAY 2009</u> -	\$ 10
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VANDALISM
TALLIES

Year-to-Date	\$ 301
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Previous Year-to-Date	\$ 520
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APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

APPOINTMENT OF
REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE HIGH
SCHOOL BOARD

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board appointed Ms. Ferrigno as the new representative from the Elmont Union Free School District to the Sewanhaka Central High School Board. This appointment will be effective today through June 30, 2009.

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Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMITTEE
REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
ITEMS

Mr. Ragona informed the audience of the Board having met with the auditors previously in the evening and stated the District's fiscal soundness. He noted the next meeting scheduled with the Audit Committee on September 23, 2009.

Mr. Ragona gave a report on the Health & Safety Committee. The last meeting of the year has been conducted. The District follows all of the guidelines imposed by BOCES and NY State and have been complimented on how well the District is doing. Mr. Ragona thanked Mr. DeBartolo the facilitator of the committee for his help and the work he has performed.

Mr. Jaime thanked Mrs. Schwartz and Mrs. Muller for their participation in the first Mentoring Program which was implemented this year. He thanked the teachers who participated, making the program such a success.

Mr. Ragona also noted the end of the year Barbeque, in addition to the mentoring program.

OLD BUSINESS – There have been problems about monies owed from the lunch program. Mr. Ragona reported on the recouping of funds. He commended Mr. Harper for assisting with this endeavor as some of the outstanding amounts are substantial.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS – Ms. Ferrigno spoke of students who are in need of free lunch. After reading a article in Newsday about a partnership with the Social Services department and bringing the information to the attention of District some children may be able to take advantage of the free lunch program without the need to complete the application as long as they are receiving Social Services. The information also was directed to Tom Suozzi by Mr. Geras.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION - None

AUDIENCE ITEMS

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Ms. Claudine Hall, President of Jamaica Square Improvement League took the opportunity to thank the school board for their support this year.

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Mr. Pat Boyle, GYO President wanted to bring some items to the attention of the Board. He stated that GYO will not be running a summer program this year. St. Martin De Porres also will not be running a summer program this year and there will not be any Summer School for the High School. Mr. Boyle stressed his concerns due to the cutbacks and encouraged the Board to be cognizant of this fact. He complimented the District on the summer program it does have in place. Mr. Boyle mentioned that Afterschool programs will be in effect when school is back in session in September. Mr. Boyle reviewed some issues that are being discussed currently and extended the help of GYO if necessary.

AUDIENCE ITEMS

Mr. Ragona confirmed that the issues noted by Mr. Boyle are also a concern of the District.

Mr. Ragona announced the next regular meeting of the Board of Education is July 7, 2009 at the Elmont Road School at 8:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT TO
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:27 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC SESSION

PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Maffea seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board reconvened into Public Session at 10:14 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:18 PM on a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Jaime.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Submitted by,

July 7, 2009
Date Approved

Celestine L. Lloyd
District Clerk