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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 Elmont Road School on Tuesday, August 11, 2009.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Ragona, President
Lorraine Ferrigno, Vice President
Michael A. Jaime
Colleen Mockenhaupt
Deniece Walker

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Patrick O. Emeagwali
Anthony S. Maffea Sr.

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:

Mr. Robert Geras, Director of Business and Facilities

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Mr. Thomas W. Galante

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Ms. Mockenhaupt, 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 8:03 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Mr. Ragona called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF THE
AGENDA

Motion Carried Unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Ms. Walker, the Board approved the minutes of the Reorganization/Regular Meeting of July 7, 2009.

APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES

Vote on approving the minutes of the Reorganization/Regular Meeting of July 7, 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 July 22, 2009.

Vote on approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 22, 2009:

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	0

Motion Carried

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 4, 2009.

Vote on approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 4, 2009:

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	0

Motion Carried

On a motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, the Board approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 6, 2009.

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Vote on approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 6, 2009:

APPROVAL OF THE
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 welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. The summer has been busy for the District and a detail report of the events will be given at the September Board Meeting.

Vice President – Ms. Ferrigno did not have any comments for the evening.

SEWANHAKA BOARD ITEMS

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BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Jaime informed the audience that the first day of classes for the High School District will be September 9, 2009. All summer reading assignments are to be completed by the beginning of classes. He mentioned the contact information for the families of private or parochial school students for issues related to the late bus.

Mr. Jaime mentioned the attendance of the faculty at the Summer Technology Institute to sharpen their SMART Board skills. The teachers are ready to start the new school year. The announcement of the opening of the tribal grounds will be forthcoming.

AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

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Letter from Assemblyman Thomas W. Alfano, to members of the Board of Education. The letter expressed gratitude to the District for its generous support of the 5th annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Dutch Broadway School on July 10, 2009.

Letter from Susan Chory, to members of the Board, Mr. Harper and Dr. Pleta, dated August 10, 2009. The letter requested permission to donate a birdbath to the courtyard at Covert Avenue School as a token of appreciation from the graduating class of 2008.

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On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, the Board approved the donation of a birdbath to the courtyard at Covert Avenue School.

GIFT TO THE
DISTRICT

Motion Carried

Mr. Ragona thanked his colleagues for the support displayed for the 3-on-3 Basketball event. It was a great event and he expressed his thanks to Mr. Alfano as well.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

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ATTORNEY

Mr. Nugent requested that the Board consider the amendment to policy #4776, **Leave Time for Breast or Prostate Cancer Screening** for the first reading. There was no action required this evening. The policy was presented for a first reading.

The second item Mr. Nugent addressed was in regard to the Election held on May 19, 2009. At the conclusion of the election it was communicated to the Board that there were no discrepancies. However upon further review of the poll lists there were discrepancies at Alden Terrace School, Clara H. Carlson School, Covert Avenue School, Gotham Avenue School and Stewart Manor School.

Mr. Nugent mentioned that the election was conducted with a new election management system which required the utilization of scanning pens. Some of the discrepancies suggested that a voter may have signed the registration book however the worker did not scan the name in the voter registration book.

Mr. Nugent reviewed the results at each poll location and stated that when the Board was asked to certify the vote, it was not accurate. He reviewed the results of the vote upon the receipt of the review of the challenged votes. Mr. Nugent mentioned that this type of discrepancy has never occurred before and the continued use of the system is being considered. Mr. Nugent stated that he will respond to the Board with his suggestion on the system at a later date.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Mr. Harper pointed out the recently displayed artwork in the Board/Conference Room created by the children during the summer in the Enrichment Program. The program was collaborated on by Mrs. Katz and Mr. Yee, the Art Coordinator of Elmont Memorial. Mr. Harper mentioned how the artwork brightens up the Board room. Mr. Harper expressed how proud he is of the program.

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Mr. Harper then greeted and wished everyone a happy August!! He thanked everyone for coming out. This type of attendance displays a testament of the commitment to the District.

REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, the Board approved the following employee requesting an extension of her District Child Rearing and/or Family and Medical Leave of Absence:

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVE OF
ABSENCE

STADTMAN, LAURIE, Elementary Teacher, Gotham Avenue School

From: 5/11/09 – 8/31/09, unpaid

To: 5/11/09 – 1/31/10, unpaid*

Reason: District Child Rearing Leave

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 5/11/09 – 6/24/09 & from 9/8/09 – 10/14/09.

Note: Leave of Absence was originally approved by the Board on 3/17/09; a change was approved on 6/16/09.

The Board approved the following professional appointments:

PROFESSIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

HOLLIDAY, JEANA, 175 Day Substitute Teacher, initial assignment to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective 9/1/09 – 6/18/10 (pending medical approval and fingerprint clearance), no probation and no tenure involved. Certification: Childhood Education B-2 & 1-6 (Initial), SWD B-2 & 1-6 (Initial).

BERNADEL, DIMITRI, Permanent Substitute (Elementary Education), Gotham Avenue School, 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), 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).

CONNELL ELIZABETH, 175 Day Substitute Teacher, initial assignment to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective 9/1/09 – 6/18/10 (pending medical approval and fingerprint clearance), no probation and no tenure involved. Certification: Childhood Education B-2 & 1-6 (Initial), SWD B-2 & 1-6 (Initial).

FRONTINO, MARC, Permanent Substitute (Elementary Education), Gotham Avenue 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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ARDOLINO, JENNA, 175 Day Substitute Teacher, initial assignment to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective 9/1/09 – 6/18/10 (pending medical approval and fingerprint clearance), no probation and no tenure involved. Certification: Childhood Education B-2 & 1-6 (Initial), SWD B-2 & 1-6 (Initial).

PROFESSIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

The Board further approved the employment of the following PreK teachers for the 2009-2010 school year. They will work their assigned schedule and will be paid \$25,000 per year. Not eligible for probation/tenure. (Pending medical approval and fingerprint clearance).

<u>Initial Assignment</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
TBD	*Bolden, Gretchen	Early Childhood Education B-2 (Initial)
TBD	*Combs, Maureen	Early Childhood Education B-1 (Initial)

*Pending medical approval and fingerprint clearance

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

PROFESSIONAL
SUBSTITUTE
APPOINTMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
*Fleming, Winifred	Common Branches

*Pending fingerprint clearance.

The Board further approved the following professional change in status:

PROFESSIONAL
CHANGE IN
STATUS

JABLONSKI, JENNIFER,

From: Permanent Substitute (General Special Education)

To: 175 Day Substitute Teacher

Initial Assignment: To be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective 9/1/09 – 6/18/10, probationary appointment: not eligible for probation and/or tenure.

The Board approved the following professional resignation:

PROFESSIONAL
RESIGNATION

ADAMS, JERRILL, Teacher assigned as Principal's Assistant, at the Alden Terrace School, effective 9/1/09, service to District: none, reason: Accepted a position elsewhere.

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Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the following Civil Service appointments:

CIVIL SERVICE
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

GERBASI, CHRISTYNE, Account Clerk, at a salary of \$34,879 annual, effective 7/27/09 pending civil service approval, probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval. Replacing: Gena Hollwedel now assigned to Pupil Personnel.

BODRICK, RICHARD, Security Aide, at a salary of \$14.06 hourly, effective 8/12/09 pending civil service approval, probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval. Replacing: Herbie Mickens changing status to full time Cleaner.

The Board approved the substitute-conditional employment of the following personnel:

CIVIL SERVICE
SUBSTITUTE
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

PERON, JILL, Food Service Helper Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$11.35/hour, effective 8/12/09 pending Civil Service, medical & fingerprint approval.

ROMAN-CURATOLA, CYNTHIA, Food Service Helper Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$11.35/hour, effective 8/12/09 pending Civil Service, medical & fingerprint approval.

CORREA, GINETTE, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$12.00/hour, effective 8/12/09 pending Civil Service, medical & fingerprint approval.

LESPINASSE, MYKY, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$12.00/hour, effective 8/12/09 pending Civil Service, medical & fingerprint approval.

GEORGE, LOUISE, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$12.00/hour, effective 8/12/09 pending Civil Service, medical & fingerprint approval.

MONGELLI, CARMEN, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$12.00/hour, effective 8/12/09 pending Civil Service, medical & fingerprint approval.

BETTERSON, MICHELLE, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$12.00/hour, effective 8/12/09 pending Civil Service, medical & fingerprint approval.

OROLOGIO, ANGELA, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$12.00/hour, effective 8/12/09 pending Civil Service, medical & fingerprint approval.

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LAROSA, DEBORAH, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$12.00/hour, effective 8/12/09 pending Civil Service, medical & fingerprint approval.

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

CIVIL SERVICE
CHANGES IN
STATUS

MICKENS, HERBIE,

From: Security Aide

To: Cleaner

at the Gotham Avenue School, at a salary of \$31,329 annual, effective 8/12/09 pending Civil Service approval, probation: 26 weeks from Civil Service approval.

REINHARDT, ROBERT,

From: Custodian

To: Head Custodian

at the Alden Terrace School, at a salary of \$47,278 annual, effective 8/12/09 pending Civil Service approval, probation: 26 weeks from Civil Service approval.

The Board further approved the termination of the following Civil Service employees effective 8/12/09 due to no service to the District:

CIVIL SERVICE
TERMINATIONS

Eric Veney- Cleaner Part-time substitute
Daniel Widman- Cleaner Part-time substitute
Gustavo Gonzalez- Bus Driver Part-time substitute

The Board also approved the termination of the following Civil Service employees effective 8/12/09 due to no recent service to the District:

Issac Cameron- Cleaner Part-time substitute
Alan McDuffie- Cleaner Part-time substitute
Roberto Rios- Cleaner Part-time substitute
Gerald Seltzer- Cleaner Part-time substitute
James Sheridan- Cleaner Part-time substitute
Debora Herring- Teacher Aide Part-time substitute
Vita Gambino- Teacher Aide Part-time substitute
Margaret Gambino- Teacher Aide Part-time substitute
Theresa Izzo- Teacher Aide Part-time substitute

The Board approved the following Civil Service resignations:

CIVIL SERVICE
RESIGNATIONS

HARDMAN, CAROLYN, Teacher Aide, at the Clara H. Carlson School, effective 7/3/09, service to District: 4 years 10 months, reason: personal.

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HAVRYLKOFF, MARYJANE, Teacher Aide, at the Clara H. Carlson School, effective 8/31/09, service to District: 6 years 11 months, reason: New position within district.

CIVIL SERVICE
TERMINATIONS

O'BRIEN, MICHAEL, Bus Driver 10-month, Transportation, effective 7/28/09, service to District: 3 years 5 months, reason: personal.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, 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

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, the Board approved the use of ***GWJ Consultants Ltd.*** to provide co-teaching consultation services for the 2009-2010 school year for a maximum of ten days at \$1,000 per day. Additional information is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of August 11, 2009.

CO-TEACHING
CONSULTATION
SERVICES FOR THE
2009-2010
SCHOOL YEAR

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AT-HOME BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board approved ***Enza Grimaudo*** to provide at-home behavior intervention services at a rate of \$50.00 per hour, from July 1, 2009 through August 11, 2009. The services will not exceed thirty hours.

COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL
EDUCATION AT-
HOME BEHAVIOR
INTERVENTION
SERVICES FOR
2009-2010
SCHOOL YEAR

The Board also approved ***Enza Grimaudo*** to provide at-home behavior intervention services from September 10, 2009 through June 25, 2010. The compensation will be at the contractual rate for after school activities, as indicated in Schedule B, Paragraph C. The services will not exceed two hundred and twenty hours. Additional information is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of August 11, 2009.

CPR/AED TRAINING OF DISTRICT

The Board approved ***Helen Fries*** and ***Jean Duroseau*** to provide CPR/AED training of District staff at a rate of \$150 per session. There will be no more than 55 training

CPR/AED
TRAINING OF
DISTRICT

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sessions. Additional information is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of August 11, 2009.

COMPENSATION FOR RESIDENCY HEARING ASSISTANCE

COMPENSATION
FOR RESIDENCY
HEARING
ASSISTANCE

The Board further approved compensation for ***Joyce Korn*** to assist with a residency hearing held July 24, 2009 at the rate of \$50.00 per hour, not to exceed six hours. Additional information is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of August 11, 2009.

COMPENSATORY TIME FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

COMPENSATORY
TIME FOR SCHOOL
PSYCHOLOGIST

The Board approved compensatory time for ***Ruby Uliss-Pierri***, School Psychologist. Mrs. Pierri is serving as psychologist on the Committee on Special Education and is a member of the Early Entrance Committee. There will be a maximum of thirty hours for both committees. Additional information is contained in the Board Book of August 11, 2009.

SUMMER STAFF FOR CSE TESTING

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FOR CSE TESTING

The Board also approved ***Cheryl Goldstein*** to participate in the CPSE/CSE meeting from June 25, 2009 through September 4, 2009, at a rate of \$50.00 per hour, on an as needed basis. Additional information is contained in the Board Book of August 11, 2009.

CONSULTANTS FOR RESIDENCY INVESTIGATIONS

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FOR RESIDENCY
INVESTIGATIONS

In accordance with the bid opening of RFP #17-2009/2010, the Board approved the following consultants for residency investigations:

Joel Mitchell, Private Investigator

750 Hrs. @ \$60.00 per hour

Noel Woitko, District Investigator

500 Hrs. @ \$30.00 per hour

Additional information regarding the consultants for residency is contained in the Board Book of August 11, 2009.

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COMPENSATORY TIME FOR ASSISTANTS TO THE PRINCIPAL

COMPENSATORY
TIME FOR
ASSISTANTS TO
THE PRINCIPAL

The Board approved the compensation for Assistants to the Principal in the form of compensatory time, not to exceed 30 hours, to allow for administrative duties to facilitate the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

CONSULTANTS FOR TEACHER IN-SERVICE

CONSULTANTS
FOR TEACHER IN-
SERVICE

The Board further approved the following consultants to work with our professional staff during the 2009-2010 school year:

Mr. John Hinton of Math Matters, Inc. – will work with teachers to strengthen math problem solving skills, developing math concepts and differentiation instruction.

Fee - \$800 per day, 6 days

Dr. Andrea Honigsfeld – Professor at Molloy College – ESL Consultant

Fee - \$1,250 per day, 3 days

Judy Dodge – Educational Consultant and Author – *Differentiation in Action*

Fee - \$1,500 per day, 2 days

Mr. Walter Simola, PossEdibilities Consultant, will work with new and experienced staff to plan and implement an effective mentoring and induction program.

Fee - \$650 per day, 6 days

Mr. Roger Kinsey, DRK Associate will work with new and experienced staff to plan and implement an effective mentoring and induction program.

Fee - \$650 per day, 6 days

Partially supported by Title I, IIA, IID, III

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NYSSBA CONVENTION: VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

**NYSSBA
CONVENTION:
VOTING
DELEGATE AND
ALTERNATE**

On a motion by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board designated Mr. Jaime as the single voting delegate and Ms. Walker as the alternate voting delegate to the New York State School Boards Association Convention which will take place in New York, NY from October 15-19, 2009.

The voting delegate will represent the Board's vote on each of the convention resolutions at the Annual Business Meeting of NYSSBA.

Motion Carried

ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

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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 August 11, 2009.

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

Family and Medical Leave of Absence

**FAMILY AND
MEDICAL LEAVE
OF ABSENCE**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Latoya Willis	6 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 in the back of the Board Book of August 11, 2009.

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

On a motion by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, 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 June 2009.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Motion Carried

On a motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, the Board approved the authorization to make budgetary transfers (over \$5,000) as per the backup pages in the Board Book of August 11, 2009.

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

The Board approved the entering into a contract with a Parent to transport their child to an out of District school for the months of July and August 2009 which we do not currently transport to, as per the backup pages in the Board Book of August 11, 2009.

**CONTRACT WITH
PARENT TO
TRANSPORT
CHILD TO OUT OF
DISTRICT**

ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

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Analysis of Revenue – for the month of June 2009.

General Fund Schedule of Receivables - General Fund Schedule of Receivables for the month of June, 2009 appears in the backup pages in the Board Book of August 11, 2009.

Monthly Budget Status Report

Monthly Budget Status Report – as of June 30, 2009 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of August 11, 2009.

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 June 30, 2009 appear in the backup pages in the Board Book of August 11, 2009.

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General Fund Cash Flow Statement

ITEMS NOTED FOR
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General Fund Cash Flow as of June 30, 2009 and Cash Flow Projection as of July 31, 2009 appear in the backup pages in the Board Book of August 11, 2009.

General Fund – Fund Balance Estimate

Estimated General Fund Balance as of June 30, 2009 appears in the backup pages in the Board Book of August 11, 2009.

Custodial/Transportation Overtime

Breakdown Custodial/Transportation Overtime:

Cust./Trans. Overtime – July, 2009	\$ 9,267.53
Overtime paid Year to Date	\$ 9,267.53
Cust./Trans.Overtime - July, 2008 - June, 2009	\$ 107,308.32

VANDALISM TALLIES FOR JULY 2009 - \$ 0

Year-to-Date \$ 0

Previous Year-to-Date \$ 43

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Ragona acknowledged Dr. Green in the audience. He thanked her for the Special Education Extended School Year program as well as the other things she does for the children of the District.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS – Mr. Ragona noted the basketball courts completion and extended thanks to Assemblyman Alfano.

LEGISLATIVE
ITEMS

The audience was informed about the grant of approximately \$122K through NYS Department of Children and Family Services to be received by the GYO Afterschool program would keep the program in operation for the next five years. Mr. Ragona was pleased to inform everyone of the program continuance for an additional five years.

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ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

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FUTURE
CONSIDERATION

Mr. Ragona mentioned that the Board has decided to inform the community of upcoming activities and topics of interest. One topic which may be presented at the September Board meeting mentioned was the initiation of a "Read 180" program. Mr. Ragona encouraged the audience to submit their suggestions.

AUDIENCE ITEMS

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Mr. Patrick Boyle of Gateway Youth Outreach Inc. referenced the letter read at the July Board Meeting. He thanked everyone for their support and efforts which made the program a success. Everyday, for four consecutive weeks, there were 175-180 children in attendance and the parents were thrilled as well.

Mr. Boyle anticipates that next school year the program will be available in all the buildings as in the previous year. He requested that any questions about the program should be directed to him. With the one year renewable grant received, the GYO program at Clara H. Carlson School will be able to operate for another five years. The Gotham Avenue School will be able to continue next year and the program at Dutch Broadway School has received a Federal grant from Carolyn McCarthy, which will continue at least throughout the end of this year. Mr. Boyle expects the program at the Covert Avenue School to run for only one year. Mr. Boyle mentioned that as of August there is only funding for the program at the Covert Avenue School through December 2009, however the program will be reviewed and Mr. Boyle will work hard to keep the program throughout the end of the school year.

Registration for the GYO program will be conducted on September 12, 2009 at Dutch Broadway. Mr. Boyle stated that the cost will increase minimally to \$180 per year. He also mentioned that if a parent should incur a problem with payment, they should speak with him. Information pertaining to the program will be provided as it is received by Mr. Boyle.

Mr. Ragona thanked Mr. Boyle for the program and providing a place for the children of the District to learn and socialize.

Mr. Harper commented on the Summer Enrichment program directed by Mrs. Safrey. There were 317 children in the program. Some of the subject matters were art, drama, orchestra, architecture, archeology and computer technology. Mr. Harper mentioned how his son did not have the opportunity of attending this type of program within his school district even if he paid for it. Mr. Harper applauded the District for educating the whole child. He encouraged everyone to come out to the cumulative program next year. It is very emotional to see the children participate in the wonderful activities in the program.

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It is a great opportunity to educate the whole child. Mr. Harper encouraged everyone to make it a point to mark their calendars for next year, to be part of the program.

Mr. Ragona mentioned how the Board looks forward to educating the whole child and this is one example of how the District achieves this goal. It is not only about the academics. The District wants its children to be artistic and have the ability to explore their talents. Through this activity it is feasible to accomplish this task.

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL PURCHASING AGENT

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Mr. Nugent requested Mr. Ragona to bring a motion to the Board for the appointment of Mr. Thomas Galante as the School Purchasing Agent for the school year 2009-2010;

- to participate in all cooperative contracts of the Nassau County Director of Facilities Purchasing Consortiums;
- to participate in those Nassau BOCES cooperative purchasing agreements when it is deemed beneficial to the Elmont School District;
- to participate in the Educational Data Services, Inc. cooperative bidding program. This regional school district cooperative is used predominately for general classroom supplies and maintenance services.

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Ms. Walker, the Board appointed Mr. Thomas Galante as the School Purchasing Agent.

Motion Carried

NEXT MEETING

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Mr. Ragona announced the next meeting of the Elmont Board of Education will be held Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at the Elmont Road School at 8:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM on a motion by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, seconded by Mr. Jaime.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Submitted by,

September 15, 2009
Date Approved

Celestine L. Lloyd
District Clerk