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REGULAR MEETING  
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Elmont Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, held at the Covert Avenue School on Tuesday, November 10, 2009.

ROLL CALL

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Frank Ragona, President  
Patrick O. Emeagwali  
Michael A. Jaime  
Anthony S. Maffea Sr.  
Colleen Mockenhaupt

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lorraine Ferrigno, Vice President  
Deniece Walker

**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

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Mr. Ragona called the meeting to order at 8:09 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He also called for a moment of silence for all the Veterans who served our country so that we can have the freedom we have today.

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Emeagwali, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2009.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Vote on approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2009:

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	0

Motion Carried

On a motion by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 29, 2009.

Vote on approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 29, 2009:

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	0

Motion Carried

On a motion by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 3, 2009.

Vote on approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 3, 2009:

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	0

Motion Carried

INFORMATION REPORT - None

PRESIDENT'S/VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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President – Mr. Ragona extended his thanks to everyone who came out to the meeting this evening. The amount of those in attendance was great to see. Mr. Ragona apologized for the meeting commencing a few minutes late and noted that there were a number of agenda items.

PRESIDENT'S/VICE  
PRESIDENT'S  
REMARKS

Mr. Ragona reported on the Parent Teacher Conference which took place the previous week. He had been informed that the conference was extremely positive. Parents of the District are great and take a pro-active role in their children's life. The conference allows parents the opportunity to meet the teachers to discuss specific things about their children. Mr. Ragona stated that the conference had a huge turnout.

As of November 3, 2009, the District had its Superintendents Conference Day, which was a great success. It is an activity where teachers participate in professional development activities and presentations. Mr. Ragona noted the pro-activeness of the District in having staff development. The achievements of the District's goals today are accomplished by these conferences. Mr. Ragona expressed that the conference this year was one of the best.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> was also Election Day and Mr. Ragona articulated his optimism that the elected officials maintain their promises and he hopes that they will do what they have committed to perform.

SEWANHAKA BOARD ITEMS

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BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Jaime, on behalf of the High School District, welcomed the Veterans and also in memory of those Veterans who are no longer with us, expressed the appreciation for all they have done for this country.

The Parent Teacher Conference was conducted November 9, 2009 and it was well attended.

As of this evening, the Senior Dinners were taking place for Elmont Memorial and Sewanhaka Central High Schools. Mr. Jaime expressed that he is sure the students are having a good time, wished them well and a safe return from the event.

PTA meetings for Elmont Memorial will be November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in the senior cafeteria and for Sewanhaka, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Library on the third floor.

The Elmont Varsity Football Team made it again to the Nassau County Conference II Semi-finals. They will be playing Friday, November 13, 2009 at 7:30 PM at Hofstra University. Mr. Jaime encouraged everyone to attend.

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Mr. Jaime announced the next High School Board meeting will be November 24, 2009 at 8:00 PM, in the third floor Board Room at Sewanhaka High School.

SEWANHAKA  
BOARD ITEMS

The report cards for the High School District will be distributed on November 20, 2009.

The students of Elmont Memorial and Sewanhaka High Schools Model UN programs will be going to New Jersey to compete again this year. Mr. Jaime noted that students who have come from the Elmont Elementary School District Model UN program outshine students who did not have this opportunity. He thanked Mr. Harper, Mrs. Safrey and Mr. Lee Marcus for the coordination of the program. It is a phenomenal program. The success of what the students learn is attributed to what they have learned in the elementary District.

Mr. Jaime spoke on the play, *Twelve Angry Jurors* he attended conducted by the senior drama club at Elmont Memorial High School. The students performed their parts expertly. The characters and sentiments were displayed perfectly. He commended the drama club and everyone instrumental in the production of the play.

The District Marching Band had the opportunity to participate in the Newsday Marching Band festival at Hofstra University. The showing from all five high schools was phenomenal. Sometime in December the festival will be shown on Channel 7. Mr. Jaime encouraged everyone who has the opportunity to please make sure they view it.

Mr. Ragona noted that it was great to hear what is going on in the High School. He commented that we are one of the only elementary school districts in the area with this type of program. Mr. Ragona thanked Mr. Jaime for the informative report.

**PRESENTATION OF FISCAL 2009 EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

PRESENTATION OF  
FISCAL 2009  
EXTERNAL AUDIT  
REPORT

Mr. Harper introduced Mr. Nawrocki of Nawrocki Smith LLP. Mr. Nawrocki greeted everyone. He thanked the Board of Education, Administration and community for the continued confidence in the firm and retaining them as the Independent Auditors for the District. Mr. Nawrocki presented the scope of services of the firm, the results of the audit of the District's financial statements as of June 30, 2009 in accordance with US generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards and the provisions of OMB Circular A-133.

Mr. Nawrocki stated that the Elmont District is consistent and one of the first Districts to complete their audit. He took the opportunity to compliment the District on the excellent staff in the Business office and consistent cooperation the firm receives.

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Mr. Nawrocki reported on the meeting with the Audit Committee on September 23, 2009 when the audit procedures were discussed. All the audit reports are clean. There were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control. There were no reported compliance findings. Mr. Nawrocki stated that our District is one of the few districts on Long Island to file NYS annual report on Form ST-3 on time which is something to be proud of.

PRESENTATION OF  
FISCAL 2009  
EXTERNAL AUDIT  
REPORT

The presentation was continued by Mr. Nawrocki with an overview of the required District-wide financial statements that must be recorded and how it is recorded. He commented on the governmental fund statements, implementation of the current and prior year recommendations, which has been excellent.

Mr. Nawrocki thanked the Board for the opportunity to meet with them this evening. He also thanked the Veterans for the ability to live in a country that is free. He then gave the opportunity for the audience to ask any questions about the audit.

Mr. Ragona asked the Board of Education if there were any questions that were not addressed on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and then the audience in reference to the presentation. He then commented on how pleased the Board has been to meet with the auditors.

Mr. Ragona thanked the Veterans for what they have done for our country as well as what they have done for our school district. Through the service of the Veterans' the children of the District are aware of the sacrifice awarded them.

PRESENTATION TO THE VETERANS

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THE VETERANS

Mr. Harper greeted everyone and thanked everyone. He inquired amongst the children if their homework was completed.

Mr. Harper mentioned that many years ago the Veterans came into the high school District to speak with the children. He thanked them for what they have done in the past as well as what they currently do. Mr. Harper noted the role model demonstrated by the Veterans for our school children. He also mentioned his father who also was a Veteran and how proud he was of him.

The host school principal, Dr. Pleta was requested to come forth to conduct the presentation to the Veterans. Dr. Pleta greeted everyone and extended a warm welcome to the Veterans. She then introduced the Student Council President making the presentation. Handmade cards were presented by the principals and students of each school and accepted by the following representatives of the Elmont Veterans organizations: Mr. Ralph Esposito, American Legion Post 1033; Mr. Joe Franco,

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Disabled American Veterans and Mr. Thomas Bennet, Veteran of Foreign Wars, after which pictures were taken.

PRESENTATION TO  
THE VETERANS

Mr. Esposito stated that the Elmont District was one of the only districts on Long Island that honors its Veterans. Mr. Esposito expressed how proud he is of the Elmont community. He mentioned that the cards were not discarded; they are read by the Veterans. Mr. Esposito thanked Mr. Harper, Board of Education and the audience for allowing them to come to the Board Meeting. He also reminded everyone of the parade and encouraged everyone to come out and attend the parade at 10:30 AM on November 11, 2009 in support of the Veterans.

PRESENTATION OF TENURE

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TENURE

Mr. Harper began his presentation with a short quote from Madeline Hunter. He mentioned that this is an opportunity to showcase some of the hard work performed by the teachers receiving tenure. Mr. Harper requested Dr. Pleta, the host school principal to come forth. He referenced how he and Dr. Pleta had the opportunity to hire, watch them grow and mentor them.

Mr. Harper then requested Ms. Cara Gaffney and Ms. Jessica Oliveri to come forth for the presentation of tenure. Mr. Harper commented on their consistent dedication and tremendous hard work in educating our children.

Mr. Ragona mentioned how happy he was to be at the Covert Avenue School. This was where his children went to school and his first experience with the Elmont Union Free School District. It was the best time of his life and he misses it very much.

AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

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ATTORNEY

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

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Harper expressed his appreciation for the Elmont community's interest and attendance at the school board meetings and also for having the same vision and focus for the children of the District. He mentioned his observation at another school board meeting he attended with his wife where there was only eight people in attendance.

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

PROFESSIONAL  
APPOINTMENTS

**PALERMO, AMANDA**, 175 Day Substitute Teacher, Clara H. Carlson School, at a salary of \$25,000 (pro-rated from start date), no probation and no tenure involved. Certification: Childhood Education 1-6 (Conditional/Initial).

**RANDAZZO, ANNE**, 175 Day Substitute Teacher, Covert Avenue School, at a salary of \$25,000 (pro-rated from start date), no probation and no tenure involved. Certification: Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial), Student With Disabilities 1-6 (Initial).

**McCANN, ANDREA**, 175 Day Substitute Teacher, Covert Avenue School, at a salary of \$25,000 (pro-rated from start date), no probation and no tenure involved. Certification: Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial), Student With Disabilities 1-6 (Initial), Literacy B-6 (Initial).

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

PROFESSIONAL  
SUBSTITUTE  
APPOINTMENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Fletcher, Kaity	Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)

The Board also approved the following Professional changes in status:

PROFESSIONAL  
CHANGES IN  
STATUS

**KUDEL, CORINNE**, approved by the Board on 7/1/08 for assignment as a Permanent Substitute Teacher (Speech) effective 9/1/08 be placed on probation from 9/1/09 to 8/31/11 and that she be granted Jarema credit for prior service to the Elmont Union Free School District.

Reason: Availability of probationary line

**SMITH, DEBORAH**, approved by the Board on 11/18/08 for assignment as a Permanent Substitute Teacher (Speech) effective 11/19/08 be placed on probation from

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9/1/09 to 1/31/12 and that she be granted Jarema credit for prior service to the Elmont Union Free School District.

PROFESSIONAL  
CHANGES IN  
STATUS

Reason: Availability of probationary line

**GRIMAUDO, ENZAMARIA**, approved by the Board on 6/19/09 for assignment as a Permanent Substitute Teacher (General Special Education) effective 9/1/09 be placed on probation from 9/1/09 to 1/31/12 and that she be granted Jarema credit for prior service to the Elmont Union Free School District.

Reason: Availability of probationary line

**ABRAHAM-KLENGLER, SHARON**, approved by the Board on 6/19/09 for assignment as a Permanent Substitute Teacher (General Special Education) effective 9/1/09 be placed on probation from 9/1/09 to 8/31/12.

Reason: Availability of probationary line

**RESOLVED**, that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law and Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the Superintendent presents to the Board the following probationary personnel who have been appointed to such position by resolution of this Board, for tenure consideration. Each holds a valid New York State Certificate to teach in the designated tenure area. It further having been shown that their probationary periods to teach in this district will expire on the dates specified, the Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Elmont Union Free School District grant tenure and appoint these personnel to tenure, effective on the date indicated, to the positions in the tenure area as defined.

<u>PROBATIONER</u>	<u>DATES OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>TYPE OF CERT</u>	<u>TENURE DATE</u>
Gaffney, Cara	2/1/07 – 1/31/10	Remedial Reading	Initial	2/1/10
Oliveri, Jessica	2/1/07 – 1/31/10	Remedial Reading	Initial	2/1/10

The Board further approved the following Professional resignations:

PROFESSIONAL  
RESIGNATIONS

**SOKHEY, SHARANPREET**, 175 Day Substitute Teacher assigned to Covert Avenue School, effective 11/6/09, service to District: 1 year, 1 month, reason: Personal.

**BACHRACH, MEREDITH**, Speech Teacher currently on District Child Rearing Leave, effective 1/31/10, service to District: 5 years, 1 month, reason: Personal.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

CIVIL SERVICE  
APPOINTMENTS

**PEELS, ERIC**, Bus Driver – 10 month, at a salary of \$20.95/hour (based on 2007/2008 salary schedule), effective 11/12/09 pending Civil Service and medical approval.  
Replacing: Frank Bonhomme

**RIBORTONE, FRANK**, Automotive Servicer, at a salary of \$35,308 annual (based on 2007/2008 salary schedule), effective 11/12/09 pending Civil Service and medical approval. Replacing: Kathy Russo

The Board also approved the employment of the following Civil Service Substitutes:

CIVIL SERVICE  
SUBSTITUTE  
APPOINTMENTS

**JONES, CHRISTOPHER**, Bus Driver Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$16.00/hour (based on 2007/2008 salary schedule), effective 11/12/09 pending Civil Service and medical approval.

**BROWN-SYLVESTER, DAISHA**, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$12.25/hour (based on 2008/2009 salary schedule), effective 11/12/09 pending Civil Service and medical approval.

**CHOUDHURY, RAHAT**, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$12.25/hour (based on 2008/2009 salary schedule), effective 11/12/09 pending Civil Service and medical approval.

**CLARK, ANNA MARIA**, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$12.25/hour (based on 2008/2009 salary schedule), effective 11/12/09 pending Civil Service and medical approval.

**FODERA, MARY**, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$12.25/hour (based on 2008/2009 salary schedule), effective 11/12/09 pending Civil Service and medical approval.

**NARDI, MARIANNE**, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District-wide, at salary of \$12.25/hour (based on 2008/2009 salary schedule), effective 11/12/09 pending Civil Service and medical approval.

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**SORRENTINO, JOAN**, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District wide, at a salary of \$12.25/hour (based on 2008/2009 salary schedule), effective 11/12/09 pending Civil Service and medical approval.

CIVIL SERVICE  
SUBSTITUTE  
APPOINTMENTS

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

CIVIL SERVICE  
CHANGES IN  
STATUS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>End Probation</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Diane Hochenberger	Teacher Aide	11/11/09	11/12/09
Phyllis Taylor Mitchell	Teacher Aide	12/16/09	12/17/09
Darryl Williams	Cleaner	12/30/09	12/31/09

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

**WELCH, MARY**

From: Teacher Aide Special Education

To: Teacher Aide

Stewart Manor School, at a salary of \$18.05 hourly (2008/2009 salary schedule), effective 10/26/09, probation: N/A.

**LEVIN, ANNE**

From: Account Clerk

To: Senior Account Clerk

Elmont Road School, at a salary of \$48,711 annual, effective 11/12/09 pending Civil Service approval, probation: 60 days.

**STEBNER, JANET**

From: Account Clerk

To: Senior Account Clerk

Elmont Road School, at a salary of \$46,305 annual, effective 11/12/09 pending Civil Service approval, probation: 60 days.

**MIDGETTE, MARGARET**

From: Account Clerk

To: Senior Account Clerk

Elmont Road School, at a salary of \$41,495 annual, effective 11/12/09 pending Civil Service approval, probation 60 days.

The Board also approved the following Civil Service terminations:

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**AYALA, MELISSA**, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District wide, effective 9/10/09, service to District: 2 years.

The Board approved the termination of the following Civil Service employees effective 11/12/09 due to no service to the District:

CIVIL SERVICE  
TERMINATIONS

Donald Dieter – Bus Driver Part-time substitute  
Andrew Lubrano – Bus Driver Part-time substitute  
George Santhosh – Bus Driver Part-time substitute  
Joseph Darcelin – Bus Driver Part-time substitute  
Alvaro Castro – Bus Driver Part-time substitute

The Board also approved the following Civil Service resignations:

CIVIL SERVICE  
RESIGNATIONS

**STEWART, MARVIN**, Bus-Driver, Transportation, effective 8/11/09, service to District: none, reason: personal.

**BONHOMME, FRANK**, Bus-Driver, Transportation, effective 10/09/09, service to District: 3 years, 1 month, reason: personal.

**WYCHE, SARITA**, Bus-Driver-10 month, Transportation, effective 10/29/09, service to District: 9 years.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, seconded by Mr. Jaime, 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

**GIFT TO THE DISTRICT**

GIFT TO THE  
DISTRICT

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, the Board approved a gift to the District from Target in the amount of \$56.33 to be deposited in the Dutch Broadway School TE 143 account.

Information pertaining to this donation can be found in the backup pages of the Board Book of November 10, 2009.

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SECOND READING – POLICY #2130 – LINE OF RESPONSIBILITY

**TABLED –  
SECOND READING  
POLICY #2130 –  
LINE OF  
RESPONSIBILITY**

The Board **TABLED** the second reading for policy #2130 – **Line of Responsibility**.

A copy of the policy (changes are noted in italics) is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of November 10, 2009.

SATURDAY ENRICHMENT ACADEMY

**SATURDAY  
ENRICHMENT  
ACADEMY  
CONSULTANTS  
EMPLOYMENT**

Consultants for Enrichment Program

The Board also approved the employment of the following consultants for the Enrichment Academy at Gotham Avenue School for a maximum of 12 days, at a rate of \$100 per day as needed.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>
Carolyn Alas	Spanish
Myriam Bellotte	French

Teacher Aide Enrichment Program

**SATURDAY  
ENRICHMENT  
ACADEMY  
TEACHER AIDE  
EMPLOYMENT**

The Board approved the employment of the following teacher aide for the Enrichment Academy at Clara H. Carlson School for a maximum of 12 days, at a rate of \$14 per hour, as needed.

Name

Dionisia Issacs

CONSULTANT FOR TRANSLATION

**CONSULTANT FOR  
TRANSLATION**

The Board also approved the authorization for the following consultant to work as translator as needed.

**Nasreen Ghani**, provide translation upon request.

Fee - \$25 per hour, as needed

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ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

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THE MINUTES

Use of Facilities

USE OF FACILITIES

Requests for Use of Facilities that have been approved by the Superintendent of Schools since the last Board Meeting are enclosed in the backup pages of the Board Book of November 10, 2009.

Budget Transfers Under \$5,000

BUDGET  
TRANSFERS  
UNDER \$5,000

Requests for Budget Transfers under \$5,000 that have been approved by the Superintendent of Schools since the last Board Meeting are enclosed in the backup pages of the Board Book of November 10, 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
Anthony Cordani	Cleaner

Family and Medical Leave of Absence

FAMILY AND  
MEDICAL LEAVE  
OF ABSENCE

Name

Dates

Kluger, Katharyn

4 weeks, 2 days

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

SCHEDULE OF  
DISBURSEMENTS  
AND WARRANTS

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

TREASURER'S  
REPORT

Motion Carried Unanimously

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On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the authorization to make budgetary transfers (over \$5,000) as per the backup pages in the Board Book of November 10, 2009.

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

The Board received, under separate cover, the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, prepared by Nawrocki Smith, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

**AUDIT REPORT -  
FISCAL YEAR  
ENDING JUNE 30,  
2009**

Motion Carried

ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

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MINUTES**

Analysis of Revenue – for the month of September, 2009.

General Fund Schedule of Receivables - General Fund Schedule of Receivables for the month of September, 2009 appears in the backup pages of the Board Book of November 10, 2009.

Monthly Budget Status Report

Monthly Budget Status Report – as of September 30, 2009 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of November 10, 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 September 30, 2009 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of November 10, 2009.

General Fund Cash Flow Statement

General Fund Cash Flow as of September 30, 2009 and Cash Flow Projection as of October 31, 2009 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of November 10, 2009.

General Fund – Fund Balance Estimate

Estimated General Fund Balance as of October 31, 2009 appears in the backup pages of the Board Book of November 10, 2009.

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School Meals Profit and Loss Statement

[ITEMS NOTED FOR  
MINUTES

School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the month of September, 2009 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of November 10, 2009.

Custodial/Transportation Overtime

Breakdown Custodial/Transportation Overtime:

Cust./Trans. Overtime – October, 2009	\$ 8,740.92
Overtime paid Year to Date	\$ 33,770.46
Cust./Trans.Overtime - July, 2008 - June, 2009	\$107,308.32

VANDALISM TALLIES FOR OCTOBER 2009 - \$ 60

Year-to-Date \$ 60

Previous Year-to-Date \$ 135

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS - None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS – None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

[ITEMS FOR  
FUTURE  
CONSIDERATION

Mr. Ragona referenced Mr. Esposito's reminder about the Veterans' Day parade to be held at the American Legion Hall at 60 Hill Avenue, Post 1033. He encouraged everyone to come out and support this event.

Mr. Ragona also informed the audience of the Dad's Club Food Drive being conducted through November 19, 2009 and welcomed anyone with donations to drop them off at one of the school buildings or Administration office. The Dad's Club will be meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> at Gotham Avenue to make the baskets up.

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AUDIENCE ITEMS

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Mr. Harry Martinian, resident and parent expressed concern regarding a jacket purchased for his 10 year old child who will participate in the Veterans Day parade. He had observed that the jacket was manufactured in Vietnam. Mr. Martinian inquired if the District had a policy that restricts purchases to be made only in America or locally. Mr. Martinian a concerned taxpayer commented that the purchasing power is a very important thing to consider and purchasing should be done locally and in America as much as possible.

Mr. Ragona stated that it was a great question and noted that the District does have a policy. Items are put out to bid and there are certain restrictions.

Mr. Martinian's then expressed his thoughts regarding the lunch program. He feels that his 5<sup>th</sup> grade child is not getting the best nutritional value in the lunch meal. Mr. Martinian's noted concern that there are several things happening at this age related to a child's health. He felt that the children are not being taught about nutrition early enough. Mr. Martinian feels that children are making bad habits. His question was two-fold, to address the nutrition issue in curriculum and the substantial improvement of freshness and quality of the food. He inquired if the District was doing anything about this.

Mr. Ragona mentioned his awareness of the problem of childhood obesity which leads to many health conditions, which is a huge problem throughout the entire country. The District follows strict guidelines regarding the nutrition and meal plans for its children. Mr. Ragona mentioned that the first source of education on nutrition for children begins at home. He mentioned that nutrition is incorporated in the District's curriculum on many levels and the children are being taught about making good choices.

Mr. Harper commented that the point presented was excellent and many of the articles he reads weekly related to obesity and diabetes relates to fast food. The children of the District are fed food which follow mandated New York State nutritional programs. The cook managers attend professional development opportunities. He assured Mr. Martinian, that the District makes sure we follow the State guidelines when food is being prepared. Mr. Harper extended a welcome to Mr. Martinian to come and attend the lunch room activity to observe what the children are eating.

Mr. Harper also commented on the question about the jacket purchase mentioned. He informed him that this was a topic of discussion at a county wide Superintendents' meeting he attended about a month ago. The discussion related to cooperative purchasing and looking at being more "green" friendly when purchasing items.

Mr. John Smith inquired about the remaining occupancy in the Old Library building.

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Mr. Ragona responded that the majority of the building is being utilized. Mr. Nugent commented that the District has explored some options of selling or renting the building. The options received for the sale of the building were not sufficient and the Board of Education has decided to keep the property.

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The rental of the property is not convenient for the District. The District is not going to subsidize any profit making entity that desires to utilize the building. Mr. Nugent explained how the process has been going. He commented on the lack of space or parking which does not present itself as an attractive rental for commercial purposes. For Community groups, the cost of renovation in order to make it attractive to them is prohibited. The Board of Education cannot extend the lease for more than ten years.

Mr. Ragona elaborated and echoed the comments of Mr. Nugent.

Mrs. Cathy Ferrigno, Elmont Herald, made an inquiry about the amount of State Aid the District may lose.

Mr. Ragona responded that \$1.2M is the proposed projected cut.

Mrs. Ferrigno, stated that if that is the case, will the District need to cut anything?

Mr. Ragona commented that at this point the District is comfortable that there will be no mid year cuts. The District has been very careful in our budget preparations with the guidance of Mr. Galante. There is no fear of any mid year cuts.

NEXT MEETING

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Mr. Ragona announced the next meeting will be December 8, 2009 at 7:30 PM at the Dutch Broadway School. He thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:08 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC SESSION

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On a motion by Mrs. Mockenhaupt, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board reconvened into Public Session at 10:03 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:08 PM on a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Maffea.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Submitted by,

December 8, 2009  
Date Approved

Celestine L. Lloyd  
District Clerk