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REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2008

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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, December 16, 2008.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Ragona, President
Lorraine Ferrigno, Vice President
Michael A. Jaime
Carol Parker-Duncanson
Deniece Walker

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Pamela Byer
Anthony S. Maffea Sr.

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Mr. Albert Harper,	Superintendent of Schools (Arrival @ 7:55 pm)
Mr. Robert Geras,	Director of Business and Facilities
Kathleen Safrey,	Interim Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Colum P. Nugent,	School Attorney
Celestine L. Lloyd,	District Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ABSENT:

Dr. Lynne Stucchio,	Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mrs. Barbara Schwartz,	Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Education

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Mr. Thomas W. Galante

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

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Parker-Duncanson, the Board convened in Public Session at 7:35 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

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Motion Carried Unanimously

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

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

Motion Carried Unanimously.

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2008.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Vote on approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2008:

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	0

Motion Carried

INFORMATION REPORT - None

PRESIDENT'S/VICE
PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS

PRESIDENT'S/VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President – Mr. Ragona informed the audience of Mr. Harper's absence due to an incident at one of the schools. He then thanked everyone for coming out tonight. It is great to see so many people in attendance this evening. Mr. Ragona also referenced a sponsored event by the Elmont Chamber of Commerce that he attended two weeks prior and extended his thanks as well. It was the annual tree and menorah lighting which was well attended by the community and teachers. The amount of teachers that were in attendance at this special event after the school day was great to see. Mr. Ragona thanked them for coming as well as their participation with the children. Mr. Ragona also thanked the following Board Members Ms. Ferrigno, Mr. Jaime, Mr. Maffea, and Ms. Walker for their attendance at this event as well.

Mr. Ragona expressed how wonderful the District attempts to do it's best to see that our children have all the tools they need to succeed academically. He mentioned the amount of talent displayed through the artwork hanging in the hallway of the Dutch Broadway School and the musical holiday performance which will be presented this evening. Mr. Ragona assured the audience that the Elmont District will make sure the children of Elmont excel academically, socially and artistically.

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

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Mr. Ragona read a brief statement regarding a telephone message and letter that was recently sent to the parents of the Gateway Youth Outreach program. (Referenced material attached).

STATEMENT
REGARDING GYO
PROGRAM

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT BY THE ALL-DISTRICT CHORUS

HOLIDAY
ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. Ragona turned the meeting over to the musical department of the District, for the performance by the All-District Chorus of holiday selections.

A recess was called for the meeting at 8:00 PM and the meeting resumed at 8:14 PM.

SEWANHAKA BOARD ITEMS

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BOARD ITEMS

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson greeted and thanked everyone for coming out. She gave a report on the previous night's concert for the Sewanhaka Central High School District. There were about 150 students that made a presentation of holiday songs.

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson presented the report received from the high school District principals:

- College fairs were conducted at Sewanhaka and Elmont Memorial High Schools, where students gained college experience and onsite admission with the application fee being waived at these types of events.
- Sewanhaka students have been participating in many community services:
 - The 7th graders of Sewanhaka participated in a Math-a-thon and raised \$1500 for Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital
 - Scarf, hat and mitten collection drive
 - Food Drive
 - Turkeys for St. Vincent's Food Pantry
 - Holiday toy drive

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson mentioned that the high schools are making an effort to link the elementary schools to the high schools. Students from Stewart Avenue, Covert Avenue and Clara H. Carlson schools performed on the Sewanhaka stage in the annual elementary holiday play. A few other activities mentioned were:

- Continuance of the Science fair (SCHSD)
- 7th and 8th Grade Social Study Classes conducted a letter writing campaign to construct letters for the Veterans

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson also noted that there are many sports activities going on as well. She also noted the date for the conclusion of the concerts.

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BOARD ITEMS

Some activities at Elmont Memorial High School mentioned were:

- New York Regents will be conducted in about a month. The review classes have begun and are well attended.
- The Elmont Memorial Spartans have been crowned the Nassau County Conference II Champions in their defeat to Hewlett on November 22, 2008.
- Ahkeel Rodney has been selected as the All American Soccer player and was featured on the cover of RISE magazine. Ahkeel will be attending the University of VA on a full scholarship.
- All schools are meeting in preparation for the Model UN competitions.
- Elmont Memorial Holiday Concert is scheduled for December 18, 2008.
- One of Elmont Memorial's community service activities was a Blood Drive conducted which was a very worthwhile effort and supported by the community.

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson spoke of the arts and multi-media presentation of the art and musical department. She expressed her hopes that graduating elementary students will have the opportunity to observe the presentation as well.

Mr. Jaime greeted everyone. On behalf of the Sewanhaka Central High School District he wished everyone a happy holiday and a prosperous New Year. He mentioned some of the discussion items during his visits with the high school principals. One of the messages he took away from the meetings was that our community is filled with talented children. Mr. Jaime expressed that teachers of the high school District give of themselves just as the elementary District teachers in activities such as the Operation Success, Peer Mediation and student tutoring.

There was some discussion on the economy and its effect on the students. Mr. Jaime mentioned that the teachers are committed and will ensure that students are provided with all the resources afforded to them.

Mr. Jaime urged the audience not to decrease the amount of time they monitor their children when they are exiting the elementary school. Mr. Jaime, Mr. Cappozzi and Ms. Lidowsky agree that parents and families should increase the time in which they monitor their children. He encouraged everyone who knows of a child going into the 7th grade to take advantage of all that is provided at the high school level.

Mr. Ragona thanked Mr. Jaime for the report. He mentioned his attendance at the previous evening high school District Board meeting. Mr. Ragona also referenced the college application fee being waived and how phenomenal it was to experience this personally as he has a college bound student.

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AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

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ATTORNEY

Mr. Nugent stated that an agreement has been reached with the Clerical Unit whose contract has expired as of June 30, 2008. The Board is familiar with the terms and conditions of the agreement. He requested a motion from the Board to approve the Memorandum of Agreement. The Clerical Unit has approved it at a general meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Ms. Walker, the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement commencing July 1, 2008 for a two year term.

Motion Carried

Mr. Nugent mentioned the continuing negotiations with two additional units whose contracts expired June 30, 2008. The Custodial Unit has filed for an impasse. The Board is following the rules of the Public Employment Relations and a mediator has been appointed. The Transportation Unit negotiations are continuing and are having meaningful discussion. This concludes this portion of his report.

Mr. Nugent then 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 Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Jaime, 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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SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Harper wished everyone a happy holiday and thanked everyone for supporting the children of the District. He encouraged everyone to spend time with their families as well as someone who may not have someone to share the holiday with.

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

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVES OF
ABSENCE

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ORSANO-WELTI, DONIELLE, Special Education Teacher at Dutch Broadway School, effective 2/23/09, duration of leave 2/23/09 – 8/31/10, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 7 years, 3 months.

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVES OF
ABSENCE

SINNREICH, ARIELLA, .4 School Psychologist at Gotham Avenue School, effective 2/6/09, duration of leave 2/6/09 – 4/2/09, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 3 years, 3 months.

BIANCO, COURTNEY, Elementary Teacher at Gotham Avenue School, effective 2/9/09, duration of leave 2/9/09 – 8/31/09, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 6 years, 3 months.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 2/9/09 – 5/19/09

The Board also approved the following extension of Family and Medical and/or District Child Rearing leave:

PROFESSIONAL
EXTENSION OF
FAMILY &
MEDICAL AND/OR
DISTRICT LEAVE

FRANGELLA, LORI, Elementary Teacher currently on District Child Rearing Leave,
From: 5/12/08 – 2/1/09, unpaid
To: 5/12/08 – 8/31/09, unpaid*
Reason: District Child Rearing Leave

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

Note: Leave of Absence was originally approved by the Board on 5/13/08.

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

PROFESSIONAL
CHANGE IN
FAMILY AND
MEDICAL AND/OR
DISTRICT CHILD
REARING LEAVE

ROTH, LISA, Special Education Teacher, Alden Terrace School
From: 12/1/08 – 8/31/09, unpaid
To: 11/12/08 – 8/31/09, unpaid*
Reason: District Child Rearing Leave

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 11/12/08 – 2/20/09.

Note: Leave of Absence was originally approved by the Board on 10/21/08

PROFESSIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

The Board also approved the following professional appointments:

ANDERSON, SHARON, English as a Second Language Teacher, Gotham Avenue, at a salary of \$31,284 (pro-rated from \$50,055) BA Step 1, effective 12/17/08 (pending

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medical approval), probation period: 12/17/08 - 1/31/12. Certification: English to Speakers of Other Languages (Initial).

The Board also approved the following conditional professional appointments:

PROFESSIONAL
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

ANDERSON, STEPHANIE, 175 Day Substitute Teacher, Alden Terrace School, at a salary of \$25,000 (pro-rated from start date) effective 12/17/08 – 6/17/09 (pending medical approval), not eligible for probation and/or tenure. Certification: Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial Pending), Early Childhood Education B-2 (Initial Pending).

GRIMAUDO, ENZA, 175 Day Substitute Teacher, Clara H. Carlson School, at a salary of \$25,000 (pro-rated from start date) effective 12/17/08 - 6/17/09 (pending fingerprint approval), not eligible for probation and/or tenure. Certification: Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial Pending), Students with Disabilities 1-6 (Initial Pending).

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 absences:

CIVIL SERVICE
LEAVE OF
ABSENCES

CIMINO, JOANNE, Teacher Aide, Alden Terrace School, effective 12/1/08; duration of leave: 5 weeks (unpaid), reason: Medical

GARCIA, DOUGLAS, Bus Driver 12-Month, Transportation, effective 12/6/08; duration of leave: 8 weeks (unpaid), reason: Medical

The Board approved the extension of conditional appointments of the following civil service employees:

CIVIL SERVICE
EXTENSION OF
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

Renee Afflick – Teacher Aide Part-time substitute

Baksh Swabera - Teacher Aide Part-time substitute

Carey Carretta - Teacher Aide Part-time substitute

Diane Hochenberger - Teacher Aide Part-time substitute

Donna Panico – Teacher Aide Part-time substitute

Pamela Rojas - Teacher Aide Part-time substitute

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

CIVIL SERVICE
CHANGE OF
STATUS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>End Probation</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Marc Greenberg	Custodian	12/17/08	12/18/08

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

VIAS, HELEN

From: Teacher Aide Part-time substitute
To: Teacher Aide

Stewart Manor School, at a salary of \$15.30 hourly, effective 12/17/08, pending civil service approval, probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval.

AGUILAR, MARY

From: Bus Attendant Part-time substitute
To: Bus Attendant 10-month

Transportation, at a salary of \$17.36 hourly, effective 12/17/08, pending civil service approval, probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval.

PIERRE-PAUL, FANNETTE

From: Bus Attendant Part-time substitute
To: Bus Attendant 10-month

Transportation, at a salary of \$17.36 hourly effective 12/17/08, pending civil service approval, probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval.

RANSELLE, EBONEE

From: Teacher Aide Part-Time substitute
To: Special Education Teacher Aide 1:1

Dutch Broadway School, at a salary of \$17.15 hourly, effective 12/17/08, pending civil service approval, probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval.

GUEVARA, MARIA

From: Teacher Aide Part-time substitute
To: Teacher Aide

Clara H. Carlson School, at a salary of \$15.30 hourly, effective 12/17/08, pending civil service approval, probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval.

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RODRIGUEZ, VICTORIA

From: Teacher Aide Part-time substitute
To: Special Education Teacher Aide ABA
At Clara H. Carlson School, at a salary of \$17.90 hourly, effective 1/5/09, pending civil service approval, probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval.

The Board approved the termination of the following Civil Service employees effective 12/17/08 due to no recent service to the District:

**CIVIL SERVICE
TERMINATIONS**

Karen Murphy – Teacher Aide Part-time substitute

Alexis Ludy – Teacher Aide Part-time substitute

The Board further approved the following Civil Service resignations

**CIVIL SERVICE
RESIGNATIONS**

WOODS, DARRYL, Cleaner, Clara H. Carlson School, effective 12/31/08, service to District: 7 months, reason: personal.

PHILLIPS, ELDON, Typist Clerk Part-time substitute, District wide, effective 12/17/08, service to District: 7 years, 2 months, reason: personal.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Ms. Walker, 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 OF
SPECIAL
EDUCATION &
PRE-SCHOOL
SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

SEDCAR FLOW-THROUGH FUNDS

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THROUGH FUNDS**

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the following private schools and agencies to receive New York State Grant approved SEDCAR Flow-through Section 611 and 619 funds for students with disabilities as of December 1, 2007.

AHRC Nassau County
Brookville Center for Children's Services
Center for Developmental Disabilities
Cooper Kids Therapy Associates
Crossroads School for Child Development
Hagedorn Little Village School

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Hebrew Academy for Special Children (HASC)
Henry Viscardi School
Interdisciplinary Center for Child Development (ICCD)
Kidz Therapy Services
Lifeline Center for Child Development
Martin dePorres School for Exceptional Children
Mid Island Therapy dba All About Kids
Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
Nassau BOCES
New York Therapy Placement Services
QSAC
School for Language and Communication Development
Eileen Devaney dba SEEDS of the Willistons
United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County
Variety Child Learning Center
Woodward Children’s Center

**SEDCAR FLOW-
THROUGH FUNDS**

IEP MANDATED SERVICES

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SERVICES**

The Board also approved the use of RCM Heal Care Services to provide mandated services to Elmont Students attending non-public schools outside of the District.

ELA AND MATH ACADEMY EMPLOYMENT

**ELA AND MATH
ACADEMY
EMPLOYMENT**

The Board approved the employment of the following teachers for ELA and Math Academy Classes on December 29th, December 30th, January 10th, February 28th and March 7th, at a rate of \$125 per day, as per teachers’ contract.

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF
ELA- Grades 3-6**

School	December 29th	December 30th	January 10th
AT	Annamarie Fusaro Alethea Jackson Erin Albeck Katherine Hock Dara Lemite Carolyn Alas Kara Tloczkowski Patricia Benstock	Annamarie Fusaro Alethea Jackson Erin Albeck Katherine Hock Dara Lemite Carolyn Alas Kara Tloczkowski Patricia Benstock	Annamarie Fusaro Alethea Jackson Erin Albeck Katherine Hock Dara Lemite Carolyn Alas Kara Tloczkowski
CHC	Chris Tricarico Catherin Kors Eleftheria Koutsouras Rose Marino	Chris Tricarico Carroll Anne Kolakowski Catherin Kors Eleftheria Koutsouras	Chris Tricarico Carroll Anne Kolakowski Catherin Kors Eleftheria Koutsouras

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CHC	Sylvia Ho Lauren Murphy Heather Miers Laura Tocci *Robert Mugno Monica Perrone	Rose Marino Sylvia Ho Lauren Murphy Heather Miers Laura Tocci *Robert Mugno	Mary Delahanty Rose Marino Sarah Esposito Monica Perrone
CA	Lindsay Ruocco Cara Gaffney George Primrose Lisette Baez Atiya Thomas Laura Murray Stacy Diaz Janice Feurtado Dana Muenckler Jessica Oliveri Pam Roberts Margaret Hanson Enzamaria Grimaudo Sulay Vishnupad	Lindsay Ruocco Cara Gaffney George Primrose Lisette Baez Atiya Thomas Laura Murray Stacy Diaz Janice Feurtado Dana Muenckler Jessica Oliveri Pam Roberts Margaret Hanson Enzamaria Grimaudo Sulay Vishnupad	Lindsay Ruocco Cara Gaffney George Primrose Lisette Baez Atiya Thomas Laura Murray Pam Roberts Kelly O'Shaughnessy Margaret Hanson Enzamaria Grimaudo Sulay Vishnupad
DB	Jessica Belsham Jason Lewis Jennifer Nolan Joe Dooley Liz DeMuria Xavier Rodriguez Kristina LoCastro Mona Niles Karen Rutledge Meghan Ambrosino Laura Leng Christine Haley Gary Citro	Jessica Belsham Jason Lewis Jennifer Nolan Joe Dooley Liz DeMuria Xavier Rodriguez Kristina LoCastro Mona Niles Karen Rutledge Meghan Ambrosino Laura Leng Christine Haley Gary Citro	Jessica Belsham Jason Lewis Jennifer Nolan Christine Smith Mary Allegretta Stephanie O'Brien Mona Niles Karen Rutledge Tara Capitali Joe Dooley
GA	Courtney Bianco Kristin Jaworski Jacqueline Hansen Jillian Verdecchia Joseph Bahm Samantha Hovanec Gloria Hausward Sharon Williams Kate Monaghan Michelle Covington Marc Rolla Joy Levinn Maria Bonich *Dario Alexandre *Danielle Kain *Ashley Weinrauch	Kristin Jaworski Jacqueline Hansen Jillian Verdecchia Joseph Bahm Samantha Hovanec Sharon Williams Kate Monaghan Michelle Covington Marc Rolla Joy Levinn Maria Bonich *Dario Alexandre *Danielle Kain *Ashley Weinrauch *Rosa Errico *Deborah Cooper	Mary Snellinger Jacqueline Hansen Jillian Verdecchia Santa Feibus Joseph Bahm Samantha Hovanec Kate Monaghan Bridget Beach Michelle Covington Kristen Mickler Amy Gaddes *Danielle Kain *Ashley Weinrauch *Deborah Cooper

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GA	*Rosa Errico *Deborah Cooper		
SM	Joan McLean Andrea Ciminelli	Joan McLean Andrea Ciminelli	Joan McLean Tricia Cuccio Melissa O'Brien

*Teaching Assistant/Student teacher classification will be paid at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

Math

School	February 28 th (Grades 3-5)	March 7 th (Grade 6 Only)
AT	Annmarie Fusaro Alethea Jackson Erin Albeck Katherine Hock Dara Lemite Carolyn Alas Kara Tloczkowski	Erin Albeck Katherine Hock Kara Tloczkowski
CHC	Chris Tricarico Catherin Kors Eleftheria Koutsouras Mary Delahanty Rose Marino Melissa Perrone Sylvia Ho Sarah Esposito	Catherin Kors Eleftheria Koutsouras Rose Marino
CA	Lindsay Ruocco Cara Gaffney Lisette Baez Atiya Thomas Kathleen Mousouroulis Kelly O'Shaughnessy Dana Muenckler Pam Roberts Jessica Oliveri Laura Murray Sulay Vishnupad	Lisette Baez Atiya Thomas Pam Roberts Kelly O'Shaughnessy Laura Murray Sulay Vishnupad
DB	Jessica Belsham Jason Lewis Jennifer Nolan Xavier Rodriguez Christine Smith Filomena Bugeia Karen Rutledge Kerri Murphy Joe Dooley	Jessica Belsham Jason Lewis Karen Rutledge Kerri Murphy Joe Dooley

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GA	Mary Snellinger Jacqueline Hansen Jillian Verdecchia Santa Feibus Kate Monaghan Michelle Covington Kristen Mickler Joy Levinn Amy Gaddes *Dario Alexandre *Danielle Kain *Ashley Weinrauch *Deborah Cooper	Mary Snellinger Kristin Jaworski Maria Bonich Brian Huber Matt Kohut *Danielle Kain *Ashley Weinrauch *Deborah Cooper
SM	Andrea Ciminelli Tricia Cuccio Melissa O'Brien	Andrea Ciminelli

*Teaching Assistant/Student teacher classification will be paid at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

The Board approved the employment of the following clericals to work in the office during the ELA and Math Academy Sessions on December 29th, December 30th, January 10th, February 28th and March 7th, as per clerical contract.

ELA AND MATH
ACADEMY
CLERICAL
EMPLOYMENT

SUPPORT STAFF

Building	12/29/08	12/30/08	1/10/09	2/28/09	3/7/09
AT	Judy Rocco	Judy Rocco	Diane Tool	Diane Tool	Marilyn Cirillo
CHC	Chris Ladalia	Chris Ladalia	Chris Ladalia	Peggy Midgette	Saturday Program Diana Delahanty
CA	Mary O'Leary	Mary O'Leary	Mary O'Leary	Maria Gilbert	Maria Gilbert
DB	Kathy Harsch	Kathy Harsch	Kathy Harsch	Sharon Woitko	Sharon Woitko
GA	Carla Musacchia	Carla Musacchia	Carla Musacchia	Janet Stebner	Saturday Program Judy Rocco
SM	DonnaJean Cicio	DonnaJean Cicio	DonnaJean Cicio	Anne Levin	Anne Levin

The Board approved the authorization for the following consultants to work in the Enrichment Program during the 2008-2009 school year:

ENRICHMENT
PROGRAM
CONSULTANTS

David Spinnato will work with students conducting science research.

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Fee: \$100 per day, 3 days

Nkenge Gilliam will work after school with 4th grade students on Model UN.

Fee: \$40 per hour, 6 hours
Plus \$100 for a Model UN Conference

John Hinton will visit schools for 10 days and work on Math Matters with students and staff.

Fee: \$800 per day, 10 days

The Board further approved the authorization for the following consultants to work as translators, as needed.

Nasreen Ghani, provide translation upon request.

Fee - \$25 per hour as needed

Gladys Rodriguez, provide translation upon request.

Fee - \$25 per hour as needed

The Board was presented for a first reading a new policy, **#4776 - Leave Time for Breast or Prostrate Cancer Screening.**

A copy of the new policy can be found in the backup pages of the Board Book of December 16, 2008.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

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 December 16, 2008.

ENRICHMENT
PROGRAM
CONSULTANTS

FIRST READING:
NEW POLICY
#4776 - LEAVE
TIME FOR
PROSTRATE
CANCER
SCREENING

ITEMS NOTED FOR
THE MINUTES

USE OF FACILITIES

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Family and Medical Leave of Absence

**FAMILY AND
MEDICAL LEAVE
OF ABSENCE**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Duration of Leave</u>
Racioppo, Elissa	12 Weeks
Chalmers, Thomas	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
Margaret Mazzone	Custodian

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 December 16, 2008.

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mrs. Parker-Duncanson, the Board received the backup booklet entitled "Schedule of Disbursements and Warrants," which is filed in the "bulky" document file.

**SCHEDULE OF
DISBURSEMENTS
AND WARRANTS**

The Board also received the Report of the Treasurer for the General Fund, Capital Fund, the Lunch Fund, the Trust and Agency Fund, Payroll, Special Aid Fund and Capital Bond Fund as of October 2008.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, the Board approved the authorization to make budgetary transfers (over \$5,000) as per the backup pages in the Board Book of December 16, 2008.

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

The Board approved the formal 403(b) Written Plan Document. The plan was prepared by The Omni Group, the district's third party 403(b) administrator, per the backup pages in the Board Book of December 16, 2008.

**FORMAL 403(B)
WRITTEN PLAN
DOCUMENT**

The Board also approved the offer of obsolete textbooks to our students and any books that remain to be disposed of, per the backup pages in the Board Book of December 16, 2008.

**DISPOSAL OF
OBSOLETE
TEXTBOOKS**

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The Board approved the recommendation of the award of Intra-District transportation contracts to Sewanhaka CHSD, as per backup pages in the Board Book of December 16, 2008.

INTRA-DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACTS TO
SEWANHAKA

ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

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Analysis of Revenue – for the month of October 2008.

General Fund Schedule of Receivables - General Fund Schedule of Receivables for the month of October, 2008 appears in the backup pages in the Board Book of December 16, 2008.

Monthly Budget Status Report

Monthly Budget Status Report – as of October 31, 2008 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of December 16, 2008.

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 October 31, 2008 appear in the backup pages in the Board Book of December 16, 2008.

General Fund Cash Flow Statement

General Fund Cash Flow as of October 31, 2008 and Cash Flow Projection as of November 30, 2008 appear in the backup pages in the Board Book of December 16, 2008.

School Meals Profit and Loss Statement

School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the month of October, 2008 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of December 16, 2008.

Custodial/Transportation Overtime

Breakdown Custodial/Transportation Overtime:

Cust./Trans. Overtime – November, 2008	\$ 9,757.56
Overtime paid Year to Date	\$ 38,019.30
Cust./Trans.Overtime - September, 2007 -June, 2008	\$122,501.03

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VANDALISM TALLIES FOR MAY 2008 - \$ 15
Year-to-Date \$ 150
Previous Year-to-Date \$ 111

VANDALISM
TALLIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS - None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS - Mrs. Parker-Duncanson thanked Mrs. Norma DeBartolo for the opportunity to conduct the nutrition workshops in the District at the Clara H. Carlson School in the morning and Covert Avenue School in the afternoon. Mrs. Parker-Duncanson mentioned that she also received requests from Alden Terrace and Gotham Avenue Schools to conduct workshops there as well. She mentioned her desire to thank Mrs. DeBartolo publicly and stated that the workshops were extremely successful.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS - None

AUDIENCE ITEMS

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Mr. Patrick Boyle from the Gateway Youth Outreach program addressed the Board with a response to the issue that arose in the previous months meeting. Questions have arisen about his ability to administer the program. He then presented an overview of his experience, educational credentials and track record since the age of 14. Mr. Boyle had surveys in his possession of individuals who attended the program who were very happy with the program. Mr. Boyle expressed that he is unaware of what is motivating what is wrong with the program. He did not ask anyone to come to the meeting tonight. Mr. Boyle mentioned how hard it has been on the parents before the current economic issues if GYO was not here to give the program.

Mr. Ragona wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday.

NEXT MEETING

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Mr. Ragona stated that the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at the Stewart Manor School at 8:00 PM.

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ADJORNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Ms. Walker, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:49 PM.

ADJORNMENT TO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Walker, the Board reconvened into Public Session at 9:55 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:00PM on a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Carried Unanimously

Submitted by,

February 10, 2009
Date Approved

Celestine L. Lloyd
District Clerk