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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 Dutch Broadway School on Tuesday, December 18, 2007.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pamela Byer, President
Elsy Mecklenbourg-Guibert, Vice President
Lorraine Ferrigno (Arrived at 8:19 PM)
Michael A. Jaime
Carol Parker-Duncanson
Aubrey Phillips
Frank Ragona

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Mr. Albert Harper,	Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Robert Geras,	Director of Business and Finance
Mrs. Barbara Schwartz,	Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Education
Dr. Lynne Stucchio,	Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Colum P. Nugent,	School Attorney
Celestine L. Lloyd,	District Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ABSENT: None

CONSULTANT PRESENT:

Mr. Thomas W. Galante

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Parker-Duncanson, seconded by Mrs. Mecklenbourg-Guibert, the Board convened in Public Session at 7:30 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Mrs. Byer called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Harper, who then made the introduction of Dr. David Kim, of Premier Care the Medical Advisor for the District. Dr. Kim stated that he is privileged to be the Medical Advisor for the District and wished everyone a very Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Harper thanked Dr. Kim for coming to the Board meeting.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT BY THE ALL-DISTRICT CHORUS

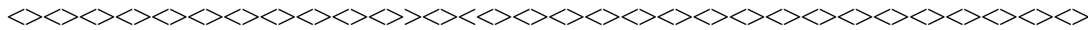
**HOLIDAY
ENTERTAINMENT
BY ALL-
DISTRICT
CHORUS**

Mr. Aksionoff introduced the All District Chorus, who then performed holiday musical selections.

Mrs. Byer thanked the students for sharing their beautiful voices with us. Mr. Harper wished everyone a wonderful holiday. He also encouraged all to share the joy of the season by reaching out to someone within the community who may be a little less fortunate or in need of assistance.

Mr. Harper also extended a welcome to the teachers in the audience and thanked them for volunteering to participate in the ELA Enrichment Academy to be held on December 27th and 28th in all of the six school buildings.

There was a five minute recess allowing parents and students to leave if they wished to do so.



Mrs. Byer welcomed everyone back to the Regular Meeting at 8:16 PM.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Ragona, the Board approved the agenda which was distributed to the audience.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 16, 2007.

Vote on approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 16, 2007:

Yes - 6

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No - 0
Abstain - 0

Motion Carried

On a motion by Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert, seconded by Mr. Ragona, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2007.

Vote on approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2007:

Yes - 6
No - 0
Abstain - 0

Motion Carried

INFORMATION REPORT - None

PRESIDENT'S/VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

**PRESIDENT'S/
VICE
PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS**

President - Mrs. Byer welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked the students and families for being here. Mrs. Byer updated the audience of the holiday concerts which she attended at the Clara H. Carlson and Alden Terrace Schools.

It is noted that Mrs. Ferrigno joined the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Mrs. Byer gave a review of some of the musical activities conducted at the schools. She expressed her delight in listening to the music and she especially enjoyed the children's rendition of Elvis Presley's "Love Me Tender." She also extended thanks to music teachers, Dr. Benstock, Ms. Lemite, and Ms. Bukauskas of Alden Terrace. Additionally, she thanked Mr. Rosner for the children's performance at the Clara H. Carlson School and Mr. Harper for the outstanding music programs within the District.

Mrs. Byer also gave a description of her visit to the Saturday Adelphi Reading Program and thanked Mr. Cowan for escorting her. She thanked the Superintendent again for his support and focus on the curriculum in our District. Mrs. Byer also stated that she is looking forward to attending the other upcoming concerts within the District.

Vice President – Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert wished a Merry Christmas to everyone. She extended her thanks to everyone in the district for the wonderful work they are doing. She expressed how some achievements accomplished in the current year will be taken

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into the New Year and with anticipation we look forward to the New Year along with its new aspirations and goals.

Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert encouraged the audience to continue to provide their strength and guidance so the children will continue to do well in the District. She concluded her report by wishing everyone a Happy Holiday.

SEWANHAKA BOARD ITEMS – Mrs. Parker-Duncanson gave an overview of the two High School District Board Meetings held since the EUFSD Board Meeting. Also, she shared the results of the Parent Teacher Conferences which were held in November. The attendance was good. This information was important and she also noted that there was room for improvement as there is a desire for an increased level of parental participation.

SEWANHAKA
BOARD ITEMS

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson also noted the High School District's continued responsiveness to MRSA. The High School District has taken action to ensure that antibacterial hand sanitizers are being placed in different areas of the schools. There also has been an effort to sanitize the locker rooms and other areas where physical contact takes place. She also reminded the audience of the importance of having washing facilities, soap and hot water available in the bathrooms and locker rooms, in addition to the hand sanitizers.

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson mentioned that the concerts are still being conducted. She noted that six Elmont Memorial students were selected for the All County Jazz Choir. Mrs. Parker-Duncanson also reported on the performance of the Alden Terrace graduate who gave an inspiring performance. She also expressed how pleased she was with the High School Board members' support of the musical programs within the district.

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson reported that Ahkeel Rodney, a junior at Elmont Memorial High School was selected as the All State Soccer Player. He is the first player from Elmont Memorial High School to gain such honor. Mr. Peter Gaffney, the Athletic Director of Elmont Memorial High School was given the Zone Honor Award from the NYS Council of Administrators.

Mr. Phillips then continued the report by greeting all in attendance and he gave a review of the Elmont Memorial High School Gregg Petrocelli Basketball Tournament which was well supported.

Mr. Phillips mentioned the discussion of gift giving as it relates to the Code of Ethics Policy, which was a topic at the last High School Board Meeting. He also advised the audience that Robert Burke will be the honoree at the SCHSD Music Festival which will be held at the Elmont Memorial High School on February 7, 2008 at 8 PM. Mr. Phillips mentioned that US News and World Report presented Floral Park Memorial High School with the Silver Medal for the first annual Best American High School. Mr. Phillips also

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SEWANHAKA
BOARD ITEMS

noted the positive presentation given to the Board by the Science department of Sewanhaka Central High School.

As a follow up to a question raised at the last Board meeting regarding the Sewanhaka Central High School Honor Roll percentages, Mr. Phillips stated that at that time he had only received information about the Elmont Memorial Honor Roll statistics. He commended Mr. Harper for the work he has done. Mr. Phillips proceeded to read the various updates received from the High Schools reflecting the work which has been done.

Mr. Ragona elaborated on the statistics of 47% of 7th grade students making the honor roll at Sewanhaka High School which is comprised of graduates from the Covert Avenue, Clara H. Carlson and Stewart Manor Schools.

AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Nugent stated that he had no report for the Public Session tonight, but 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 Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert, seconded by Mrs. Parker-Duncanson, 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

Mr. Harper acknowledged the teachers in the audience for their support of the District, students and schools. Our children are receiving the finest education as evidenced by the presentation here this evening.

REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT

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

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVES OF
ABSENCE

AULL, CHRISTINA, Elementary Teacher at Clara H. Carlson School, effective 2/25/08, duration of leave 2/25/08 - 8/31/08, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 6 years, 6 months.

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* Includes Family and Medical Leave from 2/25/08 - 5/23/08.

The Board further approved the following professional appointments:

PROFESSIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

BAHM, JOSEPH, 175 Day Substitute, Initial Assignment: Clara H. Carlson School at a salary of \$15,571.74 (pro-rated from \$25,000), effective 12/17/07 - 6/17/08, (pending medical approval), no probation and no tenure involved, certification: Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial Pending).

NAGLE, JAMES, Permanent Substitute (Music), Initial Assignment: Stewart Manor at a salary of \$29,087.40 (pro-rated from \$48,479 BA Step 1), effective 1/2/08 - 6/30/08 (pending medical approval), no probation and no tenure involved, certification: Music (Initial Pending).

O'BRIEN, MELISSA, Long Term Substitute (Elementary), Initial Assignment: Dutch Broadway School at a salary of \$33,559.20 (pro-rated from \$55,932 MA Step 1), effective 1/2/08 - 6/30/08 (pending medical approval), no probation and no tenure involved, certification: Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial).

PALUMBO, JOSEPH, 175 Day Substitute. Initial Assignment: Covert Avenue School at a salary of \$14,857.44 (pro-rated from \$25,000), effective 1/2/08 - 6/17/08 (pending medical approval), no probation and no tenure involved, certification: Art (Initial Pending).

ROODE, CRYSTAL, Permanent Substitute (Special Education), Initial Assignment: Dutch Broadway School at a salary of \$33,559.20 (pro-rated from \$55,932 MA Step 1), effective 1/2/08 - 6/30/08 (pending medical approval), no probation and no tenure involved, certification: Students With Disabilities (Initial Pending).

The Board approved the following teachers to be employed as per diem substitutes:

PROFESSIONAL
PER DIEM
SUBSTITUTES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area of Certification</u>
*Maniscalco, Francesca	Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial)
*Zderko, Michel	Childhood Education (Initial Pending)
*Ostipwko, Heather	Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial Pending)
*Pending medical approval	

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The Board further approved the following professional termination:

PROFESSIONAL
TERMINATION

BERMAN, JED, Music Teacher at the Stewart Manor School, effective 1/17/08, service to District: 4 months.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Mecklenbourg-Guibert, seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Board approved the extension of conditional appointments for the following employees:

CIVIL SERVICE
EXTENSION OF
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

Dwight Jones - Maintainer
Kundar Sookpaul - Maintainer

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

CIVIL SERVICE
SUBSTITUTE
APPOINTMENTS

ASARO, LUCIA, Food Service Helper Part-time Substitute, District-wide at a salary of \$10.90 hourly, effective 12/19/07 pending civil service, medical and fingerprint approval.

CALDWELL, DEVLON, Cleaner Part-time Substitute, District-wide at a salary of \$10.00 hourly, effective 12/19/07 pending civil service, medical and fingerprint approval.

PILGRIM, EON, Cleaner Part-time Substitute, District-wide at a salary of \$10.00 hourly, effective 12/19/07 pending civil service, medical and fingerprint approval.

RIOS, ROBERTO, Cleaner Part-time Substitute, District-wide at a salary of \$10.00 hourly, effective 12/19/07 pending civil service, medical and fingerprint approval.

RICKS, FREDDIE, Cleaner Part-time Substitute, District-wide at a salary of \$10.00 hourly, effective 12/19/07 pending civil service, medical and fingerprint approval.

SELTZER, GERALD, Cleaner Part-time Substitute, District-wide at a salary of \$10.00 hourly, effective 12/19/07 pending civil service, medical and fingerprint approval.

CAMERON, ISAAC, Cleaner Part-time Substitute, District-wide at a salary of \$10.00 hourly, effective 12/19/07 pending civil service, medical and fingerprint approval.

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CIVIL SERVICE
CONDITIONAL
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Sheyla Estevez - Teacher Aide Part-time substitute
Salvatore Conte - Cleaner Part-time substitute
Peggy Regis-Patterson - Bus Attendant Part-time substitute
Fanette Pierre-Paul - Bus Attendant Part-time substitute
Annamaria Caputo - Food Service Helper Part-time substitute
Alejandrina Cordova - Food Service Helper Part-time substitute
Lauria Durogene - Food Service Helper Part-time substitute
Christina Masotto - Food Service Helper Part-time substitute
Ingrid Garrido - Food Service Helper Part-time substitute
Candace Simmons - Food Service Helper Part-time substitute
Marie Villareal - Food Service Helper Part-time substitute
Shameka Whitehead - Food Service Helper Part-time substitute

CIVIL SERVICE
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

The Board further approved the following change in compensation:

CHANGE IN
COMPENSATION

HAIDER, SYED, Security Aide
From: \$14.06 hourly
To: \$16.56 hourly
Elmont Road, effective 11/21/07.

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

CIVIL SERVICE
CHANGE IN
STATUS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>End Probation</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kevin Brazill	Senior Maintainer	12/17/07	12/18/07
Marguerite Kuzemchak	Teacher Aide	12/19/07	12/20/07
Alan Noss	Custodian	1/1/08	1/2/08
Thomas Chalmers	Custodian	1/1/08	1/2/08
Joseph Mormina	Custodian	1/1/08	1/2/08

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Adrian Atanasiu Custodian 1/1/08 1/2/08

CIVIL SERVICE
CHANGE IN
STATUS

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

GOULD, PHYLLIS, From: Teacher Aide Part-time Substitute
 To: Teacher Aide
at the Alden Terrace School, at a salary of \$14.55 hourly, effective: 12/19/07 pending
Civil Service approval.

LaMONTANARO, LISA, From: Teacher Aide Part-time Substitute
 To: Teacher Aide
at the Clara H. Carlson School, at a salary of \$14.55 hourly, effective 12/19/07 pending
Civil Service approval.

MUSCAT, MARY, From: Teacher Aide Part-time Substitute
 To: Teacher Aide
at the Stewart Manor School, at a salary of \$14.55 hourly, effective 12/19/07 pending
Civil Service approval.

HOWELL, SASHA, From: Teacher Aid Part-time Substitute
 To: Teacher Aide Special Education ABA
at the Clara H. Carlson School, at a salary of \$16.40 hourly, effective 12/19/07 pending
Civil Service approval.

PETIT-FRERE, IRMICE, From: Bus Attendant 10-month
 To: Bus Driver 10-month
District-wide, at a salary of \$20.95 hourly, effective 12/19/07 pending Civil Service
approval.

The Board approved the following civil service termination:

CIVIL SERVICE
TERMINATION

ZOUFALY, NANCY, Senior Typist Clerk, Elmont Road, effective 11/9/07, service to
District: 22 years, 10 months.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert, the Board
received the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education

COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL
EDUCATION AND
PRE-SCHOOL
SPECIAL
EDUCATION

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Fee - \$350 per day, 3 days.

The Board approved authorization for the following consultants to work as translators as needed:

**TRANSLATORS
CONSULTANTS**

Marie A. Marescot, provide translation upon request.
Maureen D. Lacossiere, provide translation upon request.

Fee - \$25 per hour, as needed

A question was raised by Ms. Ferrigno of why item #7 was not approved. Mr. Nugent clarified this action.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Ragona, the Board approved the employment of consultants from the Science Museum of Long Island to provide after school enrichment workshops as specified below:

**APPROVAL OF
CONSULTANTS
FROM SCIENCE
MUSEUM OF
LONG ISLAND**

The Board also approved the employment of the following teachers for ELA Academy

<u>WORKSHOPS</u>	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>DAY/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FEE</u>
1. Natures Fury 2. Physics of Toys 3. Mad Scientist Lab 4. Volts and Jolts 5. CSI :Elmont 6. Bridges and Buildings	Grade 3 & 4 Grade 3 & 4 Grade 3 & 4 Grade 3 & 4 Grade 5 & 6 Grade 5 & 6	Mondays: 4-6PM February/March (Dates TBA)	Dutch Broadway School, (Students per session = 24)	\$300.00 x 6 sessions= \$1,800.00, (Total Cost)

Classes on December 27, December 28th, January 5th and January 12th, at a rate of \$121 per day, as per teachers' contract.

**APPROVAL OF
ELA ACADEMY
TEACHER
EMPLOYMENT**

School	Teachers	Grades
AT	Albeck, Erin	6
AT	Crescitelli, Peter	6
AT	Fusaro, Annmarie	3,4,6
AT	Kors, Catherine	4,5
AT	Leva, Maria	4
AT	DaCosta, Cristine	3,4
AT	Jackson, Alethea	3,4,5,6

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CHC	Tricarico, Chris	3,4,5,6
CHC	Cavaliere, Robert	3,4,5,6
CHC	Delahanty, Mary	3,4,5
CHC	Ficalora, Stephanie	3,4,5,6
CHC	McGrath, Stephanie	5
CHC	Hernandez, Maribel	5
CHC	Griffin, Nadine	5
CHC	Hoshino, Kazu	4
CHC	Kolakowski, Carol	3,4,5,6
CHC	Munlin, Raissa	
CHC	Koutsouras, Ellie	
CHC	Ballestas, Monica	3,4
CA	Allen, Stacy	3,4,5,6
CA	Alvarez, Carla	3,4
CA	Alves, Eugenia	4,5
CA	Bernard, Amanda	3,4,6
CA	Boyd, Pamela	3,4,5,6
CA	Gaffney, Cara	3,4,5
CA	Oliveri, Jessica	3,4,6
CA	Oates, Laurie	6
CA	Feurtado, Janice	3
CA	Guillen, Denisse	3,4
CA	O'Shaughnessy, Kelly	6
CA	Thomas, Atiya	3,4,5,6
CA	Ostiewko, Heather	3,4,5,6
CA	Zderko, Michel	3
DB	LoCastro, Kristina	3,4,5,6
DB	Allegretta, Mary	6
DB	Safrey, Kathy	3,4,5,6
DB	Rutledge, Karen	6
DB	Dooley, Joe	3,4,5,6
DB	Witherow, Tracy	4
DB	DeMuria, Elizabeth	3
DB	Nolan, Jennifer	4,5,6
DB	Poltorzycki, Andrea	4
DB	Terry, Nancy	3,4,5,6
DB	Haley, Christina	3
DB	Fernandez, Suzanna	3,4
DB	Ciminelli, Antonetta	3
DB	Paupeck, Jessica	5
DB	Niles, Mona	3
DB	Lynsey, Mo	
DB	O'Brien, Melissa	3,6
GA	Bianco, Kristine	3,4
GA	Jaworski, Kristin	5,6
GA	Lewis, Jason	3,4
GA	Monaghan, Kate	4

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GA	Lemite, Dara	4,5,6
GA	Covington, Michele	5,6
GA	Hausward, Gloria	3,4,5,6
GA	Levinn, Joy	5
GA	Alexandre, Dario	3
GA	Beach, Bridget	3,4,5,6
GA	Benstock, Patricia	3
GA	Mendelson, Gail	6
GA	Bonich, Maria	3,4,5,6
GA	Smith, Janice	3,4
SM	Kolchin, Paulette	
SM	Rodriquez, Daniella	
SM	Termini, Nicole	
SM	Bahm, Joseph	
SM	Goodenough, Heather	3,4,5,6
SM	Chin, Renee	

The Board further approved the employment of the following clericals for ELA Academy Classes on December 27th, December 28th, January 5th, and January 12th as per contract:

**APPROVAL OF
ELA ACADEMY
CLERICAL
EMPLOYMENT**

Clericals

School	Dec. 27	Dec. 28	Jan. 5	Jan. 12
AT	Judy Rocco	Judy Rocco	Irene Boehm	Irene Boehm
CA	Joanna Esposito	Joanna Esposito	Ginny Raffanello	Ginny Raffanello
CHC	Chris Ladalia	Chris Ladalia	Diana Delahanty	Diana Delahanty
DB	Judy VanHaaren	Judy VanHaaren	Judy VanHaaren	Judy VanHaaren
GA	Sharon Voitko	Sharon Voitko	Judy Rocco	Judy Rocco
SM	Donna Jean Cicio	Donna Jean Cicio	Donna Jean Cicio	Donna Jean Cicio

The Board also approved the employment of the following teachers for ELA Academy Classes on December 27th, December 28, January 5th and January 12 at a rate of \$121 per day as per teachers' contract:

**APPROVAL OF
ELA ACADEMY
TEACHER
EMPLOYMENT**

School	Teacher	Grade	12/27	12/28	1/5	1/12
SM	Ciminelli, Andrea	3,4,5,6	X	X	X	X
GA	Huber, Brian	3			X	
GA	Mickler, Kristen	6				X
GA	Feibus, Santa	3,4		X		
CA	Castaldo, Carmella	3,4,5,6			X	
CHC	Koutsouroas, Eleftheria	3,4	X	X		
CHC	Lindsay Ruocco	3-6			X	X

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The Board further approved the employment of the following clerical subs for ELA Academy Classes on December 27th, December 28th, January 5th and January 12th as per contract:

**APPROVAL OF
ELA ACADEMY
CLERICAL
EMPLOYMENT**

School	Teacher	12/27	12/28	1/5	1/12
ER	Karen Filippi	X	X	X	X
DB	Joann Manetta	X	X	X	X

Mr. Phillips noted the significant number of teachers taking part in the ELA Academy program. He commended them on their dedication to come in during a holiday to work with the students of the District along with teachers, principals and administrative staff.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

**ITEMS NOTED
FOR 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 December 18, 2007.

Worker's Compensation

**WORKER'S
COMPENSATION**

The following employees are on a leave of absence due to Worker's Compensation case still pending:

Leonard Spicer, Custodian
Debra Jackson, Bus Driver
Eileen Palumbo, Teacher Aide
Chris Chisolm, Sub-Cleaner
Mirielle Dumont, Bus Driver

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Family and Medical Leave of Absence

**FAMILY AND
MEDICAL LEAVE
OF ABSENCE**

The following employees are on a leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Brown-Cavalluzzo, Marjorie	12 weeks
DeBartolo, Norma	4 weeks, 4 days
Romero, Diane	12 weeks
Joseph Quail	8 weeks
Junior Curtis	4 weeks
Vidya Singh	2 weeks
Pasquale Vutaggio	10 to 12 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 Board Book of December 18, 2007.

On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Mecklenbourg-Guibert, 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 2007.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Mecklenbourg-Guibert, seconded by Mr. Ragona, the Board gave authorization to make budgetary transfers over \$5,000 as per backup the pages in the Board Book of December 18, 2007.

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

ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

**ITEMS NOTED
FOR MINUTES**

Analysis of Revenue – for the month of October, 2007

General Fund Schedule of Receivables - General Fund Schedule of Receivables for the month of October 2007 appears in the backup pages in the Board Book of December 18, 2007.

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Monthly Budget Status Report

ITEMS NOTED
FOR MINUTES

Monthly Budget Status Report – as of October 31, 2007 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of December 18, 2007. Also included is a revised Special Aid Fund Budget Status Report as of September 30, 2007.

School Meals Profit and Loss Statement

School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the month of October, 2007 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of December 18, 2007.

Custodial/Transportation Overtime

Breakdown Custodial/Transportation Overtime:

Cust./Trans. Overtime – November 2007	\$ 10,314.52
Overtime paid Year to Date	\$ 50,614.15
Cust./Trans.Overtime - July, 2006 - June, 2007	\$ 88,018.79

VANDALISM TALLIES FOR NOVEMBER 2007 - \$ 0

Year-to-Date \$ 111

Previous Year-to-Date \$ 338

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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Mr. Phillips extended an invitation to the annual Black History Program on February 10, 2008 which will be held at the Elmont Public Library.

Mr. Phillips also made an appeal for the support of the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund/ Blood Drive.

Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert attended the Gotham Avenue School for the kindergarten and first graders Gingerbread House decorating. She thanked Mr. Zucker, Mr. Alexandre, Mr. Harper and Mr. Cowan. She also thanked the parents for supporting the children.

Mrs. Ferrigno further elaborated on Mr. Phillips' request for support of the Blood Drive. She stated how important it is to support this cause; she would not have been a survivor, if someone had not donated blood.

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Mrs. Byer made an inquiry of Mr. Ragona, if he arranges Blood Drives, and his response was yes.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

AUDIENCE ITEMS

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Ms. Claudine Hall, President of the Jamaica Square Civic Association made a presentation to Mr. Rosner for appreciation and support to the children and parents of this civic. Mr. Rosner thanked everyone as well.

Mr. Peter Foltmer, a long time Elmont resident expressed his thanks to all the teachers and community for all they do. He referenced an incident which occurred about eight months prior. He urged that we need to come together as a community. Because of the incident the community became contentious.

Mr. Foltmer directed his inquiry to Mrs. Byer regarding a lawsuit, which he had been in conversation with her husband who seemed unclear. He also inquired about meetings that were declined by Mrs. Byer. Mrs. Byer advised Mr. Foltmer that she may choose to share information with her husband and expressed her disagreement with Mr. Foltmer's statement. She put the question to her colleagues about her attendance or not attending a meeting.

Mr. Nugent requested that if there was a comment to be made, it should be done. Entering into dialogue with other Board members is not appropriate at this time.

Mr. Foltmer mentioned the campaigns that will be approaching and the effect it will have on the community. During the holidays he urged that we should think about our community and reiterated that we should come together as a community. Mr. Foltmer resolved his inquiry, by stating he will check with the District office to find out information regarding Board Members' meeting attendance.

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NEXT MEETING

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Mrs. Byer announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at the Elmont Road School at 8:00 PM. It was also announced that the February 12, 2008 Regular Meeting will also be held at the Elmont Road School.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:09 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC SESSION

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On a motion by Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert, seconded by Mr. Ragona the Board reconvened into Public Session at 11:00PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:20 PM on a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Ragona.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Submitted by,

January 15, 2008
Date Approved

Celestine L. Lloyd
District Clerk