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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 Elmont Road School on Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pamela Byer, President
Elsy Mecklenbourg-Guibert, Vice President
Michael A. Jaime
Carol Parker-Duncanson
Aubrey Phillips
Frank Ragona

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lorraine Ferrigno

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Mr. Albert Harper,	Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Robert Geras,	Director of Business and Facilities
Mrs. Barbara Schwartz,	Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Education
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

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

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Ragona, seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Board convened in Public Session at 8:00 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

Mrs. Byer called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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On a motion by Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert, seconded by Mr. Ragona, the Board approved the agenda which was distributed to the audience.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

Motion Carried Unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2008.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Vote on approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2008:

Yes	-	6
No	-	0
Abstain	-	0

On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Parker-Duncanson, the Board approved the minutes of the Board Work Session of February 27, 2008.

**APPROVAL OF
BOARD WORK
SESSION**

Vote on approving the minutes of the Board Work Session of February 27, 2008:

Yes	-	6
No	-	0
Abstain	-	0

Motion Carried

Mrs. Byer turned the meeting over to Mr. Harper.

Mr. Harper requested Mrs. Sharon Voitko and the Clerical Association staff to come forth for the presentation of a plaque in memory of Nancy Zoufaly. Sharon thanked Mr. Harper and the Board for the opportunity to have this time during the meeting to make the presentation. Mrs. Voitko and the Clerical Association presented the plaque which will be placed in the first floor hallway of the Elmont Road Building. Mrs. Voitko thanked the family of Nancy Zoufaly for coming this evening and presented them with a gift.

**PRESENTATION
OF PLAQUE**

Mr. Harper shared with the audience an incident that occurred in the District parking lot with Nancy when she had just gotten her new Camry. This story created laughter among everyone.

INFORMATION REPORT - None

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PRESIDENT'S/VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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REMARKS

President - Mrs. Byer greeted everyone again. She referenced the Budget Workshops and thanked Mr. Harper for putting together such a comprehensive budget which addressed the needs of our children and responded to our residents who are on fixed incomes. Mrs. Byer expressed how diligent everyone worked. She thanked Mr. Phillips for his efforts in the support of the budget.

Mrs. Byer expressed her enjoyment of the talent show by the students from Alden Terrace School.

Vice President – Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert extended greetings to everyone and expressed her intention of not speaking tonight. She made mention of the upcoming events of importance in the District, i.e., the adoption of the school budget. Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert stated her awareness of how the administration has been preparing for the presentation of the budget at various board meetings and to civic associations. She urged everyone to ask questions so that they gain clarity on the budget.

Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert gave a report on the Alden Terrace School Talent Show. She expressed how beautiful it was to see the children perform.

Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert attended the conclusion of the Saturday Enrichment Program and spoke with many of the parents. The parents provided positive feedback and expressed their thanks for the program. Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert expressed her pleasure and stated that these types of programs will continue to serve the children and Elmont community.

Mr. Ragona requested Mrs. Byer to elaborate on Mr. Phillips' input to the Budget. Mrs. Byer referenced the trip to Albany taken by Mr. Phillips with Assemblyman Alfano and where he met with Senators. She further explained that this trip provided Mr. Phillips the opportunity to speak with others about the school district and possibly help bring back information to the Board.

After further discussion, Mr. Ragona stressed that thanks should be extended to all of his colleagues on the Board as well, because they all have provided input. He then thanked the other board members for their participation and efforts in the budget preparation.

Mrs. Byer thanked Mr. Ragona and further clarified her statement.

SEWANHAKA BOARD ITEMS – Mrs. Parker-Duncanson announced the Floral Park High School Girls Varsity team as the Long Island champions. The team played two close games to get to this final win.

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The report of District Sports Night, an interschool competition by 11th and 12th graders, was mentioned. Mrs. Parker-Duncanson made mention of the attendance, various competitions and level of involvement among the High Schools. She also stated that Sewanhaka was dethroned after ten (10) consecutive wins by H. Frank Carey High School.

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson highlighted the performances and talent of high school students who participated in the drama productions of Les Miserables at Elmont Memorial and FAME at Sewanhaka High Schools. She stressed the urgency for audience attendance.

The students of Sewanhaka have built the robot for competition at Hofstra University which will be held on March 28, 2008. The results of the competition will be brought forth at the next Board meeting. Mrs. Parker-Duncanson made mention of the 1st and 2nd awards achieved at the Career Education Program. The students are currently preparing for the State competition to be held in April in Syracuse, New York.

Some other items Mrs. Parker-Duncanson reported on at Sewanhaka were:

- Two students were accepted for the New England Young Writers Conference in Vermont. This is a 3-day workshop which provides an opportunity for students to work closely with established writers as well as improve their skills.
- There were two seniors who had their work published last month in the National High School Writers Magazine.
- Students Against Cancer conducted a bowl-a-thon which raised \$1500.
- Six science research students will be attending a special research seminar at Adelphi University.
- 40 Women in Science students attended a conference on non-evasive surgery at NYU, sponsored by the March of Dimes.
- 80 students from the Jazz Band, Voices of Harmony and the Orchestra traveled to Albany on March 14, 2008 to perform at the Empire Concourse.

Some of the recognition of achievements by Elmont Memorial High School are:

- The receipt of a Special Citation by Akeel Rodney.
- The Magellan Foundation selected Elmont Memorial High School as one of the five schools in NYS to be used as a model for success. Mrs. Parker-Duncanson stated that she will provide highlights of the report as soon as it becomes available.
- Elmont Girls Varsity Volley Ball team recognition received for the fourth year.
- Additional awards for various students of Elmont Memorial were also mentioned.

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SEWANHAKA
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Mr. Phillips held his report this evening which had been prearranged with Mrs. Parker Duncanson.

Mr. Jaime put forth a request for a balanced report between children which reflect those that are doing well, and those performing below average. What programs do the high schools have in place to access a child prior to entry into Advance Placement, Advanced Placement Scholar and achievements in sports?

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson inquired of Mr. Jaime his desire of content for the report. She further stated, information is requested from the principals of the schools which she shares at the Board meetings.

Mr. Jaime further explained the details of his request. He would like more information about the students that would be classified in the middle of the road, those that are doing marginally well and what is being done to encourage them? Mr. Jaime recommended that they should be part of some type of club.

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson stated that each school makes efforts in providing various activities and explained how students can be exposed to them, join and the availability of them. Mrs. Parker-Duncanson spoke of the parent teacher meetings, clubs and progress reports distributed four times a year and attendance reports.

The utilization of the program by Connect Ed was also mentioned. It was used recently to notify students of a delayed opening.

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson made mention of her personal experience in the attempt of creating a girls soccer and basketball team.

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson further explained the process of gathering the information and urged the parents in the audience to encourage their children to be active in the schools as there is something for all of them. One of the program offerings highlighted was Operation Success, an academic support for students which occurs before and after school, tutoring, and sports. There will also be Regents preparation classes offered. Mrs. Parker-Duncanson stated that the high-schools go out of their way to provide such services to the children. She stated she would meet with the high schools' principals for additional information.

Mr. Jaime stated that the purpose for a balanced report would be to help parents who may not be as active or involved with their children in the high school. The information can be disseminated in other ways so that they can encourage their children to participate in sports, education and have a balanced experience in high school.

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Mrs. Parker-Duncanson further mentioned that this type of information is presented at the High School Board meetings and stated she will try to keep her report informative.

Mr. Jaime then directed an inquiry to Mrs. Byer regarding the playbill published for the Les Miserables. The playbill listed only four of the seven board members of the elementary schools. Mr. Jaime requested an explanation of the intent of this gesture.

Mr. Ragona then questioned Mr. Nugent if this was an illegal act, being that there were four (4) board members which constituted a quorum. Mr. Nugent responded with the assumption that the gesture was for identification purposes. Mr. Nugent further explained the act was to put an advertisement for a production and not to conduct district business. With the information currently presented it may or may not be an illegal action. Further review would be necessary.

Mr. Ragona expressed that Mr. Nugent was being very vague. He further stated that the subject matter had been previously discussed.

Mr. Jaime made mention of the trust and respect factor which was discussed in previous board meetings. Mr. Ragona noted the implication of this type of identification of the Board Trustees.

Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert stated that she was unaware of her name being included in the publication. Mr. Jaime questioned Mrs. Byer if she was aware of the publication. Mrs. Byer did not answer but stated she would answer at a later date. Mr. Ragona extended an apology to the audience.

Mr. Phillips attempted to confirm with the attorney that appearances of names for identification purposes did not constitute a meeting. Mr. Nugent confirmed the statement. Further discussion ensued among the board members and the attorney regarding the above mentioned matter.

Mr. Phillips then attempted to answer the first inquiry presented by Mr. Jaime, however Mr. Jaime stressed that the high school board report should present a total picture.

AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Nugent stated that he had one item for the Public Session tonight. Mr. Nugent requested a motion to amend the payment to the District Psychiatrist, Dr. Sheff which

REPORT OF THE
ATTORNEY

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was passed at the Reorganization Meeting at \$650.00 per evaluation. It is requested to be amended to \$700 per evaluation.

REPORT OF THE
ATTORNEY

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Ragona, the board approved the amendment of the District Psychiatrist fee per evaluation.

FEE AMENDMENT
FOR DISTRICT
PSYCHIATRIST

Motion Carried

Mr. Nugent concluded his report and 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. Ragona, 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.

REQUEST FOR
APPROVAL OF
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Harper presented his report as noted below.

On a motion by Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert, seconded by Mrs. Parker-Duncanson, the Board approved the following professional leaves of absence:

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVES OF
ABSENCE

FRANCO, JENNIFER, Elementary Teacher at Dutch Broadway School, effective 4/28/08, duration of leave 4/28/08 – 8/31/08, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 4 years, 7 months.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 4/28/08 – 6/24/08

CARR, GINA, Art Teacher at Covert Avenue School, effective 4/28/08, duration of leave 4/28/08 – 8/31/08, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 5 years, 7 months.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 4/28/08 – 6/24/08.

SCHAEDLER, MAURA, Special Education Teacher at Clara H. Carlson School, effective 4/28/08, duration of leave 4/28/08 – 8/31/08, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 5 years, 7 months.

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 4/28/08 – 6/24/08.

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GERMAN, JOLENE, Elementary Teacher at Clara H. Carlson School, effective 5/1/08, duration of leave 5/1/08 – 8/31/08, unpaid*, reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to District: 8 years, 6 months.

**PROFESSIONAL
LEAVES OF
ABSENCE**

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 5/1/08 – 6/24/08.

The Board also approved the following employees change in District Child Rearing Leaves of Absences:

**PROFESSIONAL
LEAVES OF
ABSENCE
AMENDMENTS**

GASPAR, NANCY, Elementary Teacher at Alden Terrace School, effective:

From: 3/26/08 – 8/31/08, unpaid

To: 3/17/08 – 6/13/08, unpaid*

Reason: District Child Rearing Leave

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 3/17/08 – 6/13/08.

Note: Leave of Absence was originally approved by the Board on 1/15/08.

ITALIANO, LISA, Special Education Teacher at Alden Terrace School, effective:

From: 4/28/08 – 8/31/08, unpaid

To: 2/25/08 – 5/23/08, unpaid*

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

Note: Leave of Absence was originally approved by the Board on 1/15/08.

FLETE, ANDREA, Elementary Teacher at Alden Terrace School, effective:

From: 4/10/08 – 8/31/08, unpaid

To: 3/25/08 – 8/31/08, unpaid*

Reason: District Child Rearing Leave

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 3/25/08 – 6/24/08.

Note: Leave of Absence was originally approved by the Board on 1/15/08.

JACOB, STANEY, Elementary Teacher at Dutch Broadway School, effective:

From: 4/1/08 – 8/31/08, unpaid

To: 3/6/08 – 6/4/08, unpaid*

Reason: District Child Rearing Leave

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 3/6/08 – 6/4/08.

Note: Leave of Absence was originally approved by the Board on 1/15/08.

The Board further approved the extension of conditional appointment for the following employee:

**PROFESSIONAL
EXTENSION OF
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Rozen, Mindy

Per Diem Substitute

**PROFESSIONAL
EXTENSION OF
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENT**

The Board also approved the following professional changes in status:

**PROFESSIONAL
CHANGE IN
STATUS**

BAHM, JOSEPH

From: 175 Day Substitute

To: Permanent Substitute (Elementary)

Alden Terrace School at a salary of \$55,932 MA Step 1 (pro-rated from start date), effective 3/17/08 through 6/30/08. No probation and no tenure involved.

The Board further approved the following changes in status and compensation for the following teachers effective February 1, 2008:

SCHOOL	NAME	FROM DEGREE	STEP	SALARY	TO DEGREE	STEP	SALARY	ACTUAL 2007-08 SALARY	COST
CA	Alvarez, Carla	MA	2	\$57,579	MA+15	2	\$59,250	\$58,414.50	\$835.50
CA	Anderson, Patricia	MA+60	22	\$107,926	MA+75	22	\$109,881	\$108,903.50	\$977.50
GA	Bianco, Courtney	MA+30	7	\$73,152	MA+60	7	\$77,179	\$75,165.50	\$2,013.50
GA	Bonich, Maria	MA+75	22	\$109,881	Doctorate	22	\$111,088	\$110,484.50	\$603.50
GA	Callipari, Christine	MA+15	6	\$67,982	MA+30	6	\$70,752	\$69,367.00	\$1,385.00
GA	Cotugno, Lorraine	MA+15	9	\$74,817	MA+30	9	\$77,877	\$76,347.00	\$1,530.00
SM	Davalos, Deborah	MA+45	9	\$80,073	MA+60	9	\$82,267	\$81,170.00	\$1,097.00
SM	DeFalco, Samantha	MA+45	9	\$80,073	MA+60	9	\$82,267	\$81,170.00	\$1,097.00
CA	Douglas, Cynthia	MA	5	\$64,109	MA+15	5	\$65,886	\$64,997.50	\$888.50
SM	Fisher, Theresa	MA+15	4	\$63,794	MA+30	4	\$65,702	\$64,748.00	\$954.00
CA	FitzGibbon, Jeremy	BA	4	\$53,599	MA	4	\$62,017	\$57,808.00	\$4,209.00
AT	Frangella, Lorie	MA	7	\$68,869	MA+15	7	\$70,069	\$69,469.00	\$600.00
CA	Gamrat, Amy	MA+60	5	\$72,385	MA+75	5	\$73,375	\$72,880.00	\$495.00
AT	Gaspar, Nancy	MA+15	6	\$67,982	MA+30	6	\$70,752	\$69,367.00	\$1,385.00
GA	Goldstein, Cheryl	MA+45	6	\$72,794	MA+60	6	\$74,778	\$73,786.00	\$992.00
CA	Ho, Sylvia	BA	4	\$53,599	MA+15	4	\$63,794	\$58,696.50	\$5,097.50
SM	Jacobsen, Krista	MA+15	4	\$63,794	MA+30	4	\$65,702	\$64,748.00	\$954.00
CHC	Kolakowski, Carroll	BA	2	\$50,194	MA	2	\$57,579	\$53,886.50	\$3,692.50
DB	Korn, Joyce	MA+45	18	\$104,088	MA+60	18	\$107,151	\$105,619.50	\$1,531.50
GA	Kuehhas, Robin	MA+60	18	\$107,151	MA+75	18	\$107,821	\$107,486.00	\$335.00
AT	Lederer, Karen	MA+15	6	\$67,982	MA+30	6	\$70,752	\$69,367.00	\$1,385.00
AT/GA	Lemite, Dara	MA+30	9	\$77,877	MA+45	9	\$80,073	\$78,975.00	\$1,098.00
AT	Leva, Maria	MA+60	11	\$87,206	MA+75	11	\$88,367	\$87,786.50	\$580.50

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CA	Losquadro, Maria	MA+60	9	\$82,267	MA+75	9	\$83,444	\$82,855.50	\$588.50
CA	Magaraci, Samantha	MA+15	7	\$70,069	MA+30	7	\$73,152	\$71,610.50	\$1,541.50
GA	Markham, DonnaMarie	MA+45	10	\$82,481	MA+60	10	\$84,730	\$83,605.50	\$1,124.50
SM	Roe, Carol	MA+45	5	\$69,732	MA+60	5	\$72,385	\$71,058.50	\$1,326.50
DB	Roode, Crystal	MA	1	\$55,932	MA+30	1	\$59,852	\$57,892.00	\$1,960.00
CA	Sorrentino, Michelle	MA+45	4	\$67,453	MA+75	4	\$70,909	\$69,181.00	\$1,728.00
GA	Spring, Nancy	MA+45	11	\$84,906	MA+60	11	\$87,206	\$86,056.00	\$1,150.00
GA	Stadtman, Laurie	MA+15	6	\$67,982	MA+30	6	\$70,752	\$69,367.00	\$1,385.00
GA	Talbot, Christine	MA+60	8	\$79,494	MA+75	8	\$80,660	\$80,077.00	\$583.00
CA	Tavella, Linda	MA+30	18	\$102,819	MA+45	18	\$104,088	\$103,453.50	\$634.50
DB	Terry, Nancy	MA+30	6	\$70,752	MA+45	6	\$72,794	\$71,773.00	\$1,021.00
DB	Verdi, Matthew	MA+15	6	\$67,982	MA+30	6	\$70,752	\$69,367.00	\$1,385.00
TOTAL									\$60,101.50

The Board also approved the resignation of the following professional employee.

**PROFESSIONAL
RESIGNATION**

KURZ, PATRICIA, Special Education Teacher, Alden Terrace School, effective 3/14/08, service to district: 1 year, 6 months; reason: Personal.

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 following civil service leave of absence:

**CIVIL SERVICE
LEAVE OF
ABSENCE**

ZOUFALY, ANTHONY, Bus Attendant, 10 month, Transportation, effective 3/3/08, duration of leave 3/1/08 – 9/3/08, reason: Personal.

The Board also approved the conditional appointments of the following civil service personnel:

**CIVIL SERVICE
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS**

RAYMOND, JEAN, Bus Driver 10 month, at a salary of \$20.95 hourly, effective 3/19/08 pending civil service, medical approval; probation 26 weeks from civil service approval. Replacing: Renee King.

The Board further approved the extension of conditional appointments for the following employees:

**CIVIL SERVICE
EXTENSION OF
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENT**

Janet Stebner – Account Clerk

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The Board also approved the extension of conditional appointments for the following employees:

**CIVIL SERVICE
EXTENSION OF
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS**

Lucia Asaro – Food Service Helper Part-time substitute
Gerald Seltzer – Cleaner Part-time substitute
Ingrid Garrido – Food Service Helper Part-time substitute

The Board further approved the following civil service employees who will complete their probationary period 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>
Paul Sutton	Bus Driver 10 month	3/19/08	3/20/08
Margaret Malone	Cook	3/01/08	3/02/08
Bryan Probst	Bus Dispatcher	3/28/08	3/29/08
Dianne McFarlane	Registered Professional Nurse	2/29/08	3/01/08

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

BERNARD-TAYLOR, MARIE

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

at the Covert Avenue School at a salary of \$14.55 hourly, effective 3/19/08 pending civil service approval; probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval.

WILLIAMS, DEBRA

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

at the Dutch Broadway School at a salary of \$14.55 hourly, effective 3/19/08 pending civil service approval; probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval.

BARBAGALLO, ANNA

From: Teacher Aide
To: Teacher Aide Special Education

at the Covert Avenue School at a salary of \$16.40 hourly, effective 3/19/08 pending civil service approval; probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval.

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The Board approved the following civil service resignations:

CIVIL SERVICE
RESIGNATIONS

ROACH, EDWARD, Cleaner, at the Clara H. Carlson School, effective 2/25/08, service to District: 3 months, reason: personal.

PAYNE, VICTOR, Bus Driver Part-time substitute, effective 2//29/08, service to District: 4 months, reason: new position.

PERSAUD, GANESH, Custodian, at the Gotham Avenue School, effective 4/1/08, service to District: 9 years, 9 months, reason: personal.

The Board also approved the following Civil Service termination effective 3/19/08 due to no recent service to the District:

CIVIL SERVICE
TERMINATION

Alejendrina Cordova

The foregoing motions were put to a role 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 designations and program placements for the Evaluation Placements, Reviews of Program and I.E.P. Modifications of students.

COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL
EDUCATION AND
PRE-SCHOOL
SPECIAL
EDUCATION

On a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Parker-Duncanson, the Board approved the 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, 2006. The list of private schools and agencies are contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 18, 2008.

SEDCAR FLOW
FUNDS

The Board also approved the **Re-Entry - Second Reading - Revised Policy #3600 - Staff Use of Cellular Phones**. The policy is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 18, 2008.

SECOND READING-
REVISED POLICY
#3600 STAFF USE
OF CELLULAR
PHONES

The Board further approved the **Second Reading: Revised New Policy #3800 - Computer Control**. The policy is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 18, 2008. (There is a *Regulation* associated with this policy for your reference, which is also contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 18, 2008.)

SECOND READING
REVISED NEW
POLICY #3800
COMPUTER
CONTROL

The Board adopted the School Calendar for the 2008-2009 school year. A copy of the calendar is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 18, 2008.

2008-2009 SCHOOL
CALENDAR
ADOPTION

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The Board approved the calendar contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 18, 2008 for Clerical and Custodial Personnel for the 2008-2009 school year. The calendar contains those days on which no regular work will be scheduled. Each of these days is either a holiday or non-work day as agreed to by contract with the two units referenced.

**2008-2009
CLERICAL &
CUSTODIAL
PERSONNEL
CALENDAR
APPROVAL**

The Board also approved the donation of \$1500.00 from Wal*Mart Stores Inc. to the District for the **3-On-3 Basketball Tournament** sponsored by Assemblyman Thomas Alfano. Information about the donation is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 18, 2008.

**DONATIONS TO
THE DISTRICT**

The Board further approved the following donations:

Check #1798077	\$50.26
Check #1798076	36.44
Check #1798075	32.34

from Target to the District for the Dutch Broadway School. The checks are replacements for lost or expired checks that were not cashed. Information about the donation is contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 18, 2008.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

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Use of Facilities

USE OF FACILITIES

Requests for Use of 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 March 18, 2008.

Workers' Compensation

**WORKERS'
COMPENSATION**

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

Christopher Chisolm	Sub Cleaner
Nancy Soevyn	Library Aide

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Family and Medical Leave of Absence

**FAMILY &
MEDICAL LEAVE**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Alfredo Andrews-Frometa	4 weeks
Theresa Fasulo	6 weeks

Budget Transfers Under \$5,000

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

Requests for Budget Transfers under \$5,000 that have been approved by the Superintendent of Schools since the last Board Meeting are enclosed in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 18, 2008.

On a motion by Mr. Ragona, 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 &
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 January 2008.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Mecklenbourg-Guibert, seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Board gave authorization to make budgetary transfers over \$5,000 as per backup the pages in the Board Book of March 18, 2008.

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

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Analysis of Revenue – for the month of January 2008.

General Fund Schedule of Receivables - General Fund Schedule of Receivables for the month of January 2008 appears in the backup pages in the Board Book of March 18, 2008.

Monthly Budget Status Report

Monthly Budget Status Report – as of January 31, 2008 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 18, 2008.

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School Meals Profit and Loss Statement

School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the month of January, 2008 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 18, 2008.

Custodial/Transportation Overtime

Breakdown Custodial/Transportation Overtime:

Cust./Trans. Overtime – February, 2008	\$ 19,513.39
Overtime paid Year to Date	\$ 93,191.41
Cust./Trans.Overtime - July, 2006 - June 2007	\$ 88,018.79

VANDALISM
TALLIES

VANDALISM TALLIES FOR JANUARY, 2008 - \$ -

Year-to-Date \$ 219

Previous Year-to-Date \$ 443

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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Mr. Phillips made his report of attendance at the State Legislative Network Issues Conference. This was a lobbying session which took place in Albany, NY, March 2 - 3, 2008.

(Mr. Harper and Mr. Nugent stepped out of the meeting @ 9:01 PM)

Mr. Phillips commented on the discussion of the Governor's Budget. He spoke of the impact to changes for the Central High School District high tax aid. The Board members from the only three (3) Central High Schools Districts in the State; Sewanhaka High School, Valley Stream and Bellmore Merrick had to advise the Assembly, Senate members what the Central High School is as well as the passing of the budgets and putting back the High Tax Aid into the budget.

(Mr. Nugent returned to the meeting @ 9:02 PM).

Mr. Phillips further explained the campaign for fiscal equity and how the Governor slowed down the income to school districts. The timeframe in which the \$7 billion would be given to the schools was not given. Board members felt that this was not a good

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decision for public education. Mr. Phillips stated that he was accompanied by two Board members of the Sewanhaka Central High School District and it was a successful trip.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert provided information regarding the Global Link program at Elmont Memorial High School to Mr. Jaime's earlier inquiry. However Mr. Jaime expressed that the essence of his question was not captured by her or the other members of the Board.

AUDIENCE ITEMS

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Mr. Leroy Graham spoke in the capacity of an Elmont resident, President of the Elmont Teacher Aides and Vice President of the Elmont Youth Soccer Club.

He acknowledged the individuals with whom he works with directly within the district and thanked them for their support with the Teacher Aides. Some of the individuals he made mention of were the Administrators, Mr. Harper and Ms. Sandra Smith.

In reference to the Elmont Youth Soccer Club, Mr. Graham acknowledged Mr. Geras and Mr. Harper for the assistance and understanding about the program.

As a resident of Elmont Mr. Graham stated that this was the first meeting he has attended in a while and expressed his disappointment with the conduct of the Board. Mr. Graham attempted to make a recommendation to the board regarding its conduct at which time Mr. Nugent stated that the allotted time to speak was reached.

Mrs. Colleen Mockenhaupt approached the Board again regarding the standing question of the Elmont Herald. She directed her inquiry of the removal of the Elmont Herald as an official paper to Mrs. Parker-Duncanson and Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert. Mrs. Mockenhaupt stated she will pose her question at every meeting until she gets an answer; however, there was no response from the Board.

(Mr. Harper returned to the meeting @ 9:19PM)

Ms. Claudine Hall presented two comments, one of which was to thank Mr. Jaime for attending the Jamaica Square Civic meeting March 17, 2008. Ms. Hall then addressed an

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issue that arose in the community which she discussed with Mr. Jaime. Mr. Jaime gave Ms. Hall his business card and advised her to submit an email to him; however, Ms. Hall requested the Board's response to this action. Mr. Nugent responded that the action was not conducted incorrectly.

AUDIENCE ITEMS

Mrs. Hall expressed her discomfort of the display of bitterness among the board members. She encouraged everyone to demonstrate love for one another.

Ms. Deniece Walker, a resident of Elmont commended Mrs. Hall on her comments. Ms. Walker requested that the high school report include information from New Hyde Park High School as this is a school her children and many local children of the community attend. It was also noted that the New Hyde Park Jr. Varsity was undefeated.

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson thanked Ms. Walker for the request and stated that she will broaden her report to include New Hyde Park High School. She will also make sure the report is brief, yet comprehensive.

Mr. Ragona assured Ms. Hall and the audience of the Board's diligence in the education of the children. The passion the board exhibits reflects upon what the Board cares about.

Sandra Smith, resident of Elmont and Teacher Aide gave an illustration of an average child. She gave a description of her son, now at Elmont Memorial who was previously a shy 7th grader has become a blooming 11th grader. Mrs. Smith confirmed that many of the activities mentioned in Mrs. Parker-Duncanson's report denote the average child. It may not be detail specific, but the average child is included. Mrs. Smith urged everyone to come out to the plays which are a wonderful atmosphere. She also encouraged everyone to support the children of the district.

NEXT MEETING

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Mrs. Byer announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at the Clara H. Carlson at 8:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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On a motion by Mrs. Mecklenbourg-Guibert, seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:32 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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PUBLIC SESSION

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On a motion by Mr. Ragona, seconded by Mrs. Parker-Duncanson the Board reconvened into Public Session at 10:05 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

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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 Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Submitted by,

April 15, 2008
Date Approved

Celestine L. Lloyd
District Clerk