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REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 1, 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 Elmont Road School on Tuesday, July 1, 2008.

ROLL CALL

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Frank Ragona, President  
Lorraine Ferrigno, Vice President  
Pamela Byer  
Michael A. Jaime  
Anthony S. Maffea Sr.  
Carol Parker-Duncanson  
Deniece Walker

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**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

Mr. Ragona convened everyone to the Regular Meeting at 9:05 PM.

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

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

Motion Carried Unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2008 and Special Meeting of June 23, 2008.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

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**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Vote on approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2008:

Yes - 4  
No - 0  
Abstain - 3  
(Ms. Ferrigno, Mr. Maffea and Ms. Walker)

Motion Carried

Vote on approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 23, 2008:

Yes - 5  
No - 0  
Abstain - 2  
(Mr. Maffea and Ms. Walker)

It was noted that the arrival time for Ms. Ferrigno, for the Special Meeting of June 23, 2008 be changed from 6:45PM to 6:55PM.

Motion Carried

**INFORMATION REPORT**

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

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PRESIDENT'S  
REMARKS**

President – Mr. Ragona expressed his thanks to all of his colleagues for their support. He looks forward to the new responsibility as President of the Board with the support of the other Board members. Mr. Ragona mentioned the honor it is to serve and the District will continue to move forward under the leadership of Mr. Harper.

Mr. Ragona extended his congratulations to Mr. Maffea and Ms. Walker. He made mention of their qualifications. As child advocates, their dedication to children will benefit the children of Elmont. Again he extended his thanks.

Vice President – Ms. Ferrigno extended her thanks and welcomed the new Board members also. She made mention of discussions relating to taking on the responsibility of being President of the Board. Ms. Ferrigno welcomes the help of the community and noted how thrilled she is to remain on the Board and serve as the Vice President of the Board. She anticipates the Board will move forward and have a great year.

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SEWANHAKA BOARD ITEMS

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BOARD ITEMS

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson did not have a report this evening. Because of family medical issues she was unable to attend both graduations this weekend. Contingent on the outcome of the representative selection, if she remains, she will present the information at the next meeting.

Mr. Ragona elaborated that he had friends and family members graduate from Elmont Memorial and Sewanhaka this year and the graduations were a huge success.

AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

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ATTORNEY

Mr. Nugent's first item for Board approval this evening was a request for the Board of Education to pass a resolution as follows: The Board of Education directs a certain employee to submit to a medical examination by a physician to be chosen by the District and to a psychiatric examination by a certified psychiatrist to be chosen by the District to determine the physical and mental capacity of the said individual to perform that individual's duties. This is in accordance with State Education Law §913.

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the employee submission to a medical and psychiatric examination in accordance with Education Law §913.

The voting results on the above action item were as follows:

Yes	-	6
No	-	0
Abstain		1 (Ms. Ferrigno)

The next item for Board consideration is the proposed amendment to 9000 (article) policy. The change would read as follows:

PROPOSED  
AMENDMENT TO  
BOARD BY-LAW  
FIRST READING

"The Board shall, at its reorganization meeting, or at any subsequent meeting, elect members to fill vacancies existing on the Board of Education of the Sewanhaka Central High School District. Such term of office to be for one year or until the next reorganization meeting of the Board."

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This constitutes as a first reading of this policy. It will be an action item at a subsequent meeting of the Board. This concluded the report.

REPORT OF THE  
ATTORNEY

Mr. Nugent requested a motion for an Executive Session to be held immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss matters appropriate to Executive Session.

REQUEST FOR  
APPROVAL OF  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved an Executive Session, as per Mr. Nugent's request, to be held immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss matters appropriate to Executive Session.

The voting results for the above action were as follows:

Yes	-	5
No	-	2
(Ms. Byer and Mrs. Parker-Duncanson)		
Abstain	-	0

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Harper stated his report would be brief. He then thanked Mrs. Mecklembourg-Guibert and Mr. Phillips for their terms of service and welcomed Mr. Maffea and Ms. Walker to the Board. He looks forward to a long working relationship with the entire Board. Mr. Harper also congratulated the Board President, Mr. Ragona and Vice President, Mrs. Ferrigno. He also expressed the expectation of great things happening in the upcoming year.

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

PROFESSIONAL  
APPOINTMENTS

**KUDEL, CORINNE**, Permanent Substitute (Speech) Clara H. Carlson, at a salary of \$57,750 MA Step 1, effective 9/1/08 - 6/30/09 (pending medical approval), no probation and no tenure involved. Certification: Speech and Language Disabilities (Initial).

**SNELLINGER, MARY**, School Media Specialist (Library), initial assignment to be determined, at a salary of \$59,450 MA Step 2, effective 9/1/08 (pending medical approval), probationary period: 9/1/08 - 8/31/11. Certification: Library Media Specialist (Initial).

**WARFIELD, SHAWNEE**, Elementary Education, Clara H. Carlson at a salary of \$75,529 MA+30 Step 7 (pending receipt of official documentation of credits beyond Master's degree), effective 9/1/08 (pending medical approval), probationary period: 9/1/08 - 8/31/10. Certification: PreK-6 (Permanent).

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**GUTIERREZ, DANIEL**, 175 Day Substitute Teacher, initial assignment to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective 9/1/08 - 6/17/09 (pending medical approval), not eligible for probation and/or tenure. Certification: Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial).

PROFESSIONAL  
APPOINTMENTS

**MUENCKLER, DANA**, 175 Day Substitute Teacher, initial assignment to be determined, at a salary of \$25,000, effective 9/1/08 - 6/17/09 (pending medical approval), not eligible for probation and/or tenure. Certification: Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial Pending).

The Board approved the continuation of employment of the following teachers for the 2008-09 school year:

PROFESSIONAL  
CONTINUATION OF  
EMPLOYMENT

**RA, JILLIAN**, 175 Day Substitute, at a salary of \$25,000 effective 9/1/08 - 6/17/09, initial assignment: to be determined, no probation and no tenure involved.

**ALAS, CAROLYN**, 175 Day Substitute, at a salary of \$25,000 effective 9/1/08 - 6/17/09, initial assignment: to be determined, no probation and no tenure involved.

The Board also approved the following Teacher Salary differentials for the 2008-2009 school year.

PROFESSIONAL  
TEACHER SALARY  
DIFFERENTIALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Position</u>
Alexander-Walfall Stacia	\$ 1,900	Principal's Assistant
Bennett, Debra	1,500	Physical Education Coordinator
Bugeia, Filomena	1,700	ESL Coordinator
Caponi-Sajecki, Michelle	1,300	Principal's Assistant
Cowan, Dennis	1,900	Principal's Assistant
DelOrfano, Eric	1,700	Music Coordinator
Emanuele, Joanne	1,500	Principal's Assistant
Fusaro, Annmarie	1,500	Principal's Assistant
Katz, Alice	1,700	Art Coordinator
Kolchin, Paulette	1,500	Library Media Coordinator
Pignataro, Barbara	1,900	Principal's Assistant
Reese, Dr. Valerie	1,900	Principal's Assistant
Safrey, Kathleen	1,900	Principal's Assistant
Warfield, Shawnee	1,500	Principal's Assistant

The Board further approved the continuation of **Kathleen Safrey** as Enrichment Coordinator for the 2008-09 school year at an annual stipend of \$10,000.

CONTINUATION OF  
ENRICHMENT  
COORDINATOR  
2008-09 SCHOOL  
YEAR

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The Board also approved \$5,500 stipend for **Colleen Foley**, Supervising Nurse for the 2008-2009 school year.

SUPERVISING  
NURSE STIPEND

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

PROFESSIONAL  
RESIGNATION

**SCHNITTMAN, BROOKE**, Special Education Teacher, at the Covert Avenue School, effective 6/30/08, service to District: 1 year 1 month, reason: personal.

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the extension of conditional appointment for the following Civil Service personnel:

CIVIL SERVICE  
EXTENSION OF  
CONDITIONAL  
APPOINTMENT

Janet Stebner - Account Clerk

The Board also approved the employment of the following personnel:

CIVIL SERVICE  
APPOINTMENT

**BARON, FRANTZ**, Teacher Aide Part-time Substitute, District-wide, at a salary of \$12.00/hour, effective 7/2/08 pending Civil Service, medical & fingerprint approval.

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

CIVIL SERVICE  
EXTENSION OF  
CONDITIONAL  
APPOINTMENTS

Glen Bodden-	Cleaner Part-time substitute
H. Wade Dudley-	Cleaner Part-time substitute
Derrick Henry-	Cleaner Part-time substitute
Derrick Myles-	Cleaner Part-time substitute
Jason Reese-	Cleaner Part-time substitute
Michael Rookard-	Cleaner Part-time substitute
Robert Saul-	Cleaner Part-time substitute
Stephen Vogl-	Cleaner Part-time substitute
Stephen Gallagher-	Cleaner Part-time substitute
Nancy Clark-	Teacher Aide Part-time substitute
Ann Gelorum-	Typist Clerk Part-time substitute
Philomena Winters-	Food Service Helper Part-time substitute

The Board also approved the following Civil Service resignation:

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**GRIMAUDDO, ENZA**, Teacher Aide, at Covert Avenue School, effective 6/24/08, service to District 5 years 5 months, reason: personal.

CIVIL SERVICE  
RESIGNATION

The Board approved the termination of the following Civil Service employees effective 7/2/08 due to no recent service to the District:

CIVIL SERVICE  
TERMINATIONS

Viviane Victor-	Food Service Helper Part-time substitute
Lisa Silvestri-Bleeker-	Food Service Helper Part-time substitute
Lauria Durogene-	Food Service Helper Part-time substitute
Christina Masotto-	Food Service Helper Part-time substitute
Mary Aguilar-	Food Service Helper Part-time substitute
Candace Simmons-	Food Service Helper Part-time substitute

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mrs. Byer, 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 PRE-  
SCHOOL SPECIAL  
EDUCATION

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the following staff members to provide at-home behavior intervention services at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

STAFF MEMBERS  
AT-HOME  
BEHAVIOR  
INTERVENTION  
SERVICES

**Filomena Brucella**  
**Linda Johnson**  
**Debbie Powell**  
**Latoya Willis**  
**Patricia Zappolo**

The Board approved the use of the **Centris Group** to provide an on-line program to write individual education plans for the special education students and maintains a website for Directors of Pupil Personnel Services.

CENTRIS-GROUP  
ON-LINE  
PROGRAM

The Board also approved the renewal of **Lynbrook Medical Group (dba Premier Care)** to continue to provide services as Medical Advisor for the 2008-2009 school year, as per the term of Contract in RFP#2-07/08 entitled "School Physical and Healthcare Services"

RENEWAL OF  
LYNBROOK  
MEDICAL GROUP

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which was advertised on August 17, 2007 and opened on August 31, 2007. It was approved by the Board of Education.

The Board approved the requests that **Kristen Mickler** and **Heather Goodenough** be added as substitute teachers for the Extended School Year Program at Alden Terrace.

AT - EXTENDED  
SCHOOL YEAR  
PROGRAM  
SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHERS

In accordance with Policy #4900, Volunteers, the Board further approved the applications for volunteers submitted by the Psychology and Speech Interns. Listed below is a breakdown of their assigned placement for the 2008-2009 School year.

VOLUNTEERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>School Assigned</u>	<u>Position</u>
Linda Mordkovitch	Clara H. Carlson	Psychology
Cynthia Reed	Covert Avenue	Psychology
Tara Schimmel	Stewart Manor/Dutch Broadway	Psychology
Rosa Errico	Gotham Avenue	Speech

The above volunteers have been interviewed. Please note that Tara Schimmel and Rosa Errico approval is contingent upon the completion of the necessary medical.

See backup pages in the Board Book of July 1, 2008 for more specific information on the volunteers.

The Board further approved a second reading of the following policies: **#3000 – Authorization to Purchase and #3010 – Purchasing and Payment Procedures.**

SECOND READING  
POLICY #3000  
PURCHASING AND  
PAYMENT  
PROCEDURES

A copy of the policy can be found in the backup pages of the Board Book of July 1, 2008.

The Board also approved the employment of **Filomena Bugeia** to teach a Summer Beginner ESL Class at Dutch Broadway for two weeks at a flat rate of \$1,970.

SUMMER  
BEGINNER ESL  
CLASS

*(Funded through Title III)*

The Board approved the authorization for the following consultants to work with our professional staff during the 2008-2009 school year.

2008-2009  
CONSULTANTS

**Ms. Lynn Burke**, Wilson Language Consultant, will work with staff and parents to develop reading/decoding strategies.

Fee - \$600 per day, 6 days

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**Mr. Richard Davis** will conduct Technology in-service for staff.

2008-2009  
CONSULTANTS

Fee - \$500 per day, 12 days

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

Fee - \$700 per day, 6 days

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

Fee - \$1250 per day 3 days

**Dr. Monica DeSchyver**, school psychologist, will present a workshop for teachers on effective strategies for working with challenging students.

Fee - \$650 per day, 2 days

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

Fee - \$1,500 per day, 3 days

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

Fee - \$600 per day, 6 days

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

Fee - \$600 per day, 6 days

\*Partially supported by Title I, IIA, IID, III

The Board further approved the award of RFP #23-07/08 for Special Education Evaluations and Related Educational Services for the 2008-2009 school year to the vendors listed below and as per backup pages in the Board Book of July 1, 2008.

RFP#23-07/08  
SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
EVALUATIONS &  
RELATED  
EDUCATIONAL  
SERVICES

Access 7 Consulting  
All About Kids  
Bilingual Inc. Child and Parent Services  
Burke, Lynn

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Comprehensive Consultation Services  
Cooper Kids Therapy Associates  
Creative Tutoring  
Dove Rehabilitation Services  
Eden II/Genesis Programs  
Horizon Healthcare Staffing  
Institute for Children with Autism and Related Disorders  
Kids First Evaluation & Advocacy Center  
Gayle E. Kligman Therapeutic Resources  
Marano (Leggio), Jodie  
Metro Therapy  
Mill Neck Services  
New York Therapy Placement Services  
North Shore – Long Island Jewish  
Pediatric Physical and Occupational Therapies  
Sheff, M.D., Lawrence  
TheraCare  
Titone, Katherine

**RFP #23-07/08  
SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
EVALUATIONS &  
RELATED  
EDUCATIONAL  
SERVICES**

The Board further approved a donation of a tree and flag from the Clara H. Carlson, Class of 1972, and Alumni to the District for the Clara H. Carlson School. Details about the donation are contained in the backup pages of the Board Book of July 1, 2008.

**DONATION TO THE  
DISTRICT**

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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THE MINUTES**

**Use of Facilities**

**USE OF FACILITIES**

Requests for Use of the Facilities that have been approved by the Superintendent of Schools since the last Board Meeting are enclosed in the backup pages in the back of the Board Book of July 1, 2008.

**Family and Medical Leave of Absence**

**FAMILY AND  
MEDICAL LEAVE  
OF ABSENCE**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Belford, Mary	3 weeks, 4 days
Kluger, Kathryn	5 weeks, 1 day

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Worker's Compensation

**WORKMEN'S  
COMPENSATION**

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

Christopher Chisolm	Sub Cleaner
Mirielle Dumont	Bus Driver

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Maffea, 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 May 2008.

**TREASURER'S  
REPORT**

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Ms. Walker, the Board approved the award of Transportation Bid #17-07/08 Repairs of School Buses & Vehicles as follows, and as per backup pages in the Board Book of July 1, 2008.

**TRANSPORTATION  
BID #17-07/08  
REPAIRS OF  
SCHOOL BUSES &  
VEHICLES**

1. General Towing
  - a. Vans in Nassau County – Ridgewood Auto Spring
  - b. Buses in Nassau County – County Truck & Auto Service
  - c. Other Rates – In/Out of Nassau County – Ridgewood Auto Spring

2. Transmission Repairs to Delta Transmissions

The Board also approved the award of Transportation Bid #24-07/08 Fuel, Diesel/Gasoline – School Buses & Vans to 1<sup>st</sup> Petroleum, as per the backup pages in the Board Book of July 1, 2008.

**TRANSPORTATION  
BID #24-07/08  
FUEL,  
DIESEL/GASOLINE**

The Board further approved the award of the Transportation Bid #26-07/08 Repairs of School Buses & Vehicles as follows and as per backup pages in the Board Book of July 1, 2008.

**TRANSPORTATION  
BID #26-07/08  
REPAIRS OF  
SCHOOL BUSES &  
VEHICLES**

1. Tire Repairs to Hempstead Tire, the lowest responsible bidder.
2. General (Non DOT Inspection) to Hempstead Tire, the lowest responsible bidder.

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3. Pre-DOT/DOT Inspections to Checkered Flag Auto, the lowest responsible bidder.

ITEMS NOTED FOR  
THE MINUTES

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Analysis of Revenue – for the month of May, 2008.

General Fund Schedule of Receivables - General Fund Schedule of Receivables for the month of May, 2008 appears in the backup pages in the Board Book of July 1, 2008.

Monthly Budget Status Report

Monthly Budget Status Report – as of May 31, 2008 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of July 1, 2008.

Various Fund Trail Balances

Trail Balance Reports General, Capital, School Lunch, Trust & Agency, Expendable Trust, Special Aid, Capital Bond and Non-Expendable Trust as of May 30, 2008 appear in the backup pages in the Board Book of July 1, 2008.

General Fund Cash Flow Statement

General Fund Cash Flow as of May 31, 2008 and Cash Flow Projection as of June 30, 2008 appear in the backup pages in the Board Book of July 1, 2008.

General Fund – Fund Balance Estimate

Estimated General Fund Balance as of May 31, 2008 appears in the backup pages in the Board Book of July 1, 2008.

School Meals Profit and Loss Statement

School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the month of May, 2008 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of July 1, 2008.

Custodial/Transportation Overtime

Breakdown Custodial/Transportation Overtime:

Cust./Trans. Overtime – June, 2008	\$ 6,340.28
Overtime paid Year to Date	\$122,501.03
Cust./Trans.Overtime - July, 2006 - June, 2007	\$ 88,018.79

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<u>VANDALISM TALLIES FOR JUNE 2008</u> -	\$ 0
Year-to-Date	\$ 520
Previous Year-to-Date	\$ 564

VANDALISM  
TALLIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMITTEE  
REPORTS AND  
INFORMATION  
ITEMS

With excitement, Mr. Ragona made mention of the adoption of the Technology Plan as well as the District-Wide Safety Plan. He stated that it is a work in progress and noted the accessibility of the plans in the District office. Mr. Ragona also mentioned the District-Wide Safety Plan which is facilitated by Mr. DeBartolo. This is a plan that is unbelievably comprehensive and always putting our staff and children first. Mr. Ragona thanked everyone for their hard work.

OLD BUSINESS –

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ragona referenced the discussion about the implementation of the GYO program in the Dutch Broadway School at the last Board of Education meeting. Last month the summer school program was approved. It was mentioned that the school year program currently exists in three of our school buildings. Discussion has resumed regarding the program being implemented in our schools starting in September. Mr. Ragona noted some of the highlights of the program which could accommodate 200 plus children if implemented; it would provide homework assistance to students. Mr. Ragona also stated the program is reasonably priced.

On a motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved GYO as an afterschool program in our Dutch Broadway facility.

Discussion continued with Mrs. Byer noting that GYO received a grant to expand its program in the Dutch Broadway School. Mrs. Byer stated that she had inquired where they would locate the program. She also mentioned the occupancy of the program in three of the Districts school. However, Mrs. Byer stressed that there is work to be done. The money should be used to make sure that these programs are equipped and properly run with adult mentors rather than children. The program should be good for the children of the District and not of pittance or an inferior program. Mrs. Byer expressed that the additional review of the program is needed.

Mr. Maffea questioned Mrs. Byer of the great concern currently expressed, if the program would actually fit the needs of the Dutch Broadway community, then why has it been in existence at the other three schools for so long? Mrs. Byer could not give a response to his inquiry. Ms. Walker also inquired if Mrs. Byer was opposed to the program in the

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OLD BUSINESS

existing schools or just the current request? Mrs. Byer expressed the need to review the program carefully to ensure it has everything to give to the students of the District. Mrs. Byer noted that she is opposed to an inferior program.

Ms. Ferrigno noted that the request from GYO is for the use of facilities. She made mention that the Board's involvement is not in the curriculum of the program. Parents make the ultimate decision if a child will attend the program. Discussion continued about the concern of the program from various Board members.

Ms. Walker inquired if there was opposition to the use of facilities in the past? Mrs. Byer responded that she was opposed to the level of supervision and felt there was the need for responsible adults.

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson provided information regarding the receipt of public funding sources, referencing the Nassau County Youth Division which target at risk children and children in need of childcare. She continued to explain how the funding is dependent on a budget line. Some funding is via a response to a RFP. There may also be funding from another source which outline the staffing and facility requirements. Mrs. Parker-Duncanson expressed her concerns and stressed that there are a few more things to be considered prior to implementation of the program.

Mr. Ragona made mention of the accumulation of monies and the timeframe of utilization. The GYO program has been operating within the District for over twenty (20) years. Mr. Ragona believes it is a beneficial program which outweighs the negatives. He hopes the Board will move forward on their decision because it would accommodate many children of the District.

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson and Mrs. Byer are opposed to the above noted motion.

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS - None

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS – None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – None

AUDIENCE ITEMS

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Mr. Patrick Nicolosi extended his congratulations to the newly elected Board Members as well as the President and Vice President of the Board. He requested that representation

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be for the taxpayers. There is no need to search for programs; the children are well taken care of. Mr. Nicolosi encouraged the Board to be aware and have a purpose for their travel.

AUDIENCE ITEMS

Mrs. Colleen Mockenhaupt was in agreement with insuring the Board review the GYO program. She inquired how the adult supervision issue has not been discussed within the last two years for the GYO program. Also, with the present concerns expressed, why is the District not removing the program from the other three schools?

Mrs. Parker-Duncanson expressed her standing on the GYO matter. Discussion continued about funding criteria, program expansion along with quality enhancements.

Ms. Ferrigno gave input about the concerns of the SCOPE program staff in regards to competition which was expressed quietly. She does not see any competition with the two programs, taking into consideration, the enrollment of students at Dutch Broadway. She reiterated that these requests are for the use of facilities. Discussion continued. Mrs. Mockenhaupt expressed her anticipation of the Board working together in the upcoming year. Mr. Ragona thanked Mrs. Mockenhaupt for her sentiments. He looks forward to a more cohesive relationship amongst the Board members.

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, the Board appointed Mr. Jaime or Ms. Walker to be the Board member to act as a committee for the entire Board to review with authorization Impartial Hearing applications.

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Mr. Ragona announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held on August 12, 2008 at the Elmont Road School at 8:00 PM. He thanked everyone and wished everyone a good summer.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:43 PM on a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Submitted by,

Celestine L. Lloyd  
District Clerk

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Date Approved