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REORGANIZATION MEETING
JULY 7, 2009

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

REORGANIZATION MEETING

Minutes of the Reorganization 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 7, 2009.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrick O. Emeagwali
Lorraine Ferrigno
Michael A. Jaime
Anthony S. Maffea Sr.
Colleen Mockenhaupt
Frank Ragona
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
Mrs. Kathleen Safrey,	Director of Curriculum & 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. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:35 PM.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board convened in Public Session at 8:03 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Ms. Lloyd, District Clerk, called the Reorganization Meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Lloyd stated that there were three Board members to take the Oath of Office tonight, Frank Ragona, Patrick Emeagwali and Colleen Mockenhaupt. Mr. Ragona and Mr. Emeagwali were selected for a three year term on the Elmont Board of Education, commencing July 1, 2009 and expiring June 30, 2012. Colleen Mockenhaupt was selected to replace the seat formerly occupied by Carol Parker-Duncanson, whose term will commence July 1, 2009 and expire on July 30, 2010.

OATH OF OFFICE

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Ms. Lloyd administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Ragona, Mr. Emeagwali and Mrs. Mockenhaupt.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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Ms. Lloyd called for nominations for President of the Board of Education.

Ms. Ferrigno nominated Mr. Ragona for President of the Board and Mr. Maffea seconded the nomination.

Ms. Walker nominated Mr. Jaime for President of the Board and Mr. Jaime seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Nominations for Mr. Ragona for President:

Yes	-	5
No	-	2
Abstained	-	0

Nominations for Mr. Jaime for President:

Yes	-	2
No	-	0
Abstained	-	0

Ms. Lloyd declared Mr. Ragona elected Board President.

Ms. Lloyd called for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education.

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ELECTION OF
OFFICERS

Mr. Ragona nominated Ms. Ferrigno to be Vice President of the Board of Education. Mr. Jaime seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Nomination for Ms. Ferrigno for Vice President

Yes	-	7
No	-	0
Abstained	-	0

Ms. Lloyd declared Ms. Ferrigno elected Board Vice President.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

OATH OF OFFICE
FOR PRESIDENT
AND VICE
PRESIDENT

Ms. Lloyd administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board President, Mr. Ragona and Vice President, Ms. Ferrigno.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Ragona assumed the Chair and presided over the rest of the meeting.

SEWANHAKA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

SEWANHAKA
CHSD BOARD
REPRESENTATION

Mr. Ragona asked for the selection of Board Representatives to the Sewanhaka Central High School District. Mr. Maffea nominated Mr. Jaime, Ms. Walker seconded the nomination.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Ms. Walker nominated Ms. Ferrigno as the other representative for the Sewanhaka Central High School District. Mr. Maffea seconded the nomination.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

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OFFICERS

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board appointed the following officers:

Clerk of the Board	-	Celestine L. Lloyd
District Treasurer	-	Joe Guadagno
Central Registrar	-	Sharon Woitko
Deputy District Treasurer	-	Diane Tool

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Yes - 6
No - 0
Abstain - 1
(Mrs. Mockenhaupt)

APPOINTMENT OF
OFFICERS

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board also appointed the following:

OTHER
APPOINTMENTS

L.E.A.'s Asbestos Designee	- Robert Geras
Workers Compensation Third Party Administrator	- Wright Risk Management
Financial Advisory Advisor	- NYMAC
District Medical Advisor	- Premier Care
School Attorney	- Colum P. Nugent
Unemployment Insurance Consultant	- Barnett Associates
Consulting Architect/Engineer	- H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.
Capital Project Owner's Representative/Clerk of the Works	- Frank Marino
Environment Consultant	- J.C. Broderick & Associates
Roof Consultants	- Watsky Associates
Business Consultant	- Thomas W. Galante
Board of Code of Ethics	- To Be Determined
Records Management Officer	- Fernando DeBartolo
Bond Counsel	- Hawkins, Delafield & Wood

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403 (B) Advisor
Third Party Administrator

- The Omni Group

**OTHER
APPOINTMENTS**

Independent Auditors

Callaghan Nawrocki LLP

- To do the audit of the 2008/09
fiscal year.

Internal Auditor

- R.S. Abrams

Claims Auditor

- William Madden, CPA

GASB 45 Actuarial Consultant

-Milliman Consultants & Actuaries

District Negotiations

Recommend Colum Nugent be approved as District negotiator at an hourly rate to be determined.

Impartial Hearing Officers

To be selected in accordance with applicable statutes.

Others to be selected by project subject to Board approval.

Yes	-	6
No	-	0
Abstain	-	1

(Mrs. Mockenhaupt)

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Ms. Walker, the Board designated the following Official Bank Depositories:

**OFFICIAL BANK
DEPOSITORIES**

- Bank of America Authorized for Expendable Trust Account
- MBIA Class Authorized for all investment funds
- Citibank (Franklin Square) Scholarship Accounts
- TD Bank* Authorized for all funds

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**OFFICIAL BANK
DEPOSITORIES**

(Formerly Commerce Bank)

- J. P. Morgan Chase Authorized for scholarship & payroll accounts
- Flushing Commercial* Authorized for investment funds

Banks shall be required to provide necessary collateral statements.

*This depository is also designated for the wire transfer of Tax Anticipation Notes and Certificates of Deposit.

Motion Carried Unanimously

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

**REGULAR
MONTHLY
MEETINGS:
2009-2010
SCHOOL YEAR**

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Ms. Walker, the Board approved the following schedule for the Regular Monthly Meeting for the 2009-10 school year:

3 rd Tuesday	September 15	8:00 PM	Elmont Road
2 nd Tuesday	October 13	8:00 PM	Alden Terrace
2 nd Tuesday	November 10	8:00 PM	Covert Avenue
2 nd Tuesday	December 8	7:30 PM	Dutch Broadway
2 nd Tuesday	January 12	8:00 PM	Stewart Manor
2 nd Tuesday	February 9	8:00 PM	Covert Avenue
2 nd Tuesday	March 9	8:00 PM	Gotham Avenue
2 nd Tuesday	April 13	8:00 PM	Clara H. Carlson
3 rd Tuesday	April 20	6:30 PM	Elmont Road
	(BOCES Budget Vote)		
2 nd Tuesday	May 11	8:00 PM	Dutch Broadway
3 rd Tuesday	May 18	9:00 PM	Elmont Road
	(Annual Budget Vote)		
2 nd Tuesday	June 8	7:30 PM	Dutch Broadway
1 st Tuesday	July 6	8:00 PM	Elmont Road
	(Reorganization)		
2 nd Tuesday	August 10	8:00 PM	Elmont Road

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, the Board approved the following newspapers as the official newspapers who may receive our legals in 2009-10.

**2009-10 OFFICIAL
NEWSPAPERS**

Franklin Square/Elmont Herald
Elmont Herald

Three Village Times
Gateway

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Newsday

NHP Herald Courier
Illustrated News

**2009-10 OFFICIAL
NEWSPAPERS**

Motion Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

MEMBERSHIP – SPECIAL EDUCATION

**COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL
EDUCATION
2009 – 10
SCHOOL YEAR**

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the following memberships on the Committee on Special Education for the 2009-10 school year.

Barbara Schwartz	Chairperson
Lynbrook Medical Group– Dr. David Kim	Medical Advisor
Resource Room Teachers	Special Education Teacher Alternates
Dr. Karen Green	Psychologist/Chairperson Alternate
Dr. Jodi Luce	Psychologist/Chairperson Alternate
Mrs. Stephanie Muller	Chairperson Alternate
Parent of the child being reviewed	
Regular Education Teacher of the child being reviewed	
Special Education Teacher of the child being reviewed	
Ms. Susan Sapek	Psychologist-Alternate
Ms. Dana Kizner	Psychologist-Alternate
Dr. John Ozehosky	Psychologist-Alternate
Mrs. Theresa Sullivan	Psychologist-Alternate
Mrs. Ruby Uliss-Pieri	Psychologist-Alternate
Ms. Ariella Sinnreich	Psychologist-Alternate
Mrs. Dorit Brander	Psychologist-Alternate
Mrs. Ann Ashemeade	Parent Member
Mrs. Judith Bolden	Parent Member
Mrs. Nayibe Venegas	Parent Member
Ms. Tonya Hill	Parent Member
Ms. Linda Ward	Parent Member
Ms. Patricia DeVita	Parent Member
Mr. Hector Miranda	Parent Member
Ms. Nadine Kessler	Parent Member
Mrs. Nancy Kelly	Parent Member
Mrs. Renee Price	Parent Member

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COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL
EDUCATION
SUBCOMMITTEES

The Board also approved the following memberships on the Committee on Special Education Subcommittees:

Alden Terrace School	Dana Kizner	Chairperson
	Barbara Schwartz	Alternate
	Amy Buchanan	Alternate
	Lisa Italiano	Alternate
Clara H. Carlson School	Terry Sullivan	Chairperson
	Dorit Brander	Chairperson
	Nancy McLaughlin	Chairperson
	Barbara Schwartz	Alternate
	Ken Rosner	Alternate
Covert Avenue School	John Ozehosky	Chairperson
	Kelly O'Shaughnessy	Chairperson
	Barbara Schwartz	Alternate
	Margaret Pleta	Alternate
	Ariella Sinnreich	Alternate
Dutch Broadway School	Jodi Luce	Chairperson
	Susan Sapek	Chairperson
	Barbara Schwartz	Alternate
	Walter Aksionoff	Alternate
	Andrea Poltorzycki	Alternate
	Nadine Napoli	Alternate
Gotham Avenue School	Joann Malhas	Chairperson
	Joy Levinn	Chairperson
	Barbara Schwartz	Alternate
	Marshall Zucker	Alternate
	Ruby Uliss Pieri	Alternate
	Ariella Sinnreich	Alternate
Stewart Manor School	Karen Green	Chairperson
	Barbara Schwartz	Alternate
	Hope Kranidis	Alternate
	Christina DeCastro	Alternate
Pupil Personnel Office	Barbara Schwartz	Chairperson

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Stephanie Muller	Alternate
Karen Green	Alternate
Jodi Luce	Alternate

COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL
EDUCATION
SUBCOMMITTEES

The Board further approved the following:

MEMBERSHIP – PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

MEMBERSHIP
PRE-SCHOOL
SPECIAL
EDUCATION

Mrs. Stephanie Muller	Chairperson
Mrs. Barbara Schwartz	Alternate Chairperson
Dr. Karen Green	Alternate Chairperson
Carolyn Tully	Special Education Teacher
To be Determined	General Education Teacher
Mrs. Ann Ashemeade	Parent Member
Mrs. Judith Bolden	Parent Member
Mrs. Nayibe Venegas	Parent Member
Ms. Tonya Hill	Parent Member
Ms. Linda Ward	Parent Member
Ms. Patricia DeVita	Parent Member
Mr. Hector Miranda	Parent Member
Ms. Nadine Kessler	Parent Member
Mrs. Nancy Kelly	Parent Member
Mrs. Leslie Stack	Parent Member
Mrs. Renee Price	Parent Member

A Representative from the evaluation agency must attend.

A Representative of the Nassau County Department of Mental Health, Office of Children with Special Needs may attend.

A Representative from Nassau County Early Intervention must attend for Eligibility Transition Meetings.

Motion Carried Unanimously

AUDIOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR DEAF/HEARING IMPAIRED

AUDIOLOGICAL
SERVICES FOR
DEAF/HEARING
IMPAIRED

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the use of **North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System Hearing & Speech Center** for the following services for the 2009-2010 school year:

1. Otological Examination - annual

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2. Audiological Assessment (aided and unaided) - semi-annual
3. Hearing Aid evaluation (fitting for a new aid) - every 2 or 3 years.
This does not include the purchase of the hearing aid, batteries, or repairs to hearing aid.
4. Hearing Aid Analysis (recheck of aid) - as needed.
5. Post calibration testing. Auditory trainer calibrated to his/her hearing loss with ear molds (including the cost of ear molds).

**AUDIOLOGICAL
SERVICES FOR
DEAF/HEARING
IMPAIRED**

Cost: Approximately \$450.00 per child per examination (15 students).

Motion Carried Unanimously

AUTHORIZATIONS

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On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Ms. Walker the Board approved the following authorizations:

School Purchasing Agent

**SCHOOL
PURCHASING
AGENT**

- a) Robert Geras, Director of Business and Facilities
- b) To participate in all cooperative contracts of the Nassau County Director of Facilities Purchasing Consortiums.
- c) To participate in those Nassau BOCES cooperative purchasing agreements when it is deemed beneficial to the Elmont School District.
- e) To participate in the Educational Data Services, Inc. cooperative bidding program. This regional school district cooperative is used predominately for general classroom supplies and maintenance services.

Budget Transfers Under \$5,000

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

The Board gave authorization to the Superintendent to approve budget transfers under \$5,000 with subsequent reporting to the Board of Education.

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Investment Policy

AUTHORIZATIONS

The Board further approved the following:

**INVESTMENT
POLICY**

In accordance with provisions of Chapter 708 of the Laws of 1992, Investment Policy #3700, originally adopted by the Board of Education on August 7, 1985 and amended on July 5, 2005, shall be in effect for the 2009-10 school year.

Approval of Staff Conferences

**APPROVAL OF
STAFF
CONFERENCES**

The Board gave authorization to the Superintendent or designee to approve the attendance of staff to conferences.

Authorization to Employ Retroactively

**AUTHORIZATION
TO EMPLOY
RETROACTIVELY**

The Board gave authority to the Superintendent, requests to employ, in exceptional situations, any personnel essential to the operation of the school system subject to final approval of the Board of Education.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

OTHER ITEMS

On a motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, the Board approved the following:

- a. The re-adoption of all Board policies in effect in 2008-09, except the Conference Request (#3030) policy.
- b. Mileage Reimbursement Rate to be standard mileage rate as established by the Internal Revenue Service.
- c. The District Clerk (or in her absence the Superintendent's Secretary) be officially designated to receive summonses, petitions, and all process.

**RE-ADOPTION OF
ALL BOARD
POLICIES.**

**MILEAGE
REIMBURSEMENT
RATE**

**DESIGNATION TO
RECEIVE SUMMONS,
PETITIONS AND ALL
PROCESS**

BOARD COMMITTEES

**BOARD
COMMITTEES**

To Be Determined

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

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Motion Carried Unanimously

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

BOARD
MEMBERSHIP

On a motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved membership in the following organizations for the 2009-10 school year at the costs shown:

- | | | |
|---|---|---------|
| 1. National School Boards Association | - | \$4,250 |
| 2. New York State School Boards Association | - | 8,840* |
| 3. Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association | - | 3,000 |
| 4. R.E.F.I.T. | - | 600* |

*Costs for January – December 2008

The Board approved the following:

RESOLVED, that members of the Board of Education, the Superintendent, the Attorney, and when requested by the Board, members of the administration may upon request attend the National School Boards Association Convention, New York State School Boards Association Convention and the American Association of School Administrators Convention, with appropriate expenses incurred paid by the District.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that members of the Board of Education, the Superintendent, when requested by the Board, members of the administration may upon request be permitted to attend meetings of the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association and the New York State School Boards Association with appropriate expenses incurred paid by the District.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Emeagwali, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, the Board designated Ms. Walker and Mr. Jaime, members of the Board of Education of the Elmont Union Free School District, a Committee of One to act on behalf of the Board regarding requests for Impartial Hearings.

DESIGNATED
BOARD MEMBERS
AS A COMMITTEE
OF ONE FOR
IMPARTIAL
HEARING
PURPOSES

Motion Carried

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CONCLUSION OF REORGANIZATION MEETING

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The Board concluded the Reorganization Meeting and began the Regular Meeting at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by,

August 11, 2009
Date Approved

Celestine L. Lloyd
District Clerk