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REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Elmont Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, held at the Elmont Road School on Tuesday, September 16, 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:

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,	Interim Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Colum P. Nugent,	School Attorney
Celestine L. Lloyd,	District Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ABSENT:

Dr. Lynne Stucchio,	Director of Curriculum and Instruction
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CONSULTANT PRESENT: Mr. Thomas W. Galante

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mrs. Byer, the Board convened in Executive Session at 7:15PM.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Parker-Duncanson, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board convened in Public Session at 7:59PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion Carried Unanimously

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

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Jaime, 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. Walker, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2008.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Vote on approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2008:

Yes	-	6
No	-	0
Abstain	-	1 (Mrs. Parker-Duncanson)

Motion Carried

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 21, 2008.

Vote on approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 21, 2008:

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

Motion Carried

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 28, 2008.

Vote on approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 28, 2008:

Yes	-	5
No	-	0
Abstain	-	2

(Ms. Ferrigno and Mrs. Parker-Duncanson)

Motion Carried

INFORMATION REPORT - None

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PRESIDENT'S/VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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REMARKS

President - Mr. Ragona made mention of the excellent start for the new school year. He also noted the hiring of thirty new teachers. He had the opportunity to meet with most of them. The new teachers are excited and enthusiastic. Because of their enthusiasm, our children will benefit from them. Mr. Ragona anticipates that they will do a great job with the support of the staff here tonight who will mentor them.

Mr. Ragona informed the audience of the tremendous amount of work that was completed during the summer. The buildings are beautiful. He had the pleasure of taking a tour throughout the buildings in the District along with some of his colleagues. It is amazing to see how the buildings, which are in disarray during the summer, come together for the new school year.

Mr. Ragona thanked Mr. Geras, along with his staff for the work completed in the buildings and the grounds. Learning is easy for the children when they have a nice, clean atmosphere to come to. The new roof at Clara H. Carlson School was completed on schedule. Mr. Ragona stated that Mr. Harper will speak on additional items later in the meeting.

Smart Boards have been installed in the 2nd through 6th Grade classrooms. Mr. Maffea and Mr. Jaime had the opportunity to see the Smart Board in use on Open School Night at Covert Avenue School.

Mr. Ragona made mention of the wiring for the computers. Mr. Ragona expressed how pleased he was about the great start of the new school year. He encouraged those in the audience to take advantage of the opportunity to come and view the children and the school buildings.

Vice President - No comments at this time. (Refer to the Committee Reports for comments by Ms. Ferrigno.)

SEWANHAKA BOARD ITEMS

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BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Jaime reported that both Elmont Memorial and Sewanhaka High Schools started out flawlessly. The principals were pleased with the incoming 7th Graders. The principals also expressed to him that the other students have been supportive to the new students. Mr. Jaime mentioned the fundraising in process between the Sewanhaka High School and Shared Decision Making Committee for the Tribal Grounds Property. Information will be available after the meeting.

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SEWANHAKA
BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Jaime stated that there are fifty-three new faculty members between the two high schools, who have quickly acclimated into the Sewanhaka Central High School District family. The high school Board looks forward to working with them throughout the year and in the future. Mr. Jaime stated that he will share additional information at the next meeting.

AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

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Mr. Nugent did not have a report however he 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. Maffea, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, the Board approved an Executive Session, as per Mr. Nugent's request, to be held immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss matters appropriate to Executive Session.

Motion Carried Unanimously

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Mr. Harper expressed that he had a few items before proceeding with his report. He displayed the 2008-09 School Calendar and the new color. Mr. Harper mentioned that the District will attempt to change the color every year and also make sure that it does not conflict with the High School District.

Mr. Harper reviewed the following initiatives:

Implementation was completed for Smart Boards in every classroom from the 2nd through the 6th grade. This was a dream of Mr. Harper's and it is a necessary educational tool. He mentioned working on the budget for next year to incorporate the Smart Board down to the next grade level.

Mr. Harper also mentioned the successful registration for professional development at Clara H. Carlson the following Saturday.

The Smart Board, which will be one of the tools that will take the Elmont children to the next level, has a new interactive response system. It is a tremendous tool to help with data analysis, an instructional tool. We now have one interactive response system in

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REPORT OF THE
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every two classrooms. Mr. Harper thanked the Board of Education, Mr. Geras and the audience for supporting the budget which has allowed our children to accept this exceptional tool.

Connect-Ed Training, the second initiative will be presented September 17, 2008 at 9:00AM in Conference Room II. This District-wide communication system will provide notification of emergencies and school wide initiatives. Mr. Harper informed the audience that an introductory message would be sent out the morning of September 17th. He expressed the excitement in providing this system not only for our children but for the Elmont community.

The District is in receipt of the Social Studies series. With the Social Studies assessment exam approaching the teachers are very excited. It is a very interactive series with a CD-Rom and computer technology. Mr. Harper noted that reading, mathematics and social studies series have been implemented in the last few years and our children will benefit from this hard work. Mr. Harper extended his thanks to everyone for continuing to put our children first.

Mr. Harper informed the audience of his opportunity to attend the first Interschool PTA meeting, which occurred on September 16, 2008. It was a tremendous meeting and they are a vital part of the total instructional process of the District. They work tirelessly for our children. Although Mr. Harper thanked them the previous evening, he publicly extended his thanks to the Interschool PTA members this evening for the work they do.

Again, Mr. Harper thanked the audience for their part in supporting the children and the school District. He expressed his enjoyment in seeing the teachers in attendance. Mr. Harper thanked them for coming to the meeting. Mr. Harper also stated that the display of support proves that it is not just a school district, but a family.

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the following employee requesting a change in District Child Rearing and/or Family and Medical Leaves of Absence:

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVES OF
ABSENCE

BELFORD, MARY, Elementary Teacher, Clara H. Carlson School

From: 10/9/08 - 12/4/08, unpaid

To: 9/1/08 - 2/1/09, unpaid*

Reason: District Child Rearing Leave

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 9/2/08 - 10/28/08

Note: Leave of Absence was originally approved by the Board on 8/12/08.

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The Board also approved the following employee requesting an extension of her Medical Leave of Absence:

**PROFESSIONAL
EXTENSION OF
DISTRICT CHILD
REARING/FAMILY
AND MEDICAL
LEAVE OF
ABSENCE**

BROWN-CAVALLUZO, MARJORIE, School Social Worker, Alden Terrace School

From: 1/3/08 - 8/31/08, unpaid

To: 1/3/08 - 11/2/08, unpaid

Reason: Medical

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

The Board also approved the following professional appointments:

**PROFESSIONAL
APPOINTMENTS**

HOCK, KATHERINE, Permanent Substitute (General Special Education), Alden Terrace School, at a salary of \$59,657 MA+15 Step 1, effective 9/1/08 – 6/30/09, no probation and no tenure involved. Certification: Students With Disabilities 1-6 (Initial Pending).

TLOCZKOWSKI, KARA, 175 Day Substitute Teacher, Alden Terrace School, 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).

The Board further approved the following Teacher Salary differential for the 2008-2009 school year.

**PROFESSIONAL
2008-2009
SALARY
DIFFERENTIAL**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Position</u>
Donoghue, Valerie	\$1,500	Principal's Assistant

The Board approved the following teacher to be employed as a per diem substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year. Not eligible for probation/tenure.

**PROFESSIONAL
PER DIEM
SUBSTITUTE
APPOINTMENTS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Lacossiere, Maureen	Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial Pending)
*Rome, Kerry	Childhood Education 1-6 (Initial Pending)
	Students With Disabilities 1-6 (Initial Pending)

*Pending medical approval

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The Board also approved the following Professional changes in status:

PROFESSIONAL
CHANGE IN
STATUS

KOHUT, MATTHEW

From: Long Term Substitute (Elementary Education)

To: Permanent Substitute (Elementary Education)

initial assignment: Gotham Avenue, at a salary Per Teachers Contract, effective 9/1/08 - 6/30/09. Not eligible for probation and/or tenure.

GUTIERREZ, DANIEL

From: 175 Day Substitute

To: Permanent Substitute (Elementary Education)

initial assignment: Alden Terrace at a salary of \$50,055 BA Step 1, effective 9/1/08 - 6/30/09. Not eligible for probation and/or tenure.

RUOCCO, LINDSAY

From: 175 Day Substitute

To: Permanent Substitute (Elementary Education)

initial assignment: Covert Avenue at a salary of \$50,055 BA Step 1, effective 9/1/08 - 6/30/09. Not eligible for probation and/or tenure.

The Board further approved the following Professional resignations:

PROFESSIONAL
RESIGNATIONS

MARANGONI, JILLIAN, 175 Day Substitute, building assignment undetermined, effective 8/18/08, service to District: 5 months, reason: personal.

RA, JILLIAN, 175 Day Substitute, building assignment undetermined, effective 8/27/08, service to District: 2 months, reason: personal.

CIANCARELLI, CARMELLA, 175 Day Substitute, at the Covert Avenue School, effective 9/1/08, service to District: 1 year, reason: personal.

The Board also approved the following Professional retirement:

PROFESSIONAL
RETIREMENT

COBBS, NORMA, Elementary Teacher, at the Alden Terrace School, effective 8/31/08, service to District: 12 years, 9 months

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mrs. Byer the Board approved the employment of the following Civil Service personnel:

CIVIL SERVICE
APPOINTMENTS

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CIRILLO, MARILYN, Typist Clerk 10-month, Alden Terrace School at a salary of \$26,772 annual, effective 9/17/08, pending medical, civil service and fingerprint approval. Replacing: Irene Boehm.

CIVIL SERVICE
APPOINTMENTS

GARDNER, JANICE, Bus Driver 10-month, Transportation at a salary of \$20.95 hourly, effective 9/17/08 pending medical, civil service and fingerprint approval. Replacing: Nathaniel Burgess.

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

CIVIL SERVICE
EXTENSION OF
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

Terence Nixon-	Senior Maintainer
Christopher Ramos-	Custodian

The Board also approved the employment of the following Civil Service conditional substitute personnel:

CIVIL SERVICE
CONDITIONAL
SUBSTITUTE
PERSONNEL

MARTORANA, GIOVANNA, Bus Attendant Part-time substitute, Transportation at a salary of \$11.00 hourly, effective 9/17/08 pending civil service, medical and fingerprint approval.

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

CIVIL SERVICE
EXTENSION OF
SUBSTITUTE
CONDITIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

Dina Di Pierno-	Food Service Helper Part-time substitute
Benny Savalli-	Messenger Part-time substitute/labeler
Heather Tool-	Messenger Part-time substitute/labeler
Amanda Levin-	Messenger Part-time substitute/labeler
Glen Bodden-	Cleaner Part-time substitute
Derrick Henry-	Cleaner Part-time substitute
Derrick Myles-	Cleaner Part-time substitute
Jason Reese-	Cleaner Part-time substitute
Robert Saul-	Cleaner Part-time substitute
Philomena Winters-	Food Service Helper Part-time substitute

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

CIVIL SERVICE
CHANGES IN
STATUS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>End Probation</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Marie Bernard-Taylor	Teacher Aide	9/17/08	9/18/08

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Debra Williams	Teacher Aide	9/17/08	9/18/08	CIVIL SERVICE CHANGES IN STATUS
Kowsilah Mangar	Cook	9/23/08	9/24/08	
Jean Raymond	Bus Driver 10-month	10/6/08	10/7/08	

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

BABB, ALETRA

From: Teacher Aide

To: Teacher Aide Special Education 1:1

Covert Avenue School, at a salary of \$18.95 hourly, effective 9/17/08 pending civil service approval, probation: N/A.

CARNEY, CHINI

From: Teacher Aide

To: Teacher Aide Special Education 1:1*
(2 hours per day)

Alden Terrace School, at a salary of \$17.90 hourly, effective 9/17/08 pending civil service approval, probation: N/A.

*will remain as regular teacher aide for 3 hours per day.

WILLIAMS, DEBRA

From: Teacher Aide

To: Teacher Aide Special Education

Dutch Broadway School, at a salary of \$17.90 hourly, effective 9/17/08 pending civil service approval, probation: N/A.

RANSELLE, EBONEE

From: Teacher Aide part-time substitute

To: Teacher Aide

Dutch Broadway School, at a salary of \$15.30 hourly, effective 9/17/08 pending civil service approval, probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval.

ISAACS, DIONISIA

From: Teacher Aide part-time substitute

To: Teacher Aide

Dutch Broadway School, at a salary of \$15.30 hourly, effective 9/17/08 pending civil service approval, probation: 26 weeks from civil service approval.

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The Board also approved the following Civil Service termination:

CIVIL SERVICE
TERMINATION

ROBERT, ALEXIS, Teacher Aide Part-time substitute, District wide, effective 9/4/08, service to District: 2 years, 4 months.

The Board approved the following Civil Service resignations:

CIVIL SERVICE
RESIGNATIONS

LAMONTANARO, LISA, Teacher Aide, Clara Carlson School, effective 8/20/08, service to District: 1 year, reason: personal.

SMITH, SANDRA, Teacher Aide, Dutch Broadway School, effective 8/12/08, service to District: 8 years, 4 months, reason: personal.

CARLINO, NICOLE, Teacher Aide, Covert Avenue School, effective 8/25/08, service to District: 6 months, reason: personal.

REGAN, WILLIAM, Security Aide Part-time, District wide, effective 8/29/08, service to District: 4 months, reason: personal.

MCFARLANE, DIANNE, Registered Professional Nurse, Clara Carlson/Covert Avenue/Gotham Avenue Schools, effective 8/6/08, service to District: 1 year, reason: personal.

SOOKPAUL, KUNDAR, Maintainer, District wide, effective 9/05/08, service to District: 11 months, reason: personal.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, the Board 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 Ms. Walker, the Board approved the AIS Plan for the 2008-2009 school year. The plan may be referenced in the backup pages of the Board Book of September 16, 2008.

AIS PLAN FOR
2008-2009
SCHOOL YEAR

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The Board approved the second reading of the new policy **#5251 - Food Service Management**. A copy of the policy can be found in the backup pages of the Board Book of September 16, 2008.

SECOND READING
OF POLICY #5251 -
FOOD SERVICE
MANAGEMENT

The Board also approved the compensation for Assistants to the Principal in the form of compensatory time, not to exceed 30 hours, to allow for administrative duties to facilitate the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

COMPENSATORY
TIME FOR
ASSISTANTS TO THE
PRINCIPAL

The Board further approved the compensation for 26 hours to the Special Assistant for Community Affairs to allow for language translation during screenings, registration and CPSE meetings during the summer of 2008, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.

COMPENSATION FOR
SPECIAL ASSISTANT
FOR COMMUNITY
AFFAIRS

The Board approved the employment of the following teachers for the Saturday Enrichment Program at Clara H. Carlson School and Gotham Avenue School at the rate of \$100.00 per day for 20 days each (Pending enrollment).

SATURDAY
ENRICHMENT
PROGRAM
EMPLOYMENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOME SCHOOL</u>	<u>COURSE</u>
Robert Cavaliere	CHC	Science Olympiad
Maria Bonich	CA	Robotics

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 September 16, 2008.

Worker's Compensation

WORKER'S
COMPENSATION

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

Christopher Chisolm Sub Cleaner

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Family and Medical Leave of Absence

**FAMILY AND
MEDICAL LEAVE
OF ABSENCE**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Nina O'Neill	2 weeks, 4 days
Janet Atria	6 weeks
Steve Meisser	12 weeks
Douglas Garcia	12 weeks
Christine Porfido	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 back of the Board Book of September 16, 2008.

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Ms. Ferrigno, 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 July 2008.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mrs. Byer, seconded by Mr. Jaime, the Board approved the award of Bid #2-08/09 Playground Installations at the Alden Terrace and Dutch Broadway Schools to East Coast Surfacing, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder as per backup pages in the Board Book of September 16, 2008.

**BID AWARD
#2-08/09
PLAYGROUND
INSTALLATIONS TO
EAST COAST
SURFACING INC.**

Motion Carried Unanimously

ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

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THE MINUTES**

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

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

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Monthly Budget Status Report

ITEMS NOTED FOR
THE MINUTES

Monthly Budget Status Report – final audited as of June, 30, 2008 and for the period ending July 31, 2008 appear in the backup pages of the Board Book of September 16, 2008.

Various Fund Trail Balances

Trail Balance Reports General, Capital, School Lunch, Trust & Agency, Expendable Trust, Special Aid, Capital Bond and Non-Expendable Trust audited as of June 30, 2008 and for the period ending July 31, 2008 appear in the backup pages in the Board Book of September 16, 2008.

General Fund Cash Flow Statement

General Fund Cash Flow as of July 31, 2008 and Cash Flow Projection as of August 31, 2008 appear in the backup pages in the Board Book of September 16, 2008.

General Fund – Fund Balance Estimate

Estimated General Fund Balance final audited as of June 30, 2008 appears in the backup pages in the Board Book of September 16, 2008.

School Meals Profit and Loss Statement

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

Custodial/Transportation Overtime

Breakdown Custodial/Transportation Overtime:

Cust./Trans. Overtime – August, 2008	\$ 4,874.15
Overtime paid Year to Date	\$ 11,016.90
Cust./Trans.Overtime - July, 2007 - June, 2008	\$122,501.03

<u>VANDALISM TALLIES FOR AUGUST 2008</u>	-	\$ 72
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VANDALISM
TALLIES

Year-to-Date	\$ 115
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Previous Year-to-Date	\$ 74
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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMITTEE
REPORTS AND
INFORMATION
ITEMS

Ms. Ferrigno gave a report on the Audit Committee meetings, which were conducted as of August 21, 2008 and earlier this evening in compliance to NYS Law. The District's reports were submitted timely and accurately. The financials statements were prepared through internal capabilities. Ms. Ferrigno stated how content the Board is with the Administration and its performance in accomplishing submission of the District's financial paperwork in a timely manner.

Mr. Ragona commended Mr. Galante and Mr. Geras for their management of finances in the District. Elmont is #1 in Nassau County and the auditors expressed their desire for all their clients to be like our District.

OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Ragona reported on the GYO registration at the Dutch Broadway School. Parents were lined up from 3:45 AM throughout the day to ensure that their children were enrolled in the program. Each of the schools is filled to capacity with a waiting list between twenty to thirty children. Mr. Ragona stated that the GYO program is needed and the community came out to utilize the program. Also during the GYO registration there was a blood drive simultaneously being conducted. Mr. Ragona extended his thanks to Mr. Pat Boyle and GYO for providing this service.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS - None

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS - None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

ITEMS FOR
FUTURE
CONSIDERATION

Mr. Ragona reported on the concern of residency within the District and the amount of children that come to our District for an education. Every child deserves an education in the community they live and where the parents pay taxes. The issue is being addressed with the work of Mr. DeBartolo and others. Mr. Ragona reported that last year, twenty-eight (28) children were removed from the District. Approximately, \$14K is required to educate one child who does not require any additional services. A child with special needs could require up to \$100K. With the close proximity to Queens, residency is an issue that is being taken into consideration.

AUDIENCE ITEMS

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Mr. Patrick Nicolosi brought forth a concern of convenience stores within the Elmont community who conduct the sale of drug paraphernalia. He has brought his concern to law enforcement. Mr. Nicolosi requested the help of the Board of Education in possibly

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passing a law to get these items out of the stores. Mr. Nicolosi stated that he has called the State; however, there is no law on the books. He expressed that he would like to get a legislation passed against the sale of these items and requested any assistance the Board could provide.

AUDIENCE ITEMS

Mr. John Smith made mention of the parking of school buses on Atherton Avenue which is a “no parking” zone. He recommended that the District find another place to park the buses due to a traffic flow problem currently being created.

Mr. Smith also noted that the growth of a tree in front of the Clara H. Carlson School may become a hazard and should be removed.

Mr. Pat Boyle of GYO expanded on the report given by Mr. Ragona. He stated that parents were eagerly waiting to register. Registration was completed for about 740 applicants. There are still approximately twenty-five slots per school for principals to utilize in conjunction with social workers for children with special needs. The Dutch Broadway School had the highest attendance and waiting list for the program. Mr. Boyle stated that he has received thank you letters from the Dutch Broadway parents for implementing the program. He applauded the Dutch Broadway parents for their patience.

Mr. Boyle noted that Elmont Chamber of Commerce conducted the Blood Drive. There also was a voter registration drive conducted by GYO. Over 200 people registered to vote. He noted the importance of the community service this provided for parents. There was also a program offering for \$50K free life insurance for parents with children in college. There were various criteria that had to be met; however, over forty people took advantage. Mr. Boyle stressed the importance of taking advantage of opportunities to offer various programs to parents when possible, especially during these times.

Mr. Harper referred back to his report of the appointment of Valerie Donoghue to Principal’s Assistant for Dutch Broadway who will replace Kathy Safrey. Mr. Harper and Mr. Ragona extended their congratulations and thanks.

NEXT MEETING

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Mr. Ragona announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held on October 21, 2008, at the Alden Terrace School at 8:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT TO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:45 PM.

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PUBLIC SESSION

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On a motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board reconvened into Public Session at 8:55 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM on a motion by Mr. Jaime, seconded by Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Submitted by,

October 21, 2008
Date Approved

Celestine L. Lloyd
District Clerk