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BUDGET CERTIFICATION MEETING
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

CERTIFICATION MEETING

Minutes of the Certification 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, May 15, 2018.

The purpose of the meeting was to certify the vote on the Elmont Union Free School District Budget, the Sewanhaka Central High School District Budget and the Elmont Public Library Budget. The Board also certified the vote on the School Board Candidates and Library Board Candidate. Voting was held at all seven election districts on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael A. Jaime, President
Tameka Battle-Burkett, Vice President
Michael Cantara
Patrick O. Emeagwali
Anthony Maffea
Karen Taylor- Bass

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Denehy

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Mr. Albert Harper	Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Ken Rosner	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Stephanie Muller	Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Education
Mr. David Polizzi	Director of School Facilities & Operations
Mr. Fernando DeBartolo	Director of Technology
Colum P. Nugent	School Attorney
Diana Delahanty	District Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ABSENT:

Ms. Kathy Safrey Assistant to the Superintendent

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Mr. Thomas W. Galante

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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The Board took the following action in Executive Session:

The Board unanimously voted to prefer §3020-A charges for a teacher on tenure in the Elmont Union Free District. See backup pages in the Board Book of June 7, 2018 for detailed information.

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On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Emeagwali, the Board voted to reconvene in public session at 7:55 PM.

Yes – 6 No- 0 Abstain- 0
Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC SESSION:

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Board President, Michael Jaime called the meeting to order at 9:40 PM.

Mr. Jaime welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Jaime turned the meeting over to Mr. Nugent for the results of the election.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTION

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The election was conducted between the hours of 6 AM and 9 PM. The District Clerk and I can attest to the fact that the election was conducted in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of New York. There was one discrepancy at Clara H. Carlson School. The number of people on the poll list did not match the number of votes cast on the voting machine. There was one less number on the voting machine. At the end of the evening, the poll workers counted the ballots in the machine and the number matched. We are conducting an investigation to see why the poll list had one additional name on it. Dutch Broadway School had a paper jam in the machine at the end of the evening. They were able to get one clean copy of the results and the results were accurate. The results are in and the numbers are such that we can make a call on every issue.

Mr. Nugent then presented the results of the vote.

PROPOSTION #1- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUDGET 2018-2019

PROPOSITION #1

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #1- **903**
(Includes 72 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #1- **292**
(Includes 72 Absentee Ballots)

We declare that proposition **passed**.

PROPOSTION #2- SEWANHAKA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET 2018-2019

PROPOSITION #2

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #2- **928**
(Includes 72 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #2- **270**
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That budget leaves Elmont with a substantial plurality but is subject to the vote in three other component districts.

PROPOSTION #3- ELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET 2018-2019

PROPOSITION #3

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #3- **961**
(Includes 72 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #3-**227**
(Includes 72 Absentee Ballots)

We declare that proposition **passed**.

The Elmont Budget **Passed** by **611** votes.

In Elmont, the Sewanhaka Central High School Budget **Passed** by **658** votes. (Subject to the passing of the budget in the component districts.)

The Elmont Public Library Budget **Passed** by **734** votes.

The Number of Names on the Poll List – **1142 (1141 actually voted)**

Total Number of Absentee Voters - **72**

Total Number of Voters – **1213**

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

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CANDIDATE
RESULTS

For the seat formerly held by Patrick O. Emeagwali

Mr. Emeagwali ran unopposed.

Mr. Emeagwali received 703 votes. (Includes 72 Absentee Ballots)

Patrick O. Emeagwali, was declared elected.

For the seat formerly held by Kevin Denehy

Mr. Meikle ran unopposed.

Sheldon Meikle received 683 votes. (Includes 72 Absentee Ballots)

Sheldon Meikle was declared elected.

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LIBRARY BOARD CANDIDATES

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CANDIDATE RESULTS

For the seat formerly held by **Gina Burnett**

Gina Burnett ran unopposed.

Gina Burnett received 707 votes.

Gina Burnett was declared elected.

For the seat formerly held by **Tammie Williams**

Tammie Williams ran unopposed

Tammie Williams received 690 votes.

Tammie Williams was declared elected.

Congratulations to Mr. Emeagwali on his re-election. Congratulations and welcome to the Board Mr. Meikle. This is an enormous responsibility without doubt. As a trustee you hold a sacred trust. You will make decisions on educational programs, and you will spend \$89 million in the coming year. This is a tight budget. We deal with a constricted budget, we cannot exceed the cap.

Congratulations to Ms. Gina Burnett and Ms. Tammie Williams on their re-election to the Library Board.

Mr. Nugent stated that the election was run by the District Clerk, with special attention to detail.

Congratulations to Mr. Harper and Tom Galante on passing another budget. We did this without diminishing programs, reducing staff or exceeding the cap. It is a highly complex procedure. Elmont gets the most budget they can possibly get for what they give the children.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

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On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Ms. Battle-Burkett, the Board moved to accept and certify the results of the election held today, May 15, 2018, in the Elmont Union Free School District.

Vote on certifying the results of the election:

Yes – 6 No- 0 Abstain- 0
Motion Carried Unanimously

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Mr. Nugent had one other item for Public Session. He stated in Executive Session the Board voted to prefer §3020-a charges on a tenured teacher as per backup in the Board Book of June 7, 2018.

§3020-A

This concluded the report of the Attorney.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

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Mr. Harper thanked the Board, the District Administrators, the Principals, Assistant Principals and staff.

Mr. Harper thanked members of the Elmont Community for supporting our children. Mr. Harper thanked Mr. Smith for always being there, supporting the children. Mr. Harper thanked the poll workers. Mr. Harper thanked Mr. Galante for putting this budget together and Mr. DeBartolo for presenting the budget to various PTA groups and Civic associations. This is a community effort and it doesn't work without everyone in this room.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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Mr. Jaime thanked the PTAs.... They are the lifeline of the community. He also thanked everyone in the room on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Harper thanked Mrs. Buchanan and the 16 teachers who volunteered to make phone calls reminding community members to go out and vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:50 PM on a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Emeagwali.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Submitted by,

June 7, 2018
Date Approved

Diana Delahanty
District Clerk