

APPROVED MINUTES of the Elmont Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021

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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 remotely, via Zoom, on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael A. Jaime, President
Dr. Tameka Battle-Burkett, Vice President
Dr. Michael Cantara
Tiffany Capers
Patrick O. Emeagwali
Anthony S. Maffea, Sr.
Sheldon Meikle

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

None

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Kenneth Rosner	Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Wellinthon Garcia	Director of Curriculum
David Spinnato	Director of Curriculum-Technology
Colum P. Nugent	School Attorney
Diana Delahanty	District Clerk

CONSULTANT PRESENT

Thomas W. Galante

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Executive session convened at 6:30 PM on a motion by Dr. Battle-Burkett, seconded by Mr. Emeagwali.

Yes – 7 No- 0 Abstain- 0
Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC SESSION:

PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Dr. Battle-Burkett, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board reconvened in Public Session at 8:08 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Jaime called the meeting to order. Mr. Jaime led the pledge of allegiance.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

On a motion by Mr. Emeagwali, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the agenda, which was distributed to the audience, as follows:

APPROVAL OF
THE AGENDA

Motion Carried Unanimously

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On a motion by Mr. Emeagwali, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2021, as follows:

APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES

Motion Carried Unanimously

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS

Mr. Jaime said good evening and welcome to the March Board of Education meeting. In honor of Women's History Month Mr. Jaime thanked all of the women across this District that help this District run so well each and every day.

Mr. Jaime turned the meeting over to Dr. Battle-Burkett for the Report of the Vice President.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

VICE PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS

Dr. Battle-Burkett said good evening and happy *Read Across America Day*. Welcome to the March 2021 Board meeting. Dr. Battle-Burkett stated, with a little over three months left of the school year, we have yet a sobering reminder of the 513,122 deaths related to COVID-19 in the United States. I ask that everyone continue to be vigilant in protecting ourselves and each other. Dr. Battle-Burkett noted that March is Women's History Month where we recognize and celebrate accomplishments, milestones, achievements, and significant contributions of Women throughout history.

REPORT OF THE SEWANHAKA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT:

REPORT OF ELMONT MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

REPORT OF ELMONT
MEMORIAL HIGH
SCHOOL

Ms. Battle-Burkett gave the report of Elmont Memorial High School:

- Student musicians from Elmont Memorial High School and Sewanhaka High School participated in a Performance Readiness Virtual Workshop, hosted by the Nassau Educators Music Association, on February 6th.
- The Elmont Memorial students who participated are Oluwatamilore Akano, Matthew Hardy, Richard Maldonado and Jenna Prashad. Students from across Nassau County were able to learn from talented musicians, including wind quintet Imani Winds, New York Philharmonic performer Rebecca Young and soprano Kelley Nassief. This exciting experience provided the students with the opportunity to learn effective practice strategies and repertoire preparation. In addition, they were given feedback on how to properly prepare for NYSSMA adjudications, college auditions and professional performance opportunities.
- An SAT Prep Course is being offered @ EMHS for 11th grade students beginning February 23rd and running for six weeks. The SAT Exam will be administered @ Elmont Memorial on April 13, 2021.

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- Senior Andrew Candio was recognized by Senator Anna Kaplan at her Black History Month Celebration for his Outstanding Contributions to the Elmont Community.
- The Elmont Memorial High School Black History Month Celebration is now available online. It is an outstanding celebration of Black History and Black Excellence.
- On March 3rd at 7 pm, we will be holding a Community Conversation with students, staff, parents, and alumni. They will be watching the TEDTalk, "The Danger of a Single Story" and have a fishbowl conversation and open dialogue afterwards. Please join us and encourage students to participate!
- We continue our weekly food distribution to the community on Wednesday morning @Elmont Memorial High School.

REPORT OF ELMONT
MEMORIAL HIGH
SCHOOL

This report was respectfully submitted by Kevin Doherty, Principal of Elmont Memorial High School.

Mr. Jaime gave the report of Sewanhaka High School:

REPORT OF
SEWANHAKA HIGH
SCHOOL

In their continued effort to engage the community and become a community partner, the Islanders did a webinar on February 24th with over 600 students of Elmont Memorial and Sewanhaka High School. The theme of the webinar was "Souls on Ice". It was a docufilm highlighting many of the African Americans who played over the years in the NHL. Students and faculty participated in the webinar and it was filmed and recorded. I will make sure the video is posted in both the elementary and high school district website for anyone who would like to see it. On the elementary side, the Islanders have engaged the fifth graders throughout the District to design the Black History Logo Patch for an Islander hat that will be celebrating Black History. The contest is ongoing from February 24th and will close on March 10th.

- Spirit Day took place on Friday, February 12, 2021. In lieu of decorating hallways, clubs and classes decorated windows encouraging everyone to stay strong. Windows have remained displayed, and this activity will be expanded to include more decorations in the weeks to come.
- Sewanhaka High School received a \$1,000 donation from Alliance Energy LLC following a nomination from Sewanhaka Alumni owner of two Exxon stations (Northern Boulevard Mart & Hillside Avenue). The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program awards grants to schools for the use in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics programs.
- FBLA students received awards and honors during the Virtual Spring District Meeting. The following students received awards:

Kira Sethi 1st Place - Accounting
Karina Thomas 1st Place - Client Services

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REPORT OF
SEWANHAKA HIGH
SCHOOL

- Vanisha Sookwah 3rd Place - Basic Decision Making
- Sewanhaka students participated in a Valentine's Day goodie bag community service activity. Students created 300 goodie bags for the Belmont Racetrack.
- Sewanhaka musicians participated in a Performance Readiness Virtual Workshop, hosted by the Nassau Educators Music Association on February 6th.
- The Sewanhaka Totem Yearbook took 2nd Place in the National Scholastic Press Association.
- Art students - Abigail Perry and Kayla Lester received recognition for participating in the Martin Luther King Art Contest.
- Junior Kamren Denhart was named one of the top 100 Boys Basketball players in Nassau County.
- Sewanhaka Gymnastics Coach, Debbie Wichard, has led four girls to the New York State Qualifying Meet.
- Winter sports were held for Varsity Basketball and Wrestling. Fall sports, (Volleyball, Soccer and Football), begin on March 1st.
- Chemistry teacher, Lauren Foley, participated in a virtual visit to the 4th grade at Stewart Manor Elementary School. The 4th grade class had been reading about fireworks and chemical reactions. Mrs. Foley conducted demonstrations for the class.
- For Black History Month, the Athletes as Historical Figures Class led by teachers Laurence Reid and Jay Allen participated in a webinar panel discussion and viewing of the film "Soul on Ice" and the history of black hockey players. This was done through a generous partnership with the NY Islanders and the National Hockey League's Vice President of Community Development.
- The music department will premiere a series of virtual concerts that will be posted on the district and school websites. The first virtual concert will be the Orchestra led by teacher, Lisa Ukardes and premiers on February 25th.
- We would like to congratulate our January Students of the Month:
 - Art - Abigail Percy
 - Business - Maria Naeem
 - Career Education - Issiah Grant
 - English - Isabelle Protopapas and David Pemberton
 - ENL - Yaritza Fernanda Murillo -Herrera
 - Math - Feba Saji
 - Music - Marcellus Sandoval- Sharma
 - Phys Ed/Health - Preston Ligonde
 - Science - Samantha Vaccchiano
 - World Language - Rebecca Shiwrat

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This report was respectfully submitted by Nichole Allen, Principal of Sewanhaka High School.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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The District received two emails and I will refer one email to Mr. Rosner and the other email to Mr. Nugent.

Mr. Rosner stated that Mr. Nugent would address one of the emails in his report and Mr. Rosner wanted to comment on the other email.

There was a phone conversation and a letter that I received in reference to the use of snow days and remote days and the difference between the two. I spoke to the parent at length and explained that we are part of a pilot program. Anyone who opts into the remote program is automatically in the pilot program for using a remote day in lieu of the snow day. On the first day we did this, we had a massive blizzard and we had power outages and internet issues... I told the staff that they could scale back on their live instruction. We only did about a half day and the rest of the day was done asynchronously. This is the sign of the times and this is what we had to do. The state does not make a distinction and does not delineate the amount of time that has to be live verses the time that can be asynchronous to add up to an official school day. You can do ten minutes of live instruction and the rest of the day asynchronous and that would count as an official school day. This is just a pilot that they are testing out. I did follow up with the parent, but I wanted to let you know that I did receive that letter and I continue to urge you to attend the community zooms and ask any question that you like. I will always answer honestly.

USE OF REMOTE
DAYS IN LIEU OF
SNOW DAYS

Mr. Nugent will address the other email in his report when that comes up.

Mr. Jaime acknowledge Ms. Walfall and her team, Mr. Mansfield and Ms. Nelson for the invitation to their Black History event honoring humanitarians in the community and I would like to thank the two young ladies that I had the pleasure of speaking with last Wednesday. Thank you again and thank you to the Carlson family for honoring me.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY:

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ATTORNEY

Mr. Nugent had two items to report in Public Session.

The first item is correspondence referenced earlier. It was a series of comments on the Board's compliance with the open meetings law. The correspondence tends to suggest that the Board is not in compliance with the law, and I will state unequivocally that the Board does not violate the open meetings law. There are several issues raised in the email. We welcome the letter. That is not in question. We are not in any way offended by the inquiry, but it seems to call into question the notice provisions that we adhere to. A Board has to give notice that they are going to have a meeting. They have to give as much notice as they possibly can. However, when you look at the case law involving the open meetings law, the case law establishes that the Board's mission is the delivery of educational services to the children in the community.

EMAIL ON OPEN
MEETINGS LAW

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That comes first and a Board of Education does not always have the opportunity to give notice to the community if they have to meet in an emergency. So, we have meetings that are, on occasion, with very little notice. But we do comply. The business of the Board has to go forward. When we have an issue that we have to address, we will hold a meeting on 24 hours' notice, or you can hold it on less than 24 hours' notice. What you have to do is give some notice. We generally put notice on the website, and we will generally try to put notice at some public place... at the schools and the Library. With regard to the scheduled meetings, we comply with that and there hasn't been a time when we didn't comply with the notice.

REPORT OF THE
ATTORNEY

EMAIL ON OPEN
MEETINGS LAW

There was also a question about the use of Chat. That is a question for the Board. However, I will say that legally the public should know at a Board of Education meeting, when we are in person, there is a section of our meeting where we say if you have any comment you may approach the microphone. That is not required by the law. There is no requirement that the Board open the forum for public comment. A Board can do that, but they are not required to. If they do, they can put constraints on the topic and who can talk to the extent that and Board can enforce the rules that only residents of the District can speak. We have a time constraint in our Board meetings, but we haven't put any such rule on residency. But if it became a problem, this would be something that we would have to take into account.

Another issue that comes up is the transcript and the audio. Our Zoom meetings that we are holding tonight and since last April, are held pursuant to the Governor's executive order 202 where the standards of the Zoom meeting are permitted. Otherwise, without that executive order, we have to be in public. A Board Member who stays home cannot call in and vote. It is not permitted. They have to come to the meeting but with the Executive Order in place, they can vote on a Zoom call.

The letter suggests that we are not compliant with one item of the executive order. In March we started to receive executive orders from Governor Cuomo stating provisions for open meetings. One of the provisions is that the meeting has to be recorded and later transcribed. That is interpreted differently from different lawyers. I interpret that to mean that it should be recorded, there should be an audio recording of it, and we do. We have made the audio recording available upon request. On further thought, we placed them on the website. You can access them on the website and listen to our meeting if you choose to do so. With regard to transcribe, I interpret that to be satisfied that we take minutes. Under Robert's Rules, our minutes go beyond what is required. In Education Law it goes a little further. It says that the minutes must include actions taken and a summary of actions. We go beyond that to a large extent. We do not take word for word minutes. We do have the extended minutes required by the Education Law. My interpretation is that it satisfies the executive order requirements. With regard to the open meetings law which applies to us. There is no requirement that we have a public session, the people who attend the meeting have a right to record the meeting. We have no issue with that. The Board can establish rules of order. There are certain issues that cannot be covered in open session that people generally know. We do not discuss litigation, negotiations, contracts of any kind. The mission of the Board is the education of the children of the District. That is their first mission. The Board wants to keep the public informed, but that is not the primary mission of the Board.

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The Board's goals are the education of the children and all of the aspects that entails, which includes curriculum, buildings and grounds, negotiations. It's a vast responsibility. It is huge and they address that every day.

REPORT OF THE
ATTORNEY

The next item I ask for an action on is to approve an order to restrict a parent, for a period of time, access to building and grounds for reasons stated in executive session.

ORDER TO
RESTRICT A
PARENT FROM
BUILDINGS AND
GROUNDS

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Ms. Capers, the Board approved the order to restrict a parent, for a period of time, access to building and grounds for reasons stated in executive session as follows:

Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Nugent asked for a motion to convene in executive session following the public meeting to discuss matters appropriate to executive session.

MOTION TO
CONVENE IN
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Emeagwali, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board agreed to convene in executive session following the public meeting as follows:

Motion Carried Unanimously

This concluded the report of the attorney.

Mr. Jaime turned the meeting over to Mr. Rosner for the Report of the Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

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SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Rosner said good evening to everyone. Mr. Rosner thanked the military, first responders, our veterans, all essential workers, the Board of Education, the PTA, teachers, and staff for all of the great work that they doing to help us get through these challenging times. Mr. Rosner thanked the community as they continue to call the building principals and the District office when there is a case of COVID. It is very important to us. We appreciate the communication and the more that we get that communication from the community, the longer our buildings will stay open, and they will stay safe. If you look at the news and see the number of Districts that are experiencing very serious spikes in COVID cases right now we are in a really good place. It is because of that communication with our community and the protocols that we put in place, that our children and staff remain safe.

I want to congratulate the entire community but specifically the Board of Education and more specifically, Mr. Jaime. The Elmont District is the recipient of the *My Brothers' Keeper Program*, that will be an outstanding feeder program into our high school. The team and I are honored to take on this challenge and put it as a part of our Diversity and Equity Plan. We are currently working on that. It is a proud moment for all of us. Thank you and congratulations. I had an outstanding meeting with Dr. Grossane, the Superintendent of the Sewanhaka Central High School District and we are ready to go with STEAM activities, with our *Science Research Program* that Mr. Spinnato and Dr. Garcia are working on, as well as the *Teachers of Tomorrow Program* that we hope will cultivate our children into becoming teachers one day and coming back to the District to serve our community.

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I am excited about this and you will see some wonderful things happening in our District. Congratulations everyone as Elmont continues to stand alone in what we are doing.

REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT

I don't know if you heard the radio interview, my two partners and I were on 103.9 with Bob Vecchio, on *Spotlight on Long Island Schools*. We were able to highlight the wonderful work that Elmont Community is doing. It is on the website if you want to listen to it.

Mr. Rosner then gave the Report of the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mr. Emeagwali, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the following Change in Professional Family and Medical/District Child Rearing Leave of Absence:

CHANGE IN
PROFESSIONAL
FAMILY AND
MEDICAL/
DISTRICT CHILD
REARING LEAVE
OF ABSENCE

MODRUSON, ANTONELLA- *Area of Employment: Speech Teacher; Building Assignment: Covert Avenue School; Effective Date: From: 11/2/2018-6/30/2021, unpaid*, To: 11/2/2018-6/30/2022, unpaid*; Reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to the District: 16 years*

- Originally approved by the Board of Education on 1/8/2019, 6/4/2019, 11/7/2019, 5/5/2020

The Board also approved the following Professional Leaves of Absence:

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVES OF
ABSENCE

BIANCO, COURTNEY- *Area of Employment: Elementary Teacher; Building Assignment: Gotham Avenue School (Virtual); Effective Date: 4/14/2021; Duration of Leave: 4/14/2021-5/27/2021, unpaid*; Reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to the District: 18 years, 7 months*

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 4/14/2021-5/27/2021

ALFARO, MARY- *Area of Employment: Elementary Teacher; Building Assignment: Dutch Broadway School (Virtual); Effective Date: 9/2/2020; Duration of Leave: 9/2/2020-4/1/2021, unpaid*; Reason: FMLA & Medical Leave; Service to the District: 24 years*

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 9/2/2020-11/25/2020

MULHALL, LISA- *Area of Employment: AIS Teacher; Building Assignment: Dutch Broadway School (Virtual); Effective Date: 4/6/2021; Duration of Leave: 4/6/2021-6/29/2021, unpaid*; Reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to the District: 9 years*

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 4/6/2021-6/29/2021

THEODOROPOULOS, VIRGINIA- *Area of Employment: Elementary Teacher; Building Assignment: Dutch Broadway School (Virtual); Effective Date: 4/6/2021; Duration of Leave: 4/6/2021-6/29/2021, unpaid*; Reason: District Child Rearing Leave; Service to the District: 9 years*

*Includes Family and Medical Leave from 4/6/2021-6/29/2021

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The Board also approved the following Professional Appointments:

PROFESSIONAL
APPOINTMENTS

CARRETTA, CAREY- *Area of Employment: Building Substitute; Salary: \$42,000; Certification: SWD 1-6; Effective Date: 2/24/2021-6/18/2021; Initial Assignment: Covert Avenue School; Probationary Period: No probation and no tenure involved*

KURLAND, AMANDA- *Area of Employment: Leave Replacement (Speech); Salary: \$65,050; Certification: Speech and Language Disabilities (Initial); Effective Date: 2/22/2021-6/30/2021; Initial Assignment: Covert Avenue School; Probationary Period: No probation and no tenure involved*

Lastly, the Board also approved the following Professional Retirement:

PROFESSIONAL
RETIREMENT

HOFMANN, CHERYL- *Area of Employment: Elementary Teacher; Building Assignment: Stewart Manor School; Effective Date: 03/01/2021; Service to District: 19 years, 9 months*

The foregoing motion was put to a roll call with the following results:

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Emeagwali, seconded Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the following Civil Service Leaves of Absence:

CIVIL SERVICE
LEAVES OF ABSENCE

SICIGNANO, PASQUALINA- *Area of Employment: Teacher Aide; Building Assignment: Dutch Broadway School; Effective Date: 12/18/2020; Duration of Leave: 12 weeks; Reason: Medical*

WILLIAMS, CHERYL-ANN- *Area of Employment: Teacher Aide; Building Assignment: Dutch Broadway School; Effective Date: 2/12/2021; Duration of Leave: 2 weeks; Reason: Medical*

MALDONADO, BRENDA- *Area of Employment: Teacher Aide; Building Assignment: Covert Avenue School; Effective Date: 2/22/2021; Duration of Leave: 10 weeks; Reason: Medical*

CARRETTA, CAREY- *Area of Employment: Special Education Teacher Aide; Building Assignment: Alden Terrace School; Effective Date: 2/23/2021; Duration of Leave: Remainder of the School Year; Reason: Personal*

The Board further approved the following Civil Service Appointment:

CIVIL SERVICE
APPOINTMENT

CORALLO, SARAH- *Area of Employment: Nurse; Salary: \$50,664; Probation: 26 weeks; Building Assignment: Alden Terrace School; Effective Date: 3/01/2021 pending Civil Service approval*

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Lastly, the Board approved the following Civil Service Resignations:

CIVIL SERVICE
RESIGNATIONS

JEAN-BAPTISTE, JENNY- *Area of Employment: Teacher Aide; Building Assignment: Alden Terrace School; Effective Date: 2/16/2021; Service to District: 1 year, 4 months; Reason: Personal*

MELLENDEZ, GUADALUPE- *Area of Employment: Teacher Aide; Building Assignment: Gotham Avenue School; Effective Date: 2/12/2021; Service to District: 15 years, 2 months; Reason: Personal*

GELLINEAU, MATTHEW- *Area of Employment: Cleaner; Building Assignment: Clara H. Carlson School; Effective Date: 2/26/2021; Service to District: 6 years, 5 months; Reason: Personal*

The foregoing motion was put to a roll call with the following results:

Motion Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/ PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL EDUCATION/
PRESCHOOL SPECIAL
EDUCATION

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Dr. Cantara, 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.

Motion Carried Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Meikle, seconded by Dr. Cantara, the Board approved the following:

COMPLETION OF ASSIGNMENT

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ASSIGNMENT

The Board approved Kathy Safrey's resignation, as Assistant to the Superintendent, effective February 5, 2021, pursuant to the completion of assignment on November 25, 2020.

NASSAU BOCES NOMINATION RESOLUTION

NASSAU BOCES
NOMINATION
RESOLUTION

The Board nominated three candidates for election to the Nassau BOCES Board. Three seats on the Nassau BOCES Board will expire on June 30, 2021, those held by *Susan Bergtraum, Martin R. Kaye and Michael Weinick*. Each seat carries a term of three years. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the election on April 20, 2021 will be appointed for three-year terms, beginning July 1, 2021.

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THE PRO KIDS SHOW

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The Board approved the *Virtual Family Show* to take place on Wednesday, April 14th at 6:30 pm. The cost of \$1,050 will be paid with Title I Allocation Funds allotted to the Gotham Avenue School. The performance will be for the Gotham Avenue School.

SECOND READING SMART SCHOOLS INVESTMENT PLAN

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INVESTMENT PLAN

The Board approved the Smart Schools Investment Plan, Phase III.
Information can be found in the backup pages in the Board Book of March 2, 2021.

SECOND READING DISTRICT-WIDE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

SECOND READING
DISTRICT-WIDE
SCHOOL SAFETY
PLAN

The Board also approved the revised District-wide School Safety Plan.
Information can be found in the backup pages in the Board Book of March 2, 2021.

The foregoing motion was put to a roll call with the following results:

Motion Carried Unanimously

ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

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WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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COMPENSATION

Employees who are on leaves of absence due to Workers' Compensation cases still pending are enclosed in the back-up pages of the Board Book of March 2, 2021.

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS UNDER \$5,000

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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 2, 2021.

SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS AND WARRANTS

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AND WARRANTS

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Dr. Battle-Burkett, the Board approved the backup booklet entitled "Schedule of Disbursements and Warrants #23-25; 14-15; 11-12; and 27-29" which is filed in the "bulky" document file.

Motion Carried Unanimously

TREASURER'S REPORT

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REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Meikle, seconded by Mr. Maffea, 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 31, 2021.

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On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Meikle, the Board approved the following:

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS OVER \$5,000

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

The Board authorized budgetary transfers over \$5,000, as per backup pages in the Board Book of March 2, 2021.

**CAPITAL ASSET AND PROPERTY INSURANCE FIXED ASSET INVENTORY
UPDATING SERVICES**

**CAPITAL ASSET
AND PROPERTY
INSURANCE FIXED
ASSET INVENTORY
UPDATING
SERVICE**

The Board authorized the retention of CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC for Capital Asset and Property Insurance Fixed Asset Inventory Updating Services, as per backup pages in the Board Book of March 2, 2021.

The foregoing motion was put to a roll call with the following results:

Motion Carried Unanimously

ITEMS NOTED FOR THE MINUTES

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THE MINUTES**

Analysis of Revenue – for the period ending January 31, 2021, appears in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 2, 2021.

**ANALYSIS OF
REVENUE**

Schedule(s) of Receivables – as of January 31, 2021, appears in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 2, 2021.

**SCHEDULE OF
RECEIVABLES**

Monthly Appropriation Status Report- General, Capital and Special Aid Appropriation Status Reports for the period ending January 31, 2021, appears in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 2, 2021.

**MONTHLY
APPROPRIATION
STATUS REPORT**

Various Fund Trial Balances-Trial Balance Reports, General, Capital, Trust & Agency, Expendable Trust, Special Aid, and Non-Expendable Trust for the period ending January 31, 2021, appears in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 2, 2021.

**VARIOUS FUND
TRIAL BALANCES**

Cash Flow Statements- General Fund Cash Flow statements as of January 31, 2021, and Cash Flow Projection as of February 28, 2021 appears in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 2, 2021.

**CASH FLOW
STATEMENTS**

General Fund – Fund Balance Estimate- General Fund Balance for the period ending February 28, 2021 appears in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 2, 2021.

**GENERAL FUND-
FUND BALANCE
ESTIMATE**

Collateral Analysis- Bank collateral balances for period ending January 31,2021, appears in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 2, 2021.

**COLLATERAL
ANALYSIS**

School Meals Profit and Loss Statement- School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the period ending January 31,2021, appears in the backup pages of the Board Book of March 2, 2021.

**SCHOOL MEALS
PROFIT AND LOSS
STATEMENT**

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Custodial/Transportation Overtime

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OVERTIME

Breakdown Custodial/Transportation Overtime:	
Cust./Trans. Overtime – February 2021	\$ 21,928.72
Overtime paid Year to Date	\$ 76,332.13
Cust./Trans. Overtime - July, 2019 - June, 2020	\$137,939.29

VANDALISM TALLIES FOR FEBRUARY 2021

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Alden Terrace	\$	0
Clara H. Carlson	\$	0
Covert Avenue	\$	0
Dutch Broadway	\$	0
Gotham Avenue	\$	0
Stewart Manor	\$	0
PPS	\$	0
Elmont Road	\$	0
	\$	0
Year-to-Date	\$	0
Previous Year-to-Date	\$	0

Mr. Rosner completed the report of the Superintendent.

We started to do some Community Zooms not only monthly but in the school communities. We had Covert Avenue last night and will have Dutch Broadway on Thursday. All questions can be submitted to the PTAs and they will be filtered to me. We have the open chat feature for the Community Zooms, and we answer all questions. It can be related to school, community or whatever it may be. I encourage everyone to get the word out that we will continue to do these all the way through the end of the year and even into the summertime. It is very important to us as a team. We started in July and now we have it every month and now we are increasing it to get to each school community to address the specific needs in each community. I want to thank the Covert Avenue PTA and the Covert Avenue Staff who were there last night and the parents as well. If you are a parent and you have access to a pen and paper or your cell phone in your hand, I am going to ask you to take down this telephone number, it is 516-220-0422. That is the phone number of the phone that sits next to me 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you have a question about your child, if you have a concern, if you have something you would like to have discussed and you have gone through the protocols of the Principal and Assistant Principal, and maybe the Curriculum Director and maybe you need to speak to me, that is my number. I hope that you feel comfortable enough with me after all these years, (15 years), that I mean what I say. If you need some information, you can text me and I will call you as soon as I can call you. That's how we roll here. That's how the team works together. This is an outstanding District. I am so proud to do what we are doing together. This is a really tough time but when I walk into these buildings and I see the kids and the teachers are being brave and strong and doing what is right, that is all I need to see. Everything else is background noise. We need to take care of our children. That is what this is about. I

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commend all of you for doing that and I want to give a shout out to the teachers and staff in the Virtual Academy. God Bless you. What a tremendous accomplishment. I salute you for taking this on and putting Elmont first.

Mr. Jaime added to what Mr. Rosner said about The *My Brothers' Keeper* program. It's a proud moment for Elmont because on Long Island we will be the first elementary district to do this. In Nassau County we will be the first school district to do this. We are doing a better job partnering with the high school. When our children leave our District to enter the High School District... this has been a mission of mine for the past 14 years. I think this program, although this program was originally geared toward young men, the tenants of this program can be applied to all men in all buildings. For that reason, I am very proud of this. It took a lot of people during COVID to get this signed off on. I'd like to give a shout out to Laura Curran and her office team for dealing with the constant calls and emails from me. I am confident in Mr. Rosner and his team to execute all the things we have to under this program to make sure all of our kids continue to succeed and continue to thrive. One of the most important things about this program is it's geared to make kids global citizens. For all of you that know, two years ago we changed *Reaching and Teaching for Excellence to Cultivating Scholars and Global Citizens*. This is part of a life-long commitment to this, and I look forward to making this a great success.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS
AND INFORMATIONAL
ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS: None

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NEXT MEETING:

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Mr. Jaime announced that the next Board of Education Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 @ 8:00 PM, location to be determined pending the CDC guidelines on social distancing.

ADJOURNMENT:

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Dr. Battle-Burkett, the Board adjourned Public Session at 8:50 PM to reconvene in Executive Session.

Motion Carried Unanimously

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Dr. Battle-Burkett, the Board adjourned Public Session at 8:50 PM to reconvene in Executive Session to discuss particular personnel matters and matters within the attorney-client relationship.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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PUBLIC SESSION:

PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Emeagwali, seconded by Dr. Battle-Burkett, the Board reconvened in Public Session at 10:10 PM.

On a motion by Dr. Battle-Burkett, seconded by Mr. Meikle, the Board approved the following amendment to the Building and Grounds Resolution:

AMENDMENT TO
THE BUILDING AND
GROUNDS
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approved the procedure for access to our Buildings and Grounds by outside groups in accordance with the statement below:

The District has implemented an educational program which delivers instruction by both in-person and remote methodology. Our goal is to continue our program and provide our children with an experience that will come as close as we possibly can to a normal school year.

However, the safety of our children and staff is monitored hourly and we have had to adjust the in-person program in some schools to quarantine classes when that was determined to be the safest course to follow. Quarantining classes and staff puts a severe strain on the program since it generates a need to reassign remaining staff to provide proper coverage.

As the Governor relaxes certain restrictions relating to school sports/ activities during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Board is reconsidering the use of school grounds and fields by outside groups. Such outside groups will be required to comply with all New York State and Local Health and Safety protocols as outlined in the Certification of Compliance Agreement before approval can be considered by the Superintendent of Schools.

As a side note, when we consider the threat of spreading the virus through group participation, we are reluctant to encourage our children to attend group activities in other venues hence our suspension of the distribution of flyers for events when we have no knowledge of the protocols followed. However, as State restrictions continue to ease, distribution of flyers will be considered for approval by the Superintendent of Schools.

While contrary to the Board's normal goals, which are to have full use of our Buildings and Grounds, and to encourage our children to interact for their social and emotional well-being, the Board nonetheless adopts the stated procedures in the interests of safety. These procedures are hereby adopted and shall remain in place for the duration of the Covid-19 emergency.

Yes -7 No- 0 Abstain- 0
Resolution was Adopted

ADJOURNMENT AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Mr. Emeagwali, seconded by Dr. Battle-Burkett, the Board adjourned Public Session at 10:15 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Submitted by,



Diana Delahanty
District Clerk

April 20, 2021
Date Approved