

APPROVED MINUTES of the Elmont Board of Education

BUDGET CERTIFICATION MEETING
MAY 21, 2019

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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 21, 2019.

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 21, 2019.

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

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony Maffea
Sheldon Meikle

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ABSENT:

Kathy Safrey Assistant to the Superintendent

CONSULTANT ABSENT: Thomas W. Galante

PUBLIC SESSION:

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Board President, Michael Jaime called the meeting to order at 9:42 PM.

Mr. Jaime welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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The election was conducted between the hours of 6 AM and 9 PM. Today the Department of Justice was monitoring all the Districts on Long Island. They didn't visit all Districts. They did visit the Elmont District, (Alden Terrace School, Dutch Broadway School and Stewart Manor School). We didn't get a response from them. Mr. Nugent did get the opportunity to talk to Mr. Goldberger. We may or may not get a finding from them. The purpose of the visit was to monitor compliance with the 1964 voting rights act. They were specifically targeting whether or not we complied with addressing the needs of the Spanish speaking community. You may have noticed the ballots and several notices were printed in English and Spanish. 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. They believe someone left the room with the ballot and the folder. They did not vote on the voting machine. 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. The results are in and the numbers are such that we can make a call on every issue. The Elmont budget was carried by 73%.

Mr. Nugent then presented the results of the vote.

PROPOSTION #1- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUDGET 2019-2020

PROPOSITION #1

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #1- 837
(Includes 70 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #1- 305
(Includes 70 Absentee Ballots)

We declare that proposition **passed**.

PROPOSTION #2- SEWANHAKA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET 2019-2020

PROPOSITION #2

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #2- 820
(Includes Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #2- 303
(Includes 70 Absentee Ballots)

That budget leaves Elmont with a substantial plurality but is subject to the vote in three other component districts.

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PROPOSITION #3- ELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET 2019-2020

PROPOSITION #3

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #3- **905**
(Includes 70 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #3- **226**
(Includes 70 Absentee Ballots)

We declare that proposition **passed**.

The Elmont Budget **Passed** by **532** votes.

In Elmont, the Sewanhaka Central High School Budget **Passed** by **517** votes. (Subject to the passing of the budget in the component districts.)

The Elmont Public Library Budget **Passed** by **679** votes.

The Number of Names on the Poll List – **1124 (1123 actually voted)**

Total Number of Absentee Voters - 70

Total Number of Voters – 1193

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

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For the seat formerly held by Tameka Battle-Burkett

Ms. Battle-Burkett ran unopposed.

Ms. Battle-Burkett received 857 votes. (Includes 70 Absentee Ballots)

Tameka Battle-Burkett was declared elected.

For the seat formerly held by Michael Cantara

Mr. Cantara ran unopposed.

Mr. Cantara received 823 votes. (Includes 70 Absentee Ballots)

Michael Cantara was declared elected.

For the seat formerly held by Michael A. Jaime

Mr. Jaime ran unopposed.

Michael A. Jaime received 776 votes. (Includes 70 Absentee Ballots)

Michael A. Jaime was declared elected.

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For the seat formerly held by Patrick Nicolosi

Natasha Warburton-Welch received 391 votes.

Pauline Johnson received 345 votes.

Michael Anderson received 237 votes.

Natasha Warburton- Welch was declared elected.

Congratulations to Ms. Battle-Burkett, Mr. Cantara and Mr. Jaime on their re-election to the Elmont Board of Education. 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 \$93 million in the coming year. This is a tight budget. We deal with a constricted budget, we cannot exceed the cap.

Congratulations to Ms. Warburton-Welch on her election to the Library Board.

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. Cantara, seconded by Ms. Taylor-Bass, the Board moved to accept and certify the results of the election held today, May 21, 2019, in the Elmont Union Free School District.

Vote on certifying the results of the election:

Yes -5 No- 0 Abstain- 0
Motion Carried Unanimously

This concluded the report of the Attorney.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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Mr. Jaime congratulated Ms. Battle-Burkett and Mr. Cantara stating he was looking forward to working with them for another three years.

Mr. Jaime thanked Mr. Harper and his team for putting together a fiscally sound budget while keeping all programs and staff in place.

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Mr. Jaime thanked the PTAs for supporting the budget and the candidates. He thanked the parents and tax payers who came out to support the budget even though they do not have children in the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

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

Mr. Harper thanked Mr. Galante for putting this budget together and Mr. DeBartolo for presenting the budget to various PTA groups and Civic Associations. Thank you to Mr. Rosner who joined Mr. DeBartolo and I at the Budget presentations this year.

Mr. Harper thanked members of the Elmont Community for supporting our children.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:55 PM on a motion by Ms. Battle-Burkett, seconded by Mr. Emeagwali.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Submitted by,



Diana Delahanty
District Clerk

June 4, 2019
Date Approved