

*APPROVED MINUTES of the Elmont Board of Education*

BUDGET CERTIFICATION MEETING  
MAY 17, 2016

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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 17, 2016.

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 17, 2016.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael A. Jaime, President  
Anthony Maffea, Vice President  
Tameka Battle-Burkett  
Kevin Denehy  
Patrick O. Emeagwali  
Raymond Sims  
Leslyn Stewart

ROLL CALL

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:**

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Mr. Albert Harper     | Superintendent of Schools                         |
| Mrs. Kathleen Safrey  | Director of Curriculum & Instruction              |
| Mrs. Stephanie Muller | Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Education |
| Mr. David Polizzi     | Director of School Facilities & Operations        |
| Colum P. Nugent       | School Attorney                                   |
| Diana Delahanty       | District Clerk                                    |

Board President, Michael Jaime called the meeting to order at 9:25 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Jaime welcomed everyone 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 held from 6 AM to 9 PM tonight. 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. The results are in and the numbers are such that we can make a call on every issue.

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I would like to bring to the attention of the Board and the Community certain discrepancies that occurred. This morning at 6 AM we discovered that the seal on the voting machine at Dutch Broadway School was missing. The chairperson contacted the District Clerk. It was decided that we would conduct the voting on paper ballots until we had contact with the Board of Elections. At approximately 6:15 AM the Board of Elections said we could use the machine. At that time only one vote had been cast at the Dutch Broadway School and that vote was later scanned.

At the Gotham Avenue School there was a discrepancy with the number of votes cast and the number on the poll list. The poll list and the *Bold* machine tally were in agreement. The voting machine was one less than that number. We counted the number of ballots cast and it matched the number of votes registered by the voting machine. We are counting the number on the voting machine as the votes cast. We believe that one of voters left the area with their ballot without scanning it.

Mr. Nugent then presented the results of the vote.

**PROPOSTION #1- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUDGET 2016-2017**

PROPOSITION #1

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #1- 1122  
(Includes 90 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #1- 329  
(Includes 90 Absentee Ballots)

We declare that proposition **passed**.

**PROPOSTION #2- SEWANHAKA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET 2016-2017**

PROPOSITION #2

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #2- 1068  
(Includes 90 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #2- 334  
(Includes 90 Absentee Ballots)

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 2016-2017**

PROPOSITION #3

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #3- 1140  
(Includes 90 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #3- 230  
(Includes 90 Absentee Ballots)

We declare that proposition **passed**.

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The Elmont Budget **Passed** by **793** votes.

In Elmont, the Sewanhaka Central High School Budget **Passed** by **734** votes.

The Elmont Public Library Budget **Passed** by **910** votes.

The Number of Names on the Poll List – **1388**

Total Number of Absentee Voters - 90

Total Number of Voters - 1478

**SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES**

For the seat formerly held by **Tameka Battle-Burkett**

**Ms. Battle-Burkett ran unopposed**

**Tameka Battle-Burkett received 963 votes.** (Includes 90 Absentee Ballots)

**Tameka Battle-Burkett was declared elected.**

For the seat formerly held by **Michael A. Jaime**

**Michael A. Jaime ran unopposed**

**Michael A. Jaime received 940 votes.** (Includes 90 Absentee Ballots)

**Michael A. Jaime was declared elected.**

For the seat formerly held by **Leslyn Stewart**

**Michael Cantara received 694 votes.** (Includes 90 Absentee Ballots)

**Leslyn Stewart received 422 votes.** (Includes 90 Absentee Ballots)

**Michael Cantara was declared elected.**

**LIBRARY BOARD CANDIDATE**

For the seat formerly held by **Mimi Pierre-Johnson**

**Mimi Pierre-Johnson ran unopposed**

**Mimi Pierre-Johnson received 933 votes.**

**Mimi Pierre-Johnson was declared elected.**

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Congratulations to Mr. Harper on passing another budget. Our sincere thanks to Ms. Stewart for her service. You will be missed.

**CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS**

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On a motion by Mr. Sims, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board moved to accept and certify the results of the election held today, May 17, 2016, in the Elmont Union Free School District.

Vote on certifying the results of the election:

|         |   |   |
|---------|---|---|
| Yes     | - | 7 |
| No      | - | 0 |
| Abstain | - | 0 |

Motion Carried Unanimously

This concluded the report of the Attorney.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS**

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Mr. Harper thanked the members of the PTA and the Elmont Community for supporting our children. Mr. Harper thanked the District Administrators, the Principals, Assistant Principals and staff. This is 11 budgets in a row that passed. That is a tribute to the Board of Education and to the Elmont Community. Thank you again for passing the budget.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

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I want to echo the sentiments of Mr. Nugent. We will sorely miss Ms. Stewart on the Board. It has been a pleasure and we still look forward to seeing you as well as all things you will do in the community. We thank you and look forward to working with you again in the near future. Congratulations to Mr. Cantara. I would like to thank everyone involved in crafting this budget, as well as the PTA for hosting Candidates night.

Ms. Stewart thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Board for the past 18 months and to the Board for appointing her.

**REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY**

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Mr. Nugent had one item for the Board's approval.

Mr. Nugent asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Yasmin Patterson, in accordance with a certain agreement that the Board is familiar with.

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On a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Ms. Battle-Burkett, the Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Yasmin Patterson.

RESIGNATION

|         |   |   |
|---------|---|---|
| Yes     | - | 7 |
| No      | - | 0 |
| Abstain | - | 0 |

Motion Carried Unanimously

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:48 PM on a motion by Mr. Maffea, seconded by Mr. Emeagwali.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Submitted by,

June 7, 2016  
Date Approved

Diana Delahanty  
District Clerk