

APPROVED MINUTES of the Elmont Board of Education

BUDGET CERTIFICATION MEETING
MAY 17, 2022

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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, 2022.

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, Sewanhaka Central High School Capital Reserve 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, 2022.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael A. Jaime, President
Dr. Tameka Battle-Burkett, Vice President
Dr. Michael Cantara
Tiffany Capers
Sharon Earley Davis
Anthony Maffea

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Nancy Garlick

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Kenneth Rosner	Superintendent of Schools
Colum P. Nugent	School Attorney
Diana Delahanty	District Clerk

PUBLIC SESSION:

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Mr. Jaime called the meeting to order at 9:25 PM.

Mr. Jaime welcomed everyone to the May Certification meeting and led the 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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We conducted the election in accordance with the statute. The polls were open from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. We have the results as they have been tabulated.

Mr. Nugent then presented the results of the vote.

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The Number of Names on the Poll List – **869**

RESULTS OF THE
ELECTION

Total Number of Absentee Voters – 93

Total Number of Voters – 962

PROPOSTION #1- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUDGET 2022-2023

PROPOSITION #1

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #1- 714
(Includes 93 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #1- 210
(Includes 93 Absentee Ballots)

We declare Proposition #1 **passed**.

The Elmont Budget **passed** by 504 votes.

Congratulations to the Board, the Superintendent and the public in Elmont.

PROPOSTION #2- SEWANHAKA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET 2022-2023

PROPOSITION #2

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #2- 677
(Includes 93 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #2- 226
(Includes 93 Absentee Ballots)

That budget leaves Elmont with a plurality of 451 but is subject to the vote in three other component districts.

PROPOSTION #3- SEWANHAKA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE

PROPOSITION #3

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #3- 744
(Includes 93 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #3- 184
(Includes 93 Absentee Ballots)

That Capital Reserve leaves Elmont with a plurality of 560 but is subject to the vote in three other component districts.

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PROPOSITION #4- ELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET 2022-2023

PROPOSITION #4

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #4- **751**
(Includes 93 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #4- **131**
(Includes 93 Absentee Ballots)

We declare Proposition #4 **passed**. The Elmont Public Library Budget **passed** by 620 votes.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

SCHOOL BOARD
CANDIDATE
RESULTS

For the seat currently held by **Dr. Tameka Battle-Burkett**:

Ms. Fiormelissa Johnson received 282 votes. (Includes 93 Absentee Ballots)
Ms. Johnson had withdrawn from the race.

Dr. Battle-Burkett received 536 votes. (Includes 93 Absentee Ballots)

Dr. Battle-Burkett was declared elected to the School Board.

For the seat currently held by **Dr. Michael Cantara**:

Dr. Michael Cantara ran unopposed.

Dr. Michael Cantara received 709 votes (Includes 93 Absentee Ballots)

Dr. Michael Cantara was declared elected to the School Board.

For the seat currently held by **Michael A. Jaime**:

Michael A. Jaime ran unopposed.

Michael A. Jaime received 701 votes (Includes 93 Absentee Ballots)

Michael A. Jaime was declared elected to the School Board.

LIBRARY BOARD CANDIDATES

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CANDIDATE
RESULTS

For the seat currently held by **Ellice Bekier**:

Ellice Bekier ran unopposed.

Ellice Bekier received 689 votes. (Includes 93 Absentee Ballots)

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Ellice Bekier was declared elected to the Library Board.

LIBRARY
CANDIDATE
RESULTS

For the seat currently held by Monique Hardial:

Monique Hardial ran unopposed.

Monique Hardial received 702 votes. (Includes 93 Absentee Ballots)

Monique Hardial was declared elected to the Library Board.

Mr. Nugent thanked the PTAs for their help in the promotion of the budget. Mr. Nugent congratulated the Board Members of the School Board and Library Board who have been re-elected.

That concludes the Report of the Attorney.

Mr. Nugent requested a motion to certify the vote.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

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On a motion by Dr. Cantara, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board moved to accept and certify the results of the election held today, May 17, 2022, in the Elmont Union Free School District.

Vote on certifying the results of the election:

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

Mr. Nugent tuned the meeting over to Mr. Rosner.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

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Mr. Rosner congratulated the Board. Mr. Rosner thanked Ms. Delahanty, Ms. Lloyd and Ms. Barbagallo who put their best foot forward in running this election. Mr. Rosner thanked the PTA for always supporting us. Mr. Rosner thanked Mr. Spinnato and Mr. DeBartolo for all the Zoom Presentations they helped with and showing the community what this is all about. I appreciate your help. From the beginning, this isn't possible without the real insight of Mr. Galante. Thank you, I appreciate your insight and depth of knowledge. You are second to none in crafting a budget not only for this year but looking ahead five years. Mr. Rosner thanked Mr. Nugent for his support in this process.

Mr. Rosner congratulated Dr. Battle-Burkett, Dr. Cantara and Mr. Jaime on their re-election. Thank you for all your support. Have a great night.

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Mr. Jaime congratulated his colleagues who have been re-elected for another three years. He is looking forward to working with them and the rest of the Board in this mission. As Mr. Nugent said, we like to continuously thank the PTA for the hard work they do in getting the budget vote message out. Thank you to our Teachers' Union and thank you to the community for coming out and showing our scholars what is important. Thank you to Mr. Rosner, Mr. Nugent, Mr. Galante for the work they have done in helping us craft and understand this budget. We look forward to starting the process again in a couple of months.

Mr. Jaime stated we have one item for Board action that the attorney will read into the record.

Mr. Nugent had one action item for approval. The Board is familiar with the background for this motion. It involves construction that is related to the Bond issue that the public voted on. This is construction money within the District.

Resolved, that the following contracts be awarded based on State and Local Government contract rates relating to the construction and installation of security vestibules: RENU Contracting & Restoration for general construction for an amount not to exceed \$279,200; L & J Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. for HVAC for an amount not to exceed \$33,475; P & M Doors for interior security entrance doors and hardware (including frames) for an amount not to exceed \$56,888; and Milburn Sales Co. Inc. (DBA Milburn Flooring Mills), for flooring for an amount not to exceed \$5,500. A letter of intention will be issued immediately to each contractor; and upon NYSED project approval a purchase order will be issued.

On a motion by Dr. Cantara, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board moved to approve the Capital Project Contract Awards for School Security Vestibules, as follows:

**VOTE ON
RESOLUTION
FOR CAPITAL
PROJECT
CONTRACT
AWARDS FOR
SCHOOL
SECURITY
VESTIBULES**

Yes – 3 (Dr. Cantara, Mr. Maffea, Mr. Jaime)

No- 1 (Ms. Capers)

Abstain- 1 (Dr. Battle-Burkett)

Ms. Earley Davis has a question she wanted to ask privately.

Mr. Nugent explained that this is summer work. If this motion is defeated tonight, we will be unable to commence the work this summer. It will delay the work at least three months. It will delay the work until the fall. This is the work that we put before the public on November 30th, and the public voted yes. The work is based on current rates. In an inflationary period, in a period of substantial economic upheaval, we are doing the best we can to procure the materials and the work necessary to complete these projects within the amount approved by public vote. It's in an inflationary period and we are not sure that if this is delayed substantially, as it will be if this motion is defeated, that we will be able to bring in the work at the price that we now offer.

**EXPLANATION
AND DISCUSSION**

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In addition, we are now in a period of supply chain crisis, and we hope to be able to procure all of the materials to construct the vestibule booths in sufficient time.

Mr. Nugent asked Ms. Earley Davis if she would like to leave the room to speak to the attorney personally. She agreed. Mr. Jaime asked for a 10-minute recess at 9:40 PM. The meeting resumed at 9:50 PM.

RECESS

Prior to taking the recess, we had a Board Member who had a question on the resolution that was on the table. The question that the Board Member had was asked and answered satisfactorily. We will continue with the vote.

The motion was still on the table and the vote continued.

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Yes – 4 (Dr. Cantara, Mr. Maffea, Mr. Jaime, Ms. Earley Davis)

No- 1 (Ms. Capers)

Abstain- 1 (Dr. Battle-Burkett)

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:53 PM on a motion by Dr. Battle-Burkett, seconded by Mr. Maffea.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Thank you everyone and have a good night.

Submitted by,



June 7, 2022
Date Approved

Diana Delahanty
District Clerk