

***APPROVED MINUTES of the Elmont Board of Education***

BUDGET CERTIFICATION MEETING  
JUNE 17, 2020

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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 remotely on Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

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 Candidates. Voting was held by absentee ballot only, (accepting all ballots through Tuesday, June 16, 2020 @ 5:00 PM).

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael A. Jaime, President  
Tameka Battle-Burkett, Vice President  
Michael Cantara  
Patrick O. Emeagwali  
Anthony S. Maffea, Sr.  
Sheldon Meikle  
Karen Taylor- Bass

ROLL CALL

**ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:**

Albert Harper	Superintendent of Schools
Kenneth Rosner	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Fernando DeBartolo	Director of Technology
Colum P. Nugent	School Attorney
Diana Delahanty	District Clerk

**ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ABSENT:**

Stephanie Muller	Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Education
David Spinnato	Director of Curriculum-Technology
David Polizzi	Director of School Facilities & Operations
Kathy Safrey	Assistant to the Superintendent

**CONSULTANT PRESENT:**

Thomas W. Galante

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

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On a motion by Mr. Emeagwali, seconded by Mr. Maffea, Mr. Jaime called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Mr. Jaime welcomed everyone to the 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 started receiving ballots over the last few weeks. We conducted the election in accordance with the executive order issued by the governor late in the day on May 1, 2020. The regular meeting was postponed because of the Coronavirus pandemic. His executive order 202.26 directed that the meeting be held in accordance with essentially the absentee voter law but with certain changes. We conducted the meeting in accordance with the executive order as it modified the standing law. Where it didn't address applicable statutes in the election law, we used the standing statutes where we could. The executive order directives were that we send a ballot to every registered voter in our District. That was done (35,359 ballots were sent out). With each ballot we were required to send out 3 envelopes. The time in which to complete the election was extended by the governor. He originally set June 9<sup>th</sup> as the date the ballots could be counted and then extended it to June 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. We accepted ballots until 5:00 PM on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The counting took place starting Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> after 5:00 PM and continued today. It was a remarkable job. The work performed by Diana Delahanty, Anna Barbagallo and Celestine Lloyd was spectacular in what they did to get the ballots out and then the painstaking task of counting all the ballots. There were many other people involved in the process of sending them out and counting the ballots. They did excellent work.

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 and the governor's executive order as we understand it to be and as we know it. We offer the following results without reservation.

Mr. Nugent then presented the results of the vote.

**PROPOSTION #1- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUDGET 2020-2021**

PROPOSITION #1

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #1-       **2,462**

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #1-       **1,077**

We declare that proposition **passed**.

**PROPOSTION #2- SEWANHAKA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET 2020-2021**

PROPOSITION #2

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #2-       **2,395**

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #2-       **1,131**

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

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**PROPOSTION #3- ELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET 2020-2021**

PROPOSITION #3

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #3-      **2,701**

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #3-      **827**

We declare that proposition **passed**.

The Elmont Budget **Passed** by **1,385** votes.

In Elmont, the Sewanhaka Central High School Budget **Passed** by **1,264** votes. (Subject to the passing of the budget in the component districts.)

The Elmont Public Library Budget **Passed** by **1,874** votes.

The Number of Names on the Poll List –      **3,650 (absentee only)**

**SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES**

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CANDIDATES  
RESULTS

**For the seat currently held by Anthony S. Maffea, Sr.**

**Anthony S. Maffea, Sr. received 2,055 votes.**

**Simmonie Swaby received 1,182 votes**

**Mr. Maffea was declared elected.**

**For the seat currently held by Karen Taylor-Bass**

**Tiffany Capers ran unopposed.**

**Tiffany Capers received 2,895 votes.**

**Ms. Capers was declared elected.**

**LIBRARY BOARD CANDIDATES**

LIBRARY BOARD  
CANDIDATES  
RESULTS

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

**Suzanne Schatz ran unopposed.**

**Suzanne Schatz received 2,778 votes.**

**(Ms. Schatz will serve for three years to complete Ms. Williams' term)**

**Ms. Schatz was declared elected.**

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**For the seat currently held by Livingston Young**

**Livingston Young ran unopposed.**

**Livingston Young received 2,859 votes.**

**Mr. Young was declared elected.**

Thank you to the PTA for their help in passing the budget and for all their help throughout the year. Thank you to the election workers. Thank you to Ms. Karen Taylor-Bass for her service and dedication over the past three years.

Mr. Nugent welcomed Ms. Capers to the Board. Board Members are often referred to as Board Members or Board Trustees. This is a sacred trust and you are welcome to take the responsibilities that go with that title.

**CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS**

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On a motion by Ms. Battle-Burkett, seconded by Ms. Taylor-Bass, the Board moved to accept and certify the results of the election held June 16, 2020, in the Elmont Union Free School District.

Vote on certifying the results of the election:

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

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT**

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Mr. Nugent asked for a motion to appoint Dr. Edward Thomas to the position of Assistant Principal of Dutch Broadway School. *Effective Date; 7/1/2020; Probationary Period: 7/1/2020-6/30/2024* pursuant to Education Law Sections 3012-c and/or 3012-d.

On a motion by Mr. Emeagwali, seconded by Mr. Maffea, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Edward Thomas as follows:

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

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

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Mr. Jaime stated that the Sewanhaka District overall budget between the component districts passed by 68%. (with 12,405 total votes there were 8,439 yes votes and 3,966 no votes).

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Mr. Jaime thanked the PTAs, the teachers' union for making phone calls, and the dedicated staff for their countless hours of work on this election. Mr. Jaime thanked the Board their support...their votes for the budget and continuing to support the quality education in this District.

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Mr. Jaime thanked Mr. Harper for another successful budget. I wish him well.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS**

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Mr. Harper thanked Mr. Nugent for over 34 years of service and for always being so supportive. We rely on Mr. Nugent on a daily basis.

Mr. Harper thanked the Board of Education not only for this budget but for the work they do every day. You are shaping the future of the students and eventually the world. Our students are going on to do great things. You are responsible for that. We are going to need them to lead us.

Thank you to the members of the Elmont community who took me into their families and homes for the last 28 years. Thank you all for taking me in. You are my family.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM on a motion by Ms. Battle-Burkett, seconded by Mr. Maffea.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Jaime thanked Karen Taylor-Bass for her service, for her insight and for the amazing programs she brought to the District. They were invaluable.

Submitted by,



July 1, 2020  
Date Approved

Diana Delahanty  
District Clerk