

*APPROVED MINUTES of the Elmont Board of Education*

BUDGET CERTIFICATION MEETING  
MAY 16, 2017

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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 16, 2017.

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 16, 2017.

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

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 9:32 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Jaime welcomed everyone to the meeting 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 a discrepancy that occurred. At Covert Avenue School, there is a discrepancy between the total number on the poll list and the total number of scans they handed out. The count on the machine was one more than the poll list. If this had been a tight election, we would not be able to certify the vote. But the plurality is so vast that we can certify this vote.

Mr. Nugent then presented the results of the vote.

**PROPOSTION #1- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUDGET 2017-2018**

PROPOSITION #1

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #1- 1054  
(Includes 80 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #1- 267  
(Includes 80 Absentee Ballots)

We declare that proposition **passed**.

**PROPOSTION #2- SEWANHAKA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET 2017-2018**

PROPOSITION #2

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #2- 995  
(Includes 80 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #2- 303  
(Includes 80 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 2017-2018**

PROPOSITION #3

Total Number of Votes in **FAVOR** of Proposition #3- 1074  
(Includes 80 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Votes **AGAINST** Proposition #3-228  
(Includes 80 Absentee Ballots)

We declare that proposition **passed**.

The Elmont Budget **Passed** by **787** votes.

In Elmont, the Sewanhaka Central High School Budget **Passed** by **692** votes. (Subject to the passing of the budget in the component districts.)

The Elmont Public Library Budget **Passed** by **846** votes.

The Number of Names on the Poll List – **1264**

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Total Number of Absentee Voters - 80

Total Number of Voters - 1344

**SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES**

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CANDIDATE  
RESULTS

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

**Mr. Maffea ran unopposed**

**Mr. Maffea received 968 votes. (Includes 80 Absentee Ballots)**

**Anthony S. Maffea, Sr. was declared elected.**

For the seat formerly held by **Raymond Sims**

**Karen Taylor-Bass received 614 votes. (Includes 80 Absentee Ballots)**

**Raymond Sims received 287 votes. (Includes 80 Absentee Ballots)**

**Leslyn Stewart received 183 votes. (Includes 80 Absentee Ballots)**

**Karen Taylor-Bass was declared elected.**

**LIBRARY BOARD CANDIDATES**

LIBRARY BOARD  
CANDIDATE  
RESULTS

For the seat formerly held by **Ellice Bekier**

**Ellice Bekier ran unopposed**

**Ellice Bekier received 878 votes.**

**Ellice Bekier was declared elected.**

For the seat formerly held by **Monique Hardial**

**Monique Hardial ran unopposed**

**Monique Hardial received 910 votes.**

**Monique Hardial was declared elected**

Congratulations to Mr. Harper on passing another budget. Thank you to Mr. Sims for his service on the Board. His dedication and concern for the welfare of the children is to be admired. Congratulations to Ms. Taylor-Bass on her victory. Thank you to Ms. Stewart for running for the Board. She was an excellent Board member when she was on the Board a few years ago.

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**CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS**

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On a motion by Mr. Sims, seconded by Mr. Emeagwali, the Board moved to accept and certify the results of the election held today, May 16, 2017, 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 Mr. Sims, stating he served the Board well. Mr. Harper congratulated Ms. Taylor-Bass. 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. Mr. Harper thanked Mr. Smith for always being there, supporting the children. Mr. Harper also thanked the election workers for all their help.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

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Mr. Jaime thanked the administration and building principals. He also thanked the PTA as well as anyone who was instrumental in passing the budget. Mr. Jaime thanked Mr. Sims and his family for all they do for the Board and the Community. Mr. Jaime welcomed Ms. Taylor-Bass to the Board. Final note, the Superintendent continues to amaze me with what you can do with the little amount of money we get back from the state.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM on a motion by Mr. Sims, seconded by Mr. Maffea.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Submitted by,



June 6, 2017  
Date Approved

Diana Delahanty  
District Clerk