REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MARCH 11, 2025

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Members Present

Tiffany Capers, Lynette Battle, Michael A Jaime, Angel Ramos, Trecia Wong

Members Absent

Tameka Battle-Burkett, Dwayne Palmer

Meeting called to order at 8:09 PM

1. Meeting Opening

Procedural: 1.1 Roll Call

Procedural: 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Action, Minutes, Procedural: 1.3 Approval of the Minutes

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025

Motion by Lynette Battle, second by Angel Ramos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tiffany Capers, Lynette Battle, Michael A Jaime, Angel Ramos, Trecia Wong

Information, Procedural: 1.4 Correspondence

Correspondence was given to the Board for consideration.

2. Reports

Information, Procedural: 2.1 President's/Vice President's Remarks

Ms. Capers took a moment to pay tribute to a former board member who recently passed away, Deniece Walker. Ms. Capers mentioned that a memorial service would be held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church on March 13, 2025, from 4:00-5:30 PM, if anyone is interested in attending. Ms. Capers then asked for a moment of silence.

Ms. Capers welcomed everyone to the March Board of Education meeting and expressed appreciation for all who attended tonight, whether in-person or virtually.

Information, Procedural: 2.2 Sewanhaka Central High School District

Ms. Battle presented the highlights from the Sewanhaka Central High School District.

Procedural: 2.3 Audience on Agenda Items Only

None

3. Report of the Superintendent

Information: 3.1 Student Recognition

Alden Terrace Junior Robotics Award Winners presented by Principal, Shawnee Warfield.

Discussion, Information: 3.2 Presentations

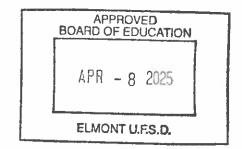
- Saturday Enrichment Academy Highlights presented by Ms. Shona Beldo and Ms. Melissa Polzella
- The 2025-2026 Draft Budget was presented to the Board of Education and the public by Mr. Small.

4. Legal

Action: 4.1 Approval of District Treasurer Contract

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Donna Squicciarino as district treasurer in accordance with the terms of a written contract effective April 22, 2025.

Motion by Michael A Jaime, second by Tiffany Capers.



Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tiffany Capers, Lynette Battle, Michael A Jaime, Trecia Wong

Abstain: Angel Ramos

Action: 4.2 Approval of Employee Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District hereby ratifies and approves an agreement with Employee A.

Motion by Tiffany Capers, second by Lynette Battle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tiffany Capers, Lynette Battle, Michael A Jaime, Angel Ramos, Trecia Wong

5. Personnel

Action: 5.1 Personnel Items for Board Action- Professional Staff

The superintendent seeks a Motion to Approve Professional Personnel Items A - C

A. Leaves of Absence

Item #	Name	Area	Building	Effective Date	Duration	Reason
1.	Iglesias, Fanny	Social Worker	Gotham Avenue	2/24/2025	2/24/2025-3/9/2025 *unpaid	FNLA 2/24/2025-3/9/2025
2.	Stanlewicz, Theresa	Psychologist	Clara H. Carlson	2/24/2025	2/24/2025-4/6/2025 *unpaid	FMLA 2/24/2025-4/6/2025
3.	Vitarelli, Christina	Elementary	Stewart Manor	4/22/2025	4/22/2025-6/26/2025*unpaid	FMLA 4/22/2025-6/26/2025
4.	Brennan, Rachel	Speech	Dutch Broadway	31716720175	From: 1/16/2025-3/19/2025 To: 1/16/2025-4/9/2025 *unpaid	FMLA Leave extension 3/19/2025-4/9/2025
5.	Colasurdo, Amanda	Elementary	Stewart Manor	2/24/2025	From: 3/5/2025-6/4/2025 To: 2/24/2025-5/23/2025 *unpaid	Change in leave dates FMLA 2/24/2025-5/23/2025
6.	Dias-Hansen, Jaclyn	School Counselor	Dutch Broadway	9/18/2024	From: 9/18/2024-4/7/2025 To: 9/18/2024-6/26/2025 *unpaid	Leave extension *4/7/2025-6/26/2025

B. Professional Appointment

Item #	Name	Area	Building	Effective Date	Duration	Salary	Probationary Period
1.	Rivas, Cailey	Building Substitute	Stewart Manor	3/13/2025	3/13/2025-6/26/2025	\$50,000	No probation & no tenure
2.	Resnik, Cara	Building Substitute	Dutch Broadway	4/22/2025	4/22/2025-6/26/2025	\$50,000	No probation & no tenure

C. Resignations

Item #	Name	Area	Building	Effective Date	Service to District
1.	Antico, Maria	Special Education	Gotham Avenue	6/26/2025	3 years, 6 months
2.	Presvelis, Barbara	Building Substitute	Dutch Broadway	3/6/2025	6 months

Motion by Michael A Jaime, second by Trecia Wong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tiffany Capers, Lynette Battle, Michael A Jaime, Angel Ramos, Trecia Wong

Action: 5.2 Personnel Items for Board Action- Civil Service Staff

The superintendent seeks a Motion to Approve Civil Service Personnel Agenda Items A - B

A. Appointments

Item #	Name	Area	Building	Effective Date	Salary	Probationary Period
1.	Gil, Abigail	Typist Clerk	Dutch Broadway	03/17/2025	\$39,573.00	Provisional
2.	Gonzalez, Jennifer	Typist Clerk	Alden Terrace	03/17/2025	\$39,573.00	Provisional
3.	Iovine, Mikayla	Typist Clerk	Elmont Road	03/24/2025 *pending Civil Service approval	\$45,932,00	Provisional
4.	Faster, Karyn	Typist Clerk	PPS	03/17/2025	\$49,465.00	Provisional
5.	Reid, Tamika	Typist Clerk	Elmont Road	03/12/2025	\$49,465.00	Provisional
6.	Subkaran, Amrita	Typist Clerk	Elmont Road	03/17/2025	\$43,105.00	Provisional
7.	Wannamaker, Louise	Typist Clerk	Gotham Avenue	03/17/2025	\$39,573.00	Provisional
8.	Charles, Jores	Bus Driver 10-month	Elmont Road	03/12/2025	\$32.30 hourly	26 weeks
9.	Saravia, Anna	Teacher Aide	Alden Terrace	03/24/2025	\$22.80 hourly	26 weeks
10.	Pericles Laurence, Marie	Teacher Aide	Gotham Avenue	03/17/2025	\$20.95	26 weeks
11.	Squicciarino, Donna	School District Treasurer	Elmont Road	04/22/2025 *pending civil service approval	\$135,000.00	26 weeks

B. Resignations

Item #	Name	Area	Building	Effective Date	Years of Service
1.	Razzak, Samina	Teacher Aide	Gotham Avenue	02/28/2025	5 years 8 months
2.	Simeon, Nacio	Bus Driver- 10-month	Elmont Road	03/24/2025	5 years 9 months
3.	Brown-Smith, Brenda	Teacher Aide	Gotham Avenue	03/05/2025	1 year 5 months
4.	Gil, Abigail	Teacher Aide	Gotham Avenue	03/14/2025	3 years 1 month
5.	Reid, Tamika	Teacher Aide	Elmont Road	03/11/2025	8 months
5.	Subkaran, Amrita	Techer Aide	Clara H. Carlson	03/14/2025	7 years 4 months
7.	Gonzalez, Jennifer	Teacher Aide	Alden Terrace	03/14/2025	13 years 5 months
3.	Wannamaker, Louise	Teacher Aide	Gotham Avenue	03/14/2025	10 years 3 months
).	Serrata, Sebastian	Cleaner	Gotham Avenue	03/14/2025	9 years 9 months

Motion by Trecia Wong, second by Lynette Battle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tiffany Capers, Lynette Battle, Michael A Jaime, Angel Ramos, Trecia Wong

6. Curriculum

7. Support Services

Action: 7.1 Committee on Special Education

Motion to Receive the Committee on Special Education

Motion by Michael A Jaime, second by Lynette Battle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tiffany Capers, Lynette Battle, Michael A Jaime, Angel Ramos, Trecia Wong

Action: 7.2 Committee Recommendations

The Superintendent requests approval to appoint Dr. Kirsten Devlin for Membership for Sub-Committees and be able to serve as Chairperson for various sub-Committee meetings held by the CSE special education department for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Lynette Battle, second by Trecia Wong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tiffany Capers, Lynette Battle, Michael A Jaime, Angel Ramos, Trecia Wong

8. Business

Action: 8.1 Schedule of Disbursements and Warrants

Motion to Approve the Schedule of Disbursements and Warrants

Motion by Trecia Wong, second by Lynette Battle.

Motion Carried

Yes: Tiffany Capers, Lynette Battle, Michael A Jaime, Angel Ramos, Trecia Wong

Action: 8.2 Treasurer's Report

Motion to Receive the Treasurer's Report

Motion by Lynette Battle, second by Trecia Wong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tiffany Capers, Lynette Battle, Michael A Jaime, Angel Ramos, Trecia Wong

Action: 8.3 Budget Transfers

Motion to Approve is requested for Budget Transfers over \$5,000.

Motion by Lynette Battle, second by Trecia Wong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tiffany Capers, Lynette Battle, Michael A Jaime, Angel Ramos, Trecia Wong

Action: 8.4 SCOPE Educational Services

The Superintendent requests approval of a Professional Membership Agreement with SCOPE Education Services for services and benefits as per attached contract. Membership fees of \$3,264 will be waived for the period September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025.

Motion by Trecia Wong, second by Lynette Battle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tiffany Capers, Lynette Battle, Michael A Jaime, Angel Ramos, Trecia Wong

Information, Procedural: 8.5 Business Report- Items Noted for the Minutes

9. Committee Reports and Information Items

10. Closing Remarks (Board Members)

Information, Procedural: 10.1 Old Business

Mr. Ramos thanked all the Mystery Readers who participated in all the schools. The children really love to see their parents in the classroom. Mr. Ramos thanked all the teachers and principals who made this program happen.

Information, Procedural: 10.2 New Business

None

11. Audience Items

Information, Procedural: 11.1 Public Comment

None

Information, Procedural: 11.2 Next Regular Board of Education Meeting - Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 8:00 PM at Stewart Manor School

12. Adjournment

Procedural: 12.1 Motion to Adjourn Public Meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and contract negotiations.

Motion to adjourn public meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and contract negotiations.

Motion by Lynette Battle Second by Angel Ramos 5: Yes 0: No

Motion Carries

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM