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This is a certified copy of excerpts of minutes of the regular meeting of the Wildwood Board of Education held on January 8, 2020, in which the items below were approved.

The regular meeting of the Wildwood Board of Education was called to order by Board President, R. Todd Kieninger on January 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wildwood High School Library.

Those present were: Mrs. Carol Bannon, Ms. Toni Fucellaro, Mr. R. Todd Kieninger, Mr. David MacDonald, Mrs. Kelly Phillips, Mrs. Lynn Quinlan, Mrs. Mary Rulon, Ms. Roberta Joy Taylor, Mrs. Josephine Sharpe and Mr. Ernest Troiano. Also present were Superintendent, Mr. J. Kenyon Kummings, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mrs. Martha J. Jamison, CPA and School Solicitor, Kelli Prinz, Esq.

**** Approve Resolution: Authorize Participation in Latino Action v. State of NJ, et. als.**

Moved by Mrs. Bannon, seconded by Mr. Troiano, that the Board authorize the district's participation in Latino Action v State of New Jersey, et al, as follows:

WHEREAS, a coalition of advocacy groups and school children filed a Complaint for Declaratory Judgment on or about May 18, 2018 before the New Jersey Superior Court, Law Division challenging the New Jersey public education system and seeking a declaration that: 1) the residency-based public education system in New Jersey violates the New Jersey Constitution's and Civil Right Act's prohibitions against racial and ethnic discrimination in the public schools; 2) New Jersey statutes and codes, N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1, 18A:36A-8 and N.J.A.C. 6A:11-2.1(1), are invalid; and 3) the Commission of Education adopt a new assignment plan to achieve comprehensive desegregation and diversification of New Jersey public schools within and among school districts ("the Litigation"); and

WHEREAS, because of the express claims stating that New Jersey currently operates one of the most segregated public school systems in the nation – a school system that knowingly separates Blacks and Latino children by race and ethnicity and segregates White students in predominantly White districts; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood School District is a predominantly minority district being comprised of 59.29 percent Latino students; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Board of Education ("WWBOE") determined that intervention in the Litigation is warranted; and

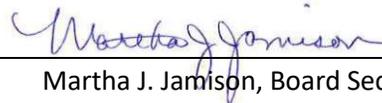
WHEREAS, the WWBOE believes that the interests of the Wildwood School District cannot be fairly and fully represented in the Litigation without participation of the District which will be directly impacted by any resolution of the Litigation; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the WWBOE hereby authorizes the participation of the WWBOE as a proposed intervenor in the Litigation, authorizes staff to assist the District and its Solicitor in preparation of and participation in the Litigation, and authorizes the WWBOE Solicitor to represent the WWBOE and the District in the Litigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WWBOE shall be solely responsible for the fees and costs of seeking to intervene in a participate in the Litigation so long as WWBOE is represented by the District's Solicitor;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that WWBOE does not authorize any payment or expenditure on such attorneys' fees or related costs of the Litigation except for any claims or advice sought specifically and solely by the WWBOE and as expressly approved by the WWBOE in a subsequent resolution.

Carried unanimously on roll call vote.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martha J. Jamison", is written above a horizontal line.

Martha J. Jamison, Board Secretary