

FINAL MINUTES
-SPECIAL MEETING-
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
JULY 18, 2017

The Special Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 and began at 6:02 p.m. in the High School/Middle School Media Center.

Present were: Mrs. Jeanne Freitag, Mr. George Luke, Mr. James Monaco, Mrs. Doris Wechtler, Mr. Douglas DeMatteo and Mrs. Louise Gerardi. Also present were Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. John DiPaola, Business Administrator / Board Secretary.

Roll call was taken. The Statement of Compliance, is hereby incorporated: In accordance with requirements of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, known as the "Open Public Meetings Act," this is to confirm that we are in compliance with the Sunshine Law and all appropriate postings and notices have been made. The following information is Board of Education Policy: "1) Any individual addressing the board of education is to state his/her name and address and sign the register at the podium. 2) No verbal accusation against any employee or member of the board of education shall be permitted. Such accusations may be presented in writing and will be given full consideration by the board of education. 3) No action will be taken by the board of education at the same meeting on requests from the public, which may necessitate either a new policy or a change in existing policy."

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Grieco discussed the following items:

- Lead Water Testing
- Additional State Aid

Committee Updates

Mrs. Freitag-Finance Committee met and went over bills, POs and agenda items.

At 6:10 p.m. the meeting was opened to the public on agenda items only. No one from the public spoke, so the session was closed.

Agenda Items were voted on.

At 6:15 p.m. the meeting was opened to the public for comments.

Mr. Doug Koban - 43 Ackerman Ave

* Spoke in detail on his plans for the Luigi Abramo Scoreboard

At 6:23 p.m. the public portion of the meeting was closed and opened for board comments:

Mrs. Wechtler-Progress

Mr. Luke-Shared Service with the town on Tennis Courts

Mr. Monaco-Progress

Mr. DeMatteo- Thanked everyone for their well wishes from his back surgery

Mrs. Gerardi- Jr. Police Academy was a success
Use of field & track by residents

Mrs. Freitag- Next meeting on August 22, 2017 will be at regular time 6:30 Work, 8:00
Regular

Mr. Grieco stated regarding Mrs. Gerardi's comment on use of the track and field by residents that this will be discussed in an Athletic Committee Meeting

At 6:25 p.m. the following Motion to go into closed session was made by Mrs. Wechtler and Seconded by Mr. Luke.

Whereas, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and Whereas, the Board is of the opinion that such circumstances exist. Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Elmwood Park Board of Education will meet in closed session to discuss legal and personnel issues and will disclose to the public the subject matter listed when circumstances dictate the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion passed all in favor.

Mrs. Freitag announced at 6:25 that no action will be taken after the closed session.

At 7:28 p.m. a Motion was made by Mr. Monaco, seconded by Mrs. Wechtler unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present, to close the session and return to public session.

At 7:29 a Motion was made by Mrs. Wechtler, seconded by Mr. Monaco unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present to adjourn the meeting.

I hereby certify these final summary minutes of the Special meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education in session on July 18, 2017 to be true and correct and in complete agreement with the official Minute Book of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John DiPaola", written in a cursive style.

John DiPaola
Business Administrator/Board Secretary



**Elmwood Park Board of Education
ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY**

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

July 18, 2017

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE MEDIA CENTER AT MEMORIAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 375 RIVER DRIVE, ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY.

A. OPENING: ROLL CALL, SUNSHINE STATEMENT, FLAG SALUTE

B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

C. COMMITTEE UPDATES

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

E. OPEN SESSION: REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA

1. PERSONNEL

2. STUDENTS

3. GENERAL

4. BUSINESS

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL

G. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS – OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

H. CLOSED SESSION – AS MAY BE REQUIRED

Whereas, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and Whereas, the Board is of the opinion that such circumstances exist. Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Elmwood Park Board of Education will meet in closed session to discuss personnel issues regarding an open position and non-bargaining contracts as well as a legal issue, and will disclose to the public the subject matter listed when circumstances dictate the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

I. ADJOURNMENT

1. PERSONNEL

A. EMPLOYMENT

1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the appointments of the following school administrators, principals, teachers, custodians and other officers and employees pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:16-1, N.J.A.C. 23A-6.8, and Board Policies 3141 and 4125, effective through for the 2017/2018 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check:

NAME	POSITION	UPC#	SALARY	LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Joseph Antonucci	Special Education Teacher	TCH.04.AUS.EL.01 11-214-100-101-04-000-00	Step 3A BA+30 \$53,593	Sixteenth Avenue	9/1/2017
Taylor Meurer	Occupational Therapist	TCH.05.OCCT.01 11-000-216-100-01-000-00	Step 1 MA+30 \$56,843	Sixteenth Avenue	8/1/2017
Sarah Taveras	5th Grade Teacher	TCH.02.SPEC. EL.06 11-204-100-101-02-000-00	Step 3 BA \$50,093	Gantner Avenue	9/1/2017
Megan Lubin	Special Education Teacher	TCH.03.SPEC.EL.0 1 11-213-100-101-03-000-00	Step 1 BA \$50,093	Gilbert Avenue	9/1/2017
Ayelet Kopel	Science Teacher	TCH.11.SCIN.MS. 01 11-130-100-101-11-012-00	Step 4A MA \$57,363	Memorial Middle School	9/1/2017
Elvia Acosta	Foreign Language Teacher	TCH.11.FORL.MS. 01 11-130-100-101-11-004-00	Step 3 MA \$53,843	Memorial Middle School	9/1/2017

B. RESIGNATION

1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education accept the following employee resignations pursuant to N.J.S.A;18A:28-8; and Board of Education Policy 3141 for the 2017/2018 school year:

NAME	POSITION	UPC#	LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Ashley Alexander	5th Grade Teacher	TCH.02.SPEC.EL.06 11-204-100-101-02-000-00	Gantner Avenue	7/11/2017

C. RETIREMENT

N/A

D. COACHES /STIPEND

1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends the board of education approve up to **5 additional work days for Taylor Meurer**, Occupational Therapist, at per diem rate from August 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017.

F. SUBSTITUTES

N/A

G. TRANSFER

N/A

H. MOVEMENT ON GUIDE/SALARY ADJUSTMENT

N/A

I. VOLUNTEER

N/A

J. FMLA/MATERNITY LEAVE/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *Maternity/Disability/Leave of Absence*, for:

N/A

K. WORKSHOP/TRAINING

N/A

L. STUDENT TEACHING OBSERVATION/PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP

N/A

M. PARAPROFESSIONALS

N/A

N. EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

N/A

O. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

N/A

P. GENERAL

N/A

Motion of: Mrs. Wechtler

Seconded By: Mr. Luke

Consent Vote on items: PA1-PD1

	FC	DD	LG	GL	JM	KP	DW	DA	JF
AYE		X	X	X	X		X		X
NAY									
ABSENT	X					X		X	
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

2. STUDENTS

- 1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *out of district placement(s)* as regulated by N.J.A.C. 6A:14 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18, Private/Public Schools for Students with Disabilities for the 2017/2018 school year as indicated:

SID	SCHOOL NAME	DATES	TOTAL TUITION
107166	Cresskill Public Schools	9/6/17 to 6/29/18	\$30,973.00
100879	Chancellor Academy	9/5/17 to 6/29/18	\$64,620.00
110283	North Jersey Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency	7/5/17 to 8/4/17 9/6/17 to 6/29/18	\$8,961.03 \$72,077.85
109919	Northern Valley Regional High School	7/3/17 to 7/31/17	\$6,719.09
108205	Benway School	7/18/17 to 8/15/17 9/7/17 to 6/26/18	\$8,010.24 \$70,184.96
103440	Benway School	9/7/17 to 6/26/18	\$70,184.96

NOTE: ALL COSTS ARE ESTIMATES AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND VERIFICATION.

- 2) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *out of district placement(s)* as regulated by N.J.A.C. 6A:14 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18, Private/Public Schools for Students with Disabilities for the 2016/2017 school year as indicated:

SID	SCHOOL NAME	DATES	TOTAL TUITION
9999	Paterson Public School District	9/26/16 to 1/4/17	\$4,317.60

NOTE: ALL COSTS ARE ESTIMATES AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND VERIFICATION.

- 3) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following *professional service providers* for the delivery of special education services to district students for the school year 2017/2018 school year as indicated:

PROVIDER NAME	SERVICE/EVALUATION	COST	DATES
State of New Jersey Department of Human Services Commission of the Blind and Visually Impaired (NJCBVI)	Educational Services for OOD Students 108538 and 108821	\$1,900.00 for each student	9/1/17 to 6/29/18
Platt Psychiatric Associates, LLC	Psychiatric Evaluations	\$825.00	7/3/17 to 6/29/18

NOTE: ALL COSTS ARE ESTIMATES AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND VERIFICATION.

Motion of: Mrs. Wechtler
Seconded By: Mr. Monaco

Consent Vote on items: S1 to S3

	FC	DD	LG	GL	JM	KP	DW	DA	JF
AYE		X	X	X	X		X		X
NAY									
ABSENT	X					X		X	
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

3. GENERAL

- G1. Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the **2017-2018 Statement of Assurance for the Comprehensive Equity Plan**, for 2016 to 2019.
- G2. Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the **Shared Service Agreement between the Borough of Elmwood Park and the Elmwood Park Board of Education for the sharing of services for renovations and improvements to the District's Tennis Courts under a grant application of the Borough as well as use of the courts when renovations are complete.**
- G3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby certifies that Mr. Anthony Grieco has satisfactorily achieved (2) Qualitative Merit Goals and (2) Quantitative Merit Goals for the 2016/2017 school year, and approves payment of the merit bonus for achievement of these goals based upon approval authorizing payment by the Executive County Superintendent (as submitted).
- G4. Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the **grant** request for the acceptance of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Grant for 2017-18 in the amounts of \$638,334 (Title I); \$74,312 (Title II-Part A); \$27,560 (Title III); \$8,165 (Title III -Immigrant); \$10,000 (Title IV) for the 2017-18 school year and approves to file an amendment to the application for 2016-17 carryover funds.

Motion of: Mrs. Wechtler

Second by: Mr. Monaco

Consent Vote on item G1-G4:

	FC	DD	LG	GL	JM	KP	DW	DA	JF
AYE		X	X	X	X		X		X
NAY									
ABSENT	X					X		X	
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED				X G3			X G3		

4. BUSINESS

M. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

M1. BE IT RESOLVED: that the minutes of the following meeting be accepted:

Regular Meeting	June 27, 2017
Closed Session #1	June 27, 2017
Closed Session #2	June 27, 2017

Motion of: Mrs. Gerardi
Seconded by: Mr. Monaco

Consent Vote on items: M1

	FC	DD	LG	GL	JM	KP	DW	DA	JF
AYE		X	X	X	X		X		X
NAY									
ABSENT	X					X		X	
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

F. FINANCIAL

F1. CONFIRMATION OF BILLS AND WARRANTS FOR JUNE 28, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED: that, based upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the bills payable by check numbers 25063 through 25142 totaling \$742,984.88 and wire transfers totaling \$1,364,613.82 from Spencer Savings Bank Board of Education General Account, check numbers 1296 through 1297 totaling \$196.40 from board of education Food Service Account, and check number 235 totaling \$73.29 from the 2014 referendum projects account which were reviewed by the Finance Committee, be confirmed for payment.

F2. CONFIRMATION OF BILLS AND WARRANTS FOR JULY 18, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED: that, based upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the bills payable by check numbers 25143 through 25158 totaling \$151,407.71 from Spencer Savings Bank Board of Education General Account from the 2014 referendum projects account which were reviewed by the Finance Committee, be confirmed for payment.

F3. PAYROLL CONFIRMATION

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education confirms the action of the board secretary/business administrator in issuing the payroll for June 30, 2017 in the total amount of \$114,353.33.

F4. ACCEPTANCE OF EXTRAORDINARY STATE AID 2016-2017

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education does hereby accept extraordinary aid in the amount of \$330,076 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Education for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion of: Mrs. Wechtler
 Seconded by: Mr. Monaco

Consent Vote on items: F1-F4

	FC	DD	LG	GL	JM	KP	DW	DA	JF
AYE		X	X	X	X		X		X
NAY									
ABSENT	X					X		X	
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED				F3 #156013			F3 #156234		

B. BUSINESS

BG1. SALE OF OBSOLETE BOOKS

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the board of education approves the sale of obsolete books on the list submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-45 (f-g) to Follet School Solutions in an amount \$1,839.02.

Motion of: Mrs. Wechtler
 Seconded by: Mr. Luke

Consent Vote on items: BG1

	FC	DD	LG	GL	JM	KP	DW	DA	JF
AYE		X	X	X	X		X		X
NAY									
ABSENT	X					X		X	
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

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John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary



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**AGENDA
ADDENDUM
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 18, 2017**

1. PERSONNEL

D. COACHES /STIPEND

2) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the extra-curricular activity/student activity position for the 2017/2018 school year, as listed in the categories below, pending criminal background check and substitute certification.

Name	Position	Salary	Location	Start Date	End Date
Steven Deliz	Football Assistant Coach	\$4,726.00 Step 1	High School	7/19/2017	6/30/2018

Motion of: Mr. Luke

Seconded by: Mrs. Wechtler

Consent Vote on items: PD2

	FC	DD	LG	GL	JM	KP	DW	DA	JF
AYE		X	X	X	X		X		X
NAY									
ABSENT	X					X		X	
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

B. BUSINESS

BG2. USE OF FACILITIES – APPROVALS – OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the board of education approves the requests for Use of School Facilities from outside organizations, pending receipt of required documentation according to Board Policy #7510.

Motion of: Mrs. Wechtler

Seconded by: Mr. Luke

Consent Vote on items: BG2

	FC	DD	LG	GL	JM	KP	DW	DA	JF
AYE		X	X	X	X		X		X
NAY									
ABSENT	X					X		X	
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

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