

**FINAL MINUTES
-WORK MEETING-
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER 19, 2017**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 and began at 6:00 p.m. for the purposes on a formal request for a HIB Hearing, the meeting was held in the High School/Middle School Faculty Room. Present were: Mr. Keith Cannizzo, Mr. Doug DeMatteo, Mrs. Jeanne Freitag, Mrs Louise Gerardi, Mr. George Luke, Mr. James Monaco, Mrs. Kathleen Policano, and Mrs. Doris Wechtler. Also present were Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. John DiPaola, Business Administrator / Board Secretary, Ms. Frances Febres, Board Attorney and Mr. Angelo DeSimone, State Monitor.

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."

At 6:02 p.m. the below listed motion to go into closed session was made by Mr. Monaco and Seconded by Mrs. Gerardi and unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present.

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 for a hearing on an HIB matter and will disclose to the public the subject matter listed when circumstances dictate the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

At 6:49 p.m. a Motion was made by Mrs. Wechtler and Seconded by Mrs. Gerardi to return to the public session to conduct the work meeting and unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present.

At 6:50 p.m. the public work meeting began. Present were: Mr. Keith Cannizzo, Mr. Doug DeMatteo, Mrs. Jeanne Freitag, Mrs Louise Gerardi, Mr. George Luke, Mr. James Monaco, Mrs. Kathleen Policano, and Mrs. Doris Wechtler. Also present were Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. John DiPaola, Business Administrator / Board Secretary, Mr. Angelo DeSimone, State Monitor, Ms. Frances Febres, Board Attorney, and Mrs. Darla Palmesino, Confidential Executive Secretary, for the taking of minutes, and members of the public.

The agenda was reviewed.

At 7:02 p.m. the meeting was opened to the public. No one spoke

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At 7:28 a Motion to adjourn the session was made by Mrs. Wechtler and Seconded by Mr. Monaco and unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present.

**FINAL MINUTES
-REGULAR MEETING-
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER 19, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 and began at 8:05 p.m. in the High School/Middle School Auditorium.

Present were: Mr. Keith Cannizzo, Mr. Doug DeMatteo, Mrs. Jeanne Freitag, Mrs Louise Gerardi, Mr. George Luke, Mr. James Monaco, Mrs. Kathleen Policano, and Mrs. Doris Wechtler. Also present were Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. John DiPaola, Business Administrator / Board Secretary, Mr. Angelo DeSimone, State Monitor, Ms. Frances Febres, Board Attorney, and Mrs. Darla Palmesino, Confidential Executive Secretary, for the taking of minutes, and members of the public.

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Mrs. Freitag read the following statement regarding the meeting procedure:

Good evening.

There are many people here tonight and I would like to inform everyone how the meeting will proceed.

The first public comments session of the meeting is for agenda items only.

Following all Board agenda resolutions, there will be another public portion. This is for general items and non-agenda issues can be brought up.

All individuals addressing the Board should direct their comments to me as Board President.

Please only one person may speak at a time.

You must state your name and address and write this information on the sheet provided at the podium.

Speak into the microphone so all can hear you.

I have never limited the amount of time that one can speak but I reserve the right to do so if I feel it is warranted.

Please do not mention the names of any children including your own.

Please be aware that this meeting is being recorded in both audio and video formats.

Please be respectful and responsible in your comments.

Thank you.

State Monitor's Report

- New budget for 2018-19 year
- New governor - State Aid

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Grieco read Resolutions G5A and G5B from Addendum 1. He spoke personally of Mrs. Policano and Mrs. Wechtler.
- Mr. Grieco presented certificates to the girls' volleyball team for winning the NJIC tournament. He thanked the coaches, Mr. Zilz and Mrs. Voight for all their hard work with the students.
- Wished everyone happy holidays

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee - Mrs. Freitag

- Reviewed Bills, Purchase Orders and Checks
- Reviewed preliminary drawing of MS/HS front sign
- Dates for budget

At 8:22 the meeting was opened to the public on agenda items only.

Mr. Daniel Golabek - EP Resident

- Thanked Mrs. Policano and Mrs. Wechtler for their years of service to the community

Mrs. Perna - EP Resident

- Thanked Mrs. Policano and Mrs. Wechtler for their years of service to the community

Mrs. Sandra Balistreri - EP Resident

- Thanked Mrs. Policano and Mrs. Wechtler for their years of service to the community

At 8:26 p.m. the public portion was closed.

At 8:30 p.m. Mr. Grieco opened Public Comments by reading statements that are *attached* (Attachment 1A & 1B). He also announced that the Air Quality Testing results had been posted on the district web site, which is also *attached* (attachment 2).

At the conclusion of reading the statements, Mr. Grieco announced several professionals were present at the meeting to discuss what had transpired at Gantner School regarding air quality from December 13-15. Mr. Grieco introduced the professionals who each spoke, and took questions from the public.

Dr. Fiengold from St. Joseph's Hospital

- He saw 11 students at hospital who had high CO levels from EMS tests
- Safe levels were indicated through blood tests done at the hospital (most accurate test) the 11 students were released
- He then answered parents' questions about CO levels

Bergen County EMS - Mr. McNally & Mr. Rose

- RAD57 devices were used to screen students (non-evasive test - Blood test are more accurate)
- Multiple EMS units were at the scene
- Mr. McNally was present day of evacuation
- Students with higher levels received oxygen
- Students were calm and taken care of at fire house
- Parents of students with higher levels were notified and advised to take them to hospital

Mr. Thomas Bishoff - Bergen County Supervisor - HAZMAT Unit

- Assisted with air monitoring at school
- Installed gas meter to test for CO levels, etc. in the school
- Conducted several Air Quality tests
- All air quality tests were negative at Gantner School and the firehouse

Chief of EP Police - Mike Foligno

- Was at scene first while the fire department on route
- Made call for evacuation
- Police from 5 different agencies present at site
- Students were all evacuated safely
- Everyone did an outstanding job in the situation

Chief of EP Fire Department - Bill Shadwell

- Met with police chief at the site
- Investigated building for odor, CO readings were negative
- Along with HAZMAT cleared the building

Fred Larson - Environmental Consultant from Enviro Vision

- Conducted air quality testing
- Friday - tests verified HAZMAT results as all levels were negative
- Workers have been and will continue to be at Gantner all week continuing testing

At 9:07 p.m. the meeting was opened to the public.

Mark Irwin (Parent) 70A Garden Drive

- Thanked administration for doing a great job
- Son went to hospital
- Why did evacuation take so long
- Concerns about how many people were leaving building via ambulance
- What type of HVAC system at school

Marlene Castillo - 9 Beech Street

- Thanked administration for doing a great job
- Has a kindergarten child - not affected
- What is difference between CO and Gycol
- Was there a leak in HVAC system, were ducts cleaned
- What will be done long-term

Mark Wint (Parent) 28 Roosevelt Ave

- Administration did excellent job
- Concerned why so many students had high levels of CO
- What will be done to prevent this from happening again

Mr. Grieco

- Monitoring of school will continue
- Discussing long term plans

Donna Miller (Parent) 10 Kipp Ave

- Weather conditions have not been the same during testing as day of evacuation
- Text message was unacceptable - should have received phone call

Mike Bennet (Parent) 42 Pine St

- Thanked all emergency personnel
- Thanked Mr. Grieco
- RAD57 device - what is error rate = 2%
- What type of heat at firehouse day of evacuation
- HAZMAT timeline from evacuation to testing

Robert (last name not provided)(Parent) 179 Fencsak Ave

- Thanked all initial responders
- Better testing?
- Suggested a parent liaison for implementing a better response
- Notification was not quick enough
- Can blankets be given out to parents?

Chief Faligno responded

- Response was very well implemented and very well organized

Mark Irwin (Parent) 70A Garden Drive

- Do we have an attendance policy for students who are staying out

Mr. Grieco responded

- Will talk to parents on personal level
- State does not recognize “excused” absences

Angie Rojas (Parent) 127 Palsa Ave

- Son had level 10 of CO and was taken to hospital
- Son hasn't returned to school
- What is School's long term plan if it has to close longer

At 10:16 the meeting was closed to the public and opened for board comments.

Mr. Cannizzo

- Wished Doris and Kathy well and they will be missed. Thanked them for all their help and service to the community
- Mr. Grieco did a great job
- Suggested implementing the Superintendent Night at all schools
- Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Mr. DeMatteo

- Thanked Doris and Kathy for years of service
- First responders did great job
- Thanked Gantner Ave staff
- There are 3 CO detectors at school - State law near boilers
- Thanked Jeanne for dinner
- Happy Holidays

Mr. Luke

- Thanked Doris - on board of decades
- Thanked Kathy - taught all 4 kids
- Thanked Jeanne for dinner
- Happy Holidays

Mr. Monaco

- Kathy and Doris will be missed
- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
- Congratulated Students of the Month

Mrs. Policano

- Almost 40 years in district and on board - Always a pleasure
- Thanked all secretaries for doing a great job - schools would close without them
- Congratulated new board members and wished them well
- Thanked Mr. Grieco

Mrs. Wechtler

- Served 4 terms, 5 superintendents
- Mr. Grieco - one special man! Great superintendent!
- Commended all teachers, staff and administration
- Thanked everyone!

Mrs. Gerardi

- Thanked Jeanne for diner
- Wrestling season - 4th place @ tournament
- Congratulated Tom Mulligan for being a great coach
- Thanked Mrs. Solicito, PTO
- Thanked Mrs. Jackter for running the school so well
- Wished Doris and Kathy well and they will be missed
- Implementation of Superintendent's Night - a great idea
- Happy Holidays

Mrs. Freitag

- Discussed situation at Ganter - she was at school
- Attended basketball game
- PARCC Night was great but only 10 parents in attendance
- Thanked Doris and Kathy for their years of service
- Reorganization meeting - January 4, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. in media center

At 10:45 p.m. a Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Wechtler seconded by Mr. Cannizzo and unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present.

I hereby certify these final summary minutes of the meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education in session on December 19, 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 cursive script, appearing to read "John DiPaola", written in black ink.

John DiPaola
Business Administrator/Board Secretary



Elmwood Park Board of Education
ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY

AGENDA

WORK MEETING

December 19, 2017

A WORK MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. THE BOARD WILL IMMEDIATELY GO INTO CLOSED SESSION BEFORE THE 6:30 PUBLIC WORK MEETING IN THE FACULTY CAFETERIA AT MEMORIAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 375 RIVER DRIVE, ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY.

A. OPENING: ROLL CALL, SUNSHINE STATEMENT

B. CLOSED SESSION

C . RETURN TO PUBLIC/ OPEN SESSION: REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA

1. PERSONNEL
2. STUDENTS
3. GENERAL
4. BUSINESS

D. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS – OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

F. CLOSED SESSION

G. ADJOURNMENT



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

REGULAR MEETING

December 19, 2017

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING AT 8:00 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. PRESENTATIONS:

- STATE MONITOR'S REPORT
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 - Students of the Month
 - Girls Volleyball Team

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, congratulates and recommends that the board of education acknowledge the **achievement(s)** of the following students for being selected as **Students of the Month** for November, 2017.

GILBERT AVENUE SCHOOL STUDENT
NAME GRADE

Rohan Thakkar	K
Orieas Rodriguez	K
Sofia Valenzuela	K
Kristina Petrovski	1
Josiah Rosado	1
Aila Mrkulic	2
Katelyn Gentles	2
Daniel Castillo	2
Deonna Andrews	3
Alliyah Pestano	3
Priscila Alcala	3
Emanuel Rodriguez	4
Hahna Valladares Rodriguez	4
Kirsten Marcelin	4
David Hlawacz	5
Vicky Panagopoulos	5
Ashley Morgan	5

GANTNER AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAMEGRADE

Alexa Persico	K
Tyler Macalaguim	K
Kaity Ramirez	1
Tegan Petretti	1
Subhi Jbara	1
Alex Fasolo	2
Naoki Lopez	2
Michael Centkowski	2
Rhea Trapnell	3
Gianna Solicito	3
Matthew Cisowski	3
Emily Skawinska	4
Nikki Snyder	4
Krystian Malkowski	5
Brianna Sirianni	5
Alexander Soltys	5
Carlos Alvarez	5

SIXTEENTH AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAMEGRADE

Laylah Arambulo	Pre-K
Javier Pagan	Pre-K
Gabriela Montoya	Pre-K

Chriselda Ankomah	Pre-K
Arif Chowdhury	Pre-K
Davian Lanfranco	K
Hussein Elrada	K
DonJuan Gary	K
Laya Walker	K
David Parian	1
Laila Fairley	1
Julie Yowakim	1
Chris Francisco	1
Jonathan Jo	2
Jordana Policano	2
Sophia Chavarria	2
Kaitlyn Pressler	3
Trisden Olivio	3
Adamaris Vergara	3
Chloe Gonzalez	4
Klaudia Broda	4
Alyssa Pepe	4
Clive Ombajin	4
Summer Rinaldi	5
Yana Janevska	5
Jenna Davis	5

MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAMEGRADE

Walter Rivera	6
Elizabeth Gontol	7
Marcelo Okumura	8

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT NAMEGRADE

Brittany Rivas-Lazala	9
Priti Patel	10
Dylan Roche	11
Alexandra Trochim	12

1. PERSONNEL

A. EMPLOYMENT

N/A

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
Connor Walsh	One to One Aide	AIDE.11.1TO1.NA.01 11-000-217-100-11-909-00	Memorial Middle School	12/22/17

Alyssa Jahren	One to One Aide	AIDE.04.1TO1.NA.11 11-000-217-200-04-909-00	Sixteenth Avenue	12/22/17
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C. RETIREMENT

- 1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *accept* the letter of intent to retire from *Mr. Bryan Turton*, Maintenance, effective April 1, 2018, with regret.

D. COACHES /STIPEND

N/A

E. APPOINTMENT OF AIDES

- 1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the appointment of the following aides pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:16-1 and Board Policy 4125, effective For the 2017/2018 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check:

NAME	POSITION	UPC #	SALARY	LOCATIO N	EFFECTIVE DATE
Shakerra Irby-Mason	One to One Aide	AIDE.04.1TO1. NA.20 11-000-217-100-04- 909-00	\$13.50 (Hour)	Sixteenth Avenue	Upon Completion of Background Check
Maria Diaz	One to One Aide	AIDE.04.1TO1. NA.11 11-000-217-100-04- 909-00	\$13.50 (Hour)	Sixteenth Avenue	Upon Completion of Background Check

NOTE: These appointments cannot exceed 29 hours per week and do not include benefits, vacations, health benefits, sick leave, sabbatical leave, or any other benefits provided by contract between the Elmwood Park Education Association and the Elmwood Park Board of Education

F. SUBSTITUTES

- 1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the **appointment** of the following substitutes for the 2017/2018 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check:

Halle Giglio

NOTE: These appointments cannot exceed 29 hours per week and do not include benefits, vacations, health benefits, sick leave, sabbatical leave, or any other benefits provided by contract between the Elmwood Park Education Association and the Elmwood Park Board of Education

G. TRANSFER

N/A

H. MOVEMENT ON GUIDE/SALARY ADJUSTMENT

- 1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the **movement on guide** for the following school administrators, principals, teachers, custodians and other officers and employees pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:16-1 and 18A:29-13 and local contractual agreement:

Name	Current Step	Proposed Step	Location	Effective
Ashton Michalski	Step 3A BA+15 \$52,468	Step 3A BA+30 \$53,593	Gilbert Avenue	1/1/18
Nicole Zanetakos	Step 4 BA+30 \$54,963	Step 4 MA \$55,713	Gilbert Avenue	1/1/18

I. VOLUNTEER

1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the **appointment** of the following volunteers for the 2017/2018 school year, pending results of a criminal background check:

Name	Position	Location	Effective
Matthew Dare	Basketball Coach	Memorial Middle School	Upon Completion of Background Check

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:

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	FROM	TO
Karen Rubinstein	Memorial High School	ESL Teacher	11/27/17 <i>(Unpaid Leave)</i>	1/3/18

K. WORKSHOP/TRAINING

1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following request for the 2017/2018 school year, for the following employees to attend workshops:

NAME	POSITION	DATE	SUB REQUIRED	COST	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sueanne Pace	Memorial High School Spanish Teacher	1/16/18	Yes	\$75.00 To be paid by the 2017-2018 ESEA Grant Title IIA	Differentiating Lessons with Google Apps	Paramus, NJ
Aneta	Memorial	1/16/18	Yes	\$75.00	Differentiating	Paramus, NJ

Sutkowska	Middle School Special Education			To be paid by the 2017-2018 ESEA Grant Title IIA	Lessons with Google Apps	
Lindsay Fitzpatrick	Grade 2 Teacher	1/23/18 & 1/24/18	Yes	None	NGSS Items, Tasks and Rubrics for LS1; LS1C; LS1;D	Lyndhurst, NJ
Monica Brown	Supervisor Of Instruction	1/23/18 & 1/24/18	No	None	NGSS Items, Tasks and Rubrics for LS1; LS1C; LS1;D	Lyndhurst, NJ
Bridget White	Memorial Middle School LAL Teacher	1/25/18	Yes	None	The Reflective Educator	Ridgewood, NJ
Stephanie Petitto	Memorial High School LAL Teacher	1/25/18	Yes	\$259.00 To be paid by the 2017-2018 ESEA Grant Title IIA	Strategies! Strategies! Strategies! Strengthen your Writing Instruction to Significantly Increase Students Writing	West Orange, NJ
Angel Justiniano	Technology Coordinator	1/25/18 & 1/26/18	No	\$425.00 To be paid by the 2017-2018 ESEA Grant Title IIA	NJASA Techsop "18"	Atlantic City, NJ
Moises Cordero	Assistant Technology Coordinator	1/25/18	No	\$275.00 To be paid by the 2017-2018 ESEA Grant Title IIA	NJASA Techsop "18"	Atlantic City, NJ

Carmelina Buffa	Education Technology Specialist	1/25/18	No	\$275.00 To be paid by the 2017-2018 ESEA Grant Title IIA	NJASA Techsop "18"	Atlantic City, NJ
Veronica Alfonso	Assistant Associate Media Specialist	1/25/18	No	\$275.00 To be paid by the 2017-2018 ESEA Grant Title IIA	NJASA Techsop "18"	Atlantic City, NJ
Tara Kunkel	Elementary School Teacher	1/30/18	Yes	\$259.00 To be paid by the 2017-2018 ESEA Grant Title IIA	Increase All your Students' Learning with Practical, Timesaving Work Stations that Work	West Orange, NJ
Ellen Kissane Rosenberg	Sixteenth Avenue School Nurse	2/7/18	No	None	2018 Statewide Preschool Nurses' Meeting	Neptune, NJ
Allison Warren	Memorial Middle School Special Education Teacher	2/13/18	Yes	None	Succeeding with Challenging Students	Teaneck, NJ
Angel Justiniano	Technology Coordinator	2/28/18	No	None	Mandatory District Test Coordinator Training	Whippany, NJ
Mohammed Saadeh	Director of Pupil Personnel and Testing	3/1/18	No	None	Mandatory District Test Coordinator Training	Whippany, NJ
Vincent Benenati	Director of Facilities	3/12/18 & 3/13/18	No	\$200.00 To be paid by the 2017-	2018 NJSBGA Expo/NSPMA Conference	Atlantic City, NJ

				2018 ESEA Grant Title IIA		
Laura Livelli	Memorial Middle School Math Teacher	3/16/18	Yes	\$185.00 To be paid by the 2017- 2018 ESEA Grant Title IIA	Google and the Student Centered Math	Paramus, NJ
Leena Fadel	Memorial High School Guidance Counselor	3/22/18	No	\$125.00 To be paid by the 2017- 2018 ESEA Grant Title IIA	Practical Guide to School Safety Team Management & Positive School Culture	Lodi, NJ
Danielle Leva	Student Assistance Counselor	3/22/18	No	\$125.00 To be paid by the 2017- 2018 ESEA Grant Title IIA	Practical Guide to School Safety Team Management & Positive School Culture	Lodi, NJ

L. STUDENT TEACHING OBSERVATION/PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP

- 1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *confirm/approve* the Observation/Practicum/Internship as listed below:

Name	School	From	To	Teacher	Subject
Erica Mulkey- Koltzen	Sixteenth Avenue	1/18/18	5/3/18	Laura Cioffi	Grade 2
Emily Lotwich	Gilbert Avenue	1/22/18	5/11/18	Alexis Hayton	Kindergarten

M. PARAPROFESSIONALS

N/A

N. EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

N/A

O. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

N/A

P. GENERAL

N/A

Motion of: Mrs. Wechtler
Seconded By: Mrs. Gerardi

Consent Vote on items: PA2-PL1

	KC	DD	GL	JM	KP	DW	LG	JF
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY								
ABSENT								
ABSTAINED								
RECUSED			PK1 (ALFONSO)					

3. GENERAL

G1. Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *activity/events/fundraisers/etc.* request for the 2017-2018 school year as listed below:

School Activity	Loc./ Sch.	Date/Time	Participants	Adm./Teach. Coach/Advis.
Pajama Drive - Scholastic Book Club matches each new pair of pajamas donated with a brand new book to a child in need.	Gantner Avenue	TBD	Gantner Avenue All Students	Ms. Burniston
Digital Skills Club - To increase students typing skills and knowledge of application of Google apps.	M.S. Room 116 and Media Center	Wed., 12/20/17 - 6/30/18 2:50 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	M.S. Students	Ms. Lasocha
Ugly Holiday Sweater students will donate \$2.00 for 2nd grade materials	Sixteenth Avenue	Thur., 12/21/17 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Sixteenth Avenue All Students	Ms. Nova Ms. Ribeiro Ms. Cioffi
Gilbert Avenue PTO & The Art of Self Defense - parent's night out for the holidays games, pizza and movie. \$25.00 per child with 50% of the proceeds going back to Gilbert Avenue PTO	The Art of Self Defense 15 Wallace Street Elmwood Park	Sat., 12/23/17 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Gilbert Avenue All Students	Ms. Dennis
Trip to the Mystery Room - Math Club will use logic to find their way out of an escape room	Rockaway, NJ	Thur., 5/10/18 8:05 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.	H.S. Math Club Members	Ms. Foti Ms. Romanchuk Ms. Sebes Mr. Borchers
Urban Air Trampoline and Adventure Park - To promote class unity	South Hackensack, NJ	Fri., 1/19/18 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	H.S. Sophomore Students	Ms. Pareja
Cherrydale Farms Catalog - Students will sell items to friends and family	Gilbert Avenue	February - April 2018	Gilbert Avenue All Students	Ms. Dennis

Used Book Drive/Sale	Gilbert Avenue Art Room	TBD	Gilbert Avenue All Students/Faculty	Ms. Dennis
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G2. Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the resolution to recognize January 2018 as ***School Board Recognition Month*** and urge all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

**School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey
January 2018**

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2018 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Elmwood Park Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Elmwood Park Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key

4. BUSINESS

M. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

Regular Meeting	November 28, 2017
Closed Session	November 28, 2017
Special Meeting	December 11, 2017
Closed Session	December 11, 2017

Motion of: Mrs. Wechtler
Seconded by: Mrs. Gerardi

Consent Vote on items: M1

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

F. FINANCIAL

F1. FINANCIAL REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education accepts the November 2017, financial report, as submitted, which include the monthly Board Secretary's Report, Transfer Report, and the Treasurer of School Moneys Report for the respective

month endings. The Board notes that the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports are in balance for the cash receipts and disbursements for the respective month endings.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, the board of education secretary certifies that as of November 2017, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, the board of education secretary certifies that as of November 2017, after review of the District's monthly financial reports no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

F2. CONFIRMATION OF BILLS AND WARRANTS

BE IT RESOLVED: that, based upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the bills payable by check numbers 25634 through 25767 totaling \$776,566.98 and wire transfers totaling \$1,394,615.13 from Spencer Savings Bank Board of Education General Account, check numbers 1311 through 1314 totaling \$95,199.76 from board of education Food Service 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 November 30, 2017 in the total amount of \$909,684.71.

F4. PAYROLL CONFIRMATION

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education confirms the action of the board secretary/business administrator in issuing the payroll for December 15, 2017 in the total amount of \$1,019,336.67

F5. ALLOCATION OF COMPENSATION AND FUNDING SOURCE 2017-2018 TITLE I GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve that the below listed employee be compensated for Class Coverage as per School Improvement Plan for the 2017-2018 school year under Title I Grant, Account # 20-231-100-101-11-000-00. Compensation set at \$30 per session.

Rosette Hlinka

Motion of: Mrs. Wechtler

Seconded by: Mrs. Policano

Consent Vote on items: F1-F5

	KC	DD	GL	JM	KP	DW	LG	JF
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY								
ABSENT								
ABSTAINED								
RECUSED			F3 #158980 F4 #159341			F3 #159283 F4#159648		

L. LEGAL

L1. APPROVAL OF CHROMEBOOK PURCHASE

BE IT RESOLVED: that, the board of education does hereby approve to purchase 180 chromebooks and licenses at a cost of \$42,840 which are to be purchased from CDWG pursuant to the NJ State approved Cooperative Contract through the Educational Services Commission Contract MRESC 65 MCE.

Motion of: Mrs. Gerardi
Seconded by: Mrs. Policano

Consent Vote on items: L1

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

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John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary



**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY**

**AGENDA
ADDENDUM 1
REGULAR MEETING
December 19, 2017**

1. PERSONNEL

B. RESIGNATION

- 2) 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
Elvia Acosta	Foreign Language Teacher	TCH.11.FORL.MS.01 11-130-100-101-11-004-00	Memorial Middle School	1/19/18 <i>(Revised from Oct. 17, 2017 Addendum)</i>

E. APPOINTMENT OF AIDES

- 2) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the appointment of the following aides pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:16-1 and Board Policy 4125, effective For the 2017/2018 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check:

NAME	POSITION	UPC #	SALARY	LOCATIO N	EFFECTIVE DATE
Angelina Montes DeOca	One to One Aide	AIDE.04.1TO1. NA.17 11-000-217--100- 04-909-00	\$13.50 (Hour)	Sixteenth Avenue	Upon Completion of Background Check
Javier Santiago	One to One Aide	AIDE.04.1TO1. NA.18 11-000-217--100- 04-909-00	\$13.50 (Hour)	Sixteenth Avenue	Upon Completion of Background Check
Jerry Louis Rivas Vivas	One to One Aide	AIDE.04.1TO1. NA.23 11-000-217--100- 04-909-00	\$13.50 (Hour)	Sixteenth Avenue	Upon Completion of Background Check

NOTE: These appointments cannot exceed 29 hours per week and do not include benefits, vacations, health benefits, sick leave, sabbatical leave, or any other benefits provided by contract between the Elmwood Park Education Association and the Elmwood Park Board of Education

K. WORKSHOP TRAINING

- 2) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following *requests* for the 2017-2018 school year, for the following employees to attend workshops:

NAME	POSITION	DATE	SUB REQUIRED	COST	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Taylor Meurer	Occupational Therapist	1/17/18	No	\$219.00 To be paid by the 2017- 2018 ESEA Grant Title IIA	Practical & Effective Strategies for Integrating Sensory & Motor Learning	Toms River, NJ
Laurie Zeltzer	Occupational Therapist	TBD	No	\$399.00 To be paid by	Treating the Whole Child with	Online Course

				the 2017-2018 ESEA Grant Title IIA	Pediatric Rehab	
Nicole Thompson	Supervisor of Instruction	1/25/18	No	None	The Reflective Educator	Ridgewood, NJ

M) PARAPROFESSIONALS

1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *confirm/approve* paraprofessional appointment, as listed below for the 2017/2018 school year:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Debra Moat	High School Competition Cheer <i>(Unpaid)</i>	Upon Completion of Background Check
Heron DeDios	High School Open Gym <i>(Unpaid)</i>	Upon Completion of Background Check

NOTE: These appointments cannot exceed 29 hours per week and do not include benefits, vacations, health benefits, sick leave, sabbatical leave, or any other benefits provided by contract between the Elmwood Park Education Association and the Elmwood Park Board of Education

Motion of: Mrs. Gerardi
 Seconded by: Mrs. Policano

Consent Vote on items: PE2-PM2

	KC	DD	GL	JM	KP	DW	LG	JF
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY								
ABSENT								
ABSTAINED								
RECUSED				M1				

3. GENERAL

G4. Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *activity/events/fundraisers/etc.* request for the 2017/2018 school year:

School Activity	Loc./ Sch.	Date/Time	Participants	Adm./Teach. Coach/Advis.
Zumba Class - PTO fundraiser to benefit the 5th grade graduation	Sixteenth Avenue Gym	Fri., 1/12/18 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Sixteenth Avenue Students/Parents	Ms. Lambert
Smurfs Movie: The Lost Village! - money raised to purchase classroom materials for the Kindergarten class	Sixteenth Avenue Gym	Fri., 1/12/18 3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	Sixteenth Avenue K- 3rd grade students	Ms. DiPasquale Ms. Cohen Ms. Fisher
HS Volleyball team will have open gym sessions	Middle School Gym	Wed., 12/20/17 - Thur., 5/31/18 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	JV/V Teams	Ms. Voigt Ms. Stec Ms. Romero

G5. Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *Resolutions Regarding the Accomplishments of Board Trustees.*

- A. Board Trustee, Mrs. Kathleen Policano
- B. Board Trustee, Mrs. Doris Wechtler

G5A. RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BOARD TRUSTEE, MRS. KATHLEEN POLICANO

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kathleen Policano, a respected and dedicated Trustee of the Elmwood Park Board of Education since 2011, gave unsparingly of her time and energies toward the betterment of our school system; **AND**

WHEREAS, Mrs. Policano has served with dedication, dignity and decorum on a Board of Education comprised of nine elected officials; **AND**

WHEREAS, that the Elmwood Park Board of Education hereby acknowledges with gratitude those services rendered by Mrs. Policano; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the Elmwood Park Board of Education thank and commend Mrs. Kathleen Policano for her service as Trustee of the Elmwood Park Board of Education and recognized her dedication to the children and families of Elmwood Park, and wishes her good health and much personal happiness in her future endeavors; **AND, BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the Secretary to the Board of Education be directed to spread this Resolution in full upon the Minutes and that the Superintendent of Schools present a copy of this Resolution to Mrs. Kathleen Policano.

G5B. RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BOARD TRUSTEE, MRS. DORIS WECHTLER

WHEREAS, Mrs. Doris Wechtler, a respected and dedicated Trustee of the Elmwood Park Board of Education serving four (4) terms beginning in 1986, gave unsparingly of her time and energies toward the betterment of our school system; **AND**

4. BUSINESS

L. LEGAL

L2. APPROVAL OF COST REDUCTION ON ROOF REHABILITATION PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education does hereby approve to a contract reduction in the amount of \$44,622.01 as agreed to by both the district and the company, Weatherproofing Technologies (WTI)/Tremco Roofing and that both parties agree that the district is to deduct this amount from the original contracted amount.

Motion of: Mrs. Wechtler
Seconded by: Mrs. Policano

Consent Vote on items: L2

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AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY								
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RECUSED								

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