

**FINAL MINUTES – WORK MEETING – REGULAR MEETING
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
JUNE 24, 2014**

There was a Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at 6:30 in the Memorial High School Teachers' Cafeteria.

Present were: Dough DeMatteo, Jeanne Freitag, Daniel Golabek, Kathleen Policano, Arlene Rudmann, Peter Sclaro, Stephen Zaccone, Keith Cannizzo and Louise Gerardi. Also present were Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools, Thomas Egan, State Monitor, Wayne Demikoff, Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator, Patricia Otten, Confidential Executive Secretary, for the taking of minutes, and members of the public.

The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. The board waived the flag salute, moment of silence, and reading of the sunshine law by unanimous voice call vote. 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."

A copy of the Meeting Notice is hereby incorporated: "The Elmwood Park Board of Education has approved the fourth Tuesday of each month as the day of its Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Hearings, when necessary, and its work and regular action meetings. The date(s) of the June Work Meeting is...June 24, 2014, in the Memorial High School Teachers' Cafeteria".

Superintendent Richard Tomko, Ph., D., introduced Jeff Bliss, of the firm Lerch, Vinci, & Higgins, the Board's Auditors, who spoke on the projected fund balance as of June 30, 2014, for the 2013-2014 school year. Afterward the meeting was opened to the public for comments at 6:53 p.m.

The following individual addressed the board during the public portion of the meeting.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jeffrey Freitag	35 Hillman Drive	Inquiries on structure of payments from Borough; Extraordinary aid projections; Tuition projections; Banked cap.
Joe Dombrowski	Councilman	Inquired as to how the surplus was created.
William Meneely	221 Washington Avenue	Inquiries as to when loan was repaid, could money go for tax relief

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After public comments, the public portion was closed at 7 p.m. and the board proceeded with the review of the evening's agenda.

After review of the evening's agenda, the meeting was opened to the public at 7:46 p.m. for public comments on agenda items. The following individual addressed the board during the public portion of the meeting.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jeffrey Freitag	35 Hillman Drive	Inquired as to whether there would be a July 2 nd board meeting and if an agenda would be provided.

After public comments, the public portion of the meeting was closed at 7:48 p.m.

By motion of Mr. DeMatteo, which was seconded by Keith Cannizzo and approved unanimously by those present, the board entered into closed session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. At this time the board also tabled the HIB cases to be reviewed until the next board meeting.

The closed session was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. and the board proceeded to the Regular Meeting schedule in the high school auditorium.

The Regular Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was opened at 8:17 p.m. in the Memorial Middle/High School Auditorium. Present were: Keith Cannizzo, Douglas DeMatteo, Jeanne Freitag, Louise Gerardi, Daniel Golabek, Kathleen Policano, Peter Scolaro and Stephen Zaccone. Arlene Rudmann was absent from the meeting. Also present were Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools, Thomas Egan, State Monitor, Wayne Demikoff, Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator, Patricia Otten, Confidential Executive Secretary, for the taking of minutes, and members of the administration and public.

After the flag salute there was a moment of silence. A copy of the Meeting Notice is hereby incorporated: "The Elmwood Park Board of Education has approved the fourth Tuesday of each month as the day of itsregular action meetings. The date(s) of the June Regular Meeting is...June 24, 2014, in the Memorial High School Auditorium".

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Richard D. Tomko, Ph., D., Superintendent of Schools, acknowledged students of the month and presented certificates of recognition to Mrs. Melisa Cascetta, Ms. Alissa Carullo, Ms. Danielle Aviles, Mrs. Shelly Robinson, and Mrs. Lisa Castelluber, for being honored as 2014 Bergen County Teacher/Education Services Professionals by the Bergen County Association of School Administrators. Plaques were also presented to Frank Caramagna, Mr. Stanley Matika, Miss Linda Presti, Mrs. Robin Ran and Mrs. Connie Sudol, retiring teachers in the district, Mr. Howard Freitag, retiring maintenance man, and Patricia Otten, retiring Confidential Executive Secretary.

Dr. Tomko also acknowledged the students of the month for May 2014, and the graduating seniors for the 2013-201 school year.