

FINAL MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 3, 2017

The Reorganization meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School/Middle School Media Center.

Present were: Mr. Daniel Altamar, Mr. Frank Caramagna, Mr. Douglas 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. Andrew Brown, the board attorney and Mrs. Darla Palmesino, Confidential Executive Secretary, for the taking of minutes, and members of the public.

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.” Everyone stood for the flag salute and a moment of silence.

Mr. DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, read the election results for the School Boards Election held on November 8, 2016.

THREE 3-YEAR TERMS:

Frank Caramagna	2,485
Louise Gerardi	2,430
James Monaco	1,597
Abbe Morello	941

ONE 2-YEAR TERM:

George Luke	1,840
Dorin Aspras	1,271

The newly elected members of the Elmwood Park Board of Education, Louise Gerardi, James Monaco and George Luke; were sworn in by the Interim Honorable Robert Colletti, and Frank Caramagna was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Joseph Randazzo.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken.

Mr. DiPaola, called for nominations for President.

Mrs. Jeanne Freitag was nominated as President by Motion of Mr. Altamar and Seconded by Mrs. Wechtler. There were no other nominations for President. Mrs. Freitag was approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, yielded to Mrs. Freitag, Board President, who called for the nominations for Vice-President.

Mr. Daniel Altamar was nominated as Vice-President by Motion of Mrs. Wechtler and Seconded by Mrs. Gerardi. There were no other nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Altamar was approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

At 6:54 p.m. the meeting was opened to public comments.

Mr. George Nestory - 2 Sabo Court

- Congratulated new board members
- Suggested that microphones should be louder

At 6:55 p.m. the meeting was closed to the public and opened for board comments.

Mrs. Gerardi

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
- Thanked everyone for voting for her and spoke of her 7 ½ years on the board
- Congratulated new board members
- Looks forward to working with the board in the upcoming year

Mr. Monaco

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting

- Congratulated new members
- Thanked everyone for voting him
- Congratulated the girls and boys basketball teams

Mr. Luke

- Thanked family and friends for their support and thanked the voters
- Previously served 15 years as a board member
- Congratulated new board members
- Wished Mr. Golabek well in the future
- Thanked Mr. Cannizzo for his 15 years of service as a board member

Mr. Caramagna

- Thanked the voters
- Previously taught as a Language teacher in Elmwood Park for 14 years
- Served on council for 15 years
- Good luck to Mr. Golabek
- Will serve students and teachers of Elmwood Park while he is a board member

Mr. DeMatteo

- Welcomed new board members
- Wished Mr. Golabek good luck in the future
- Congratulated Jeanne for being nominated as President

Mr. Altamar

- Happy New Year to everyone
- Congratulated girls and boys basketball teams
- Wished the new board members good luck

Mrs. Policano

- Happy New Year to everyone
- Congratulated new board members
- Congratulated Jeanne and Dan on being voted as President and Vice-President
- Congratulated Mr. Golabek and Mr. Cannizzo

Mrs. Freitag

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting

- Wished Mr. Golabek good luck
- Will miss Mr. Cannizzo

At 7:05 p.m. a Motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting was made by Mrs. Wechtler and Seconded by Mrs. Gerardi. A unanimous vote was made to adjourn the meeting.

I hereby certify these final summary minutes of the meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education in session on January 3, 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".

John DiPaola
Business Administrator/Board Secretary



Elmwood Park Board of Education
ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY

AGENDA

REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 3, 2017

THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING AT **6:30 P.M. IN THE MEDIA CENTER AT MEMORIAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 375 RIVER DRIVE, ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY.**

1. SUNSHINE STATEMENT, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

November 8, 2016

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3. ADMINISTERING OF OATHS OF OFFICE

4. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD SECRETARY

5. ROLL CALL

Daniel Altamar
 Frank Caramagna
 Douglas DeMatteo
 Jeanne Freitag
 Louise Gerardi

George Luke
 James Monaco
 Kathleen Policano
 Doris Wechtler

6. BOARD SECRETARY ENTERTAINS MOTION TO ELECT PRESIDENT

NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that **JEANNE FREITAG** be elected to serve as **PRESIDENT** of the Elmwood Park Board of Education commencing January 3, 2017, until the Reorganization Meeting of 2018, pursuant to 18A:15-1.

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

Consent Vote on items: #6

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

7. BOARD SECRETARY YIELDS CHAIR TO NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT

8. PRESIDENT CALLS FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

NOMINATION OF VICE PRESIDENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that **DANIEL ALTAMAR** be elected to serve as **VICE PRESIDENT** of the Elmwood Park Board of Education commencing January 3, 2017, until the Reorganization Meeting of 2018, pursuant to 18A:15-1.

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

Consent Vote on items: #8

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

9. DESIGNATION OF BOARD MEETING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elmwood Park Board of Education designates the fourth Tuesday of each month as its Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Hearings, as necessary, its Work Meeting and Regular Meeting day. All HIB Hearings shall be held at 6 p.m. in the Memorial High School Teachers' Cafeteria. The Work Meetings are to be held at 6:30 in the Memorial High School Teachers' Cafeteria, and all Regular Meetings are held at 8 p.m. in the Memorial High School Media Center, as below, or in other locations as announced and posted.

January 24, 2017	August 22, 2017
February 28, 2017	September 26, 2017
March 28, 2017	* October 17, 2017
April 25, 2017	November 28, 2017
May 23, 2017	* December 19, 2017
June 27, 2017	

* Third Tuesday of the Month

10. ANNUAL CODE OF ETHICS PRESENTATION AND REVIEW

CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elmwood Park Board of Education hereby adopts the Code of Ethics for School Board Members and authorizes the board secretary/business administrator to reflect in the minutes that a discussion transpired in regard to the school Ethics Act as required and attached.

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

Consent Vote on items: #9 & #10

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

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

12. BOARD COMMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Certified to be true copies of resolutions adopted by the Elmwood Park Board of Education at its meeting held on January 3, 2017.

John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary



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4. Business

L. Legal

L1. Approve Contract with JAG/ATC Physical Therapy

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education approves JAG/ATC Physical Therapy to perform substitute athletic training services for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of \$50.00 per hour.

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

Consent Vote on items: L1

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

ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

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