

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

**AGENDA**

**WORK MEETING**

**JANUARY 25, 2011**

A **WORK** MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE TEACHER'S FACULTY ROOM AT MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, 375 RIVER DRIVE, ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY.

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

B. OPEN SESSION: REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

C. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS – OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

D. CLOSED SESSION – AS MAY BE REQUIRED

E. ADJOURNMENT

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<b>REGULAR MEETING</b>
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**JANUARY 25, 2011**

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 HIGH SCHOOL, 375 RIVER DRIVE, ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY.

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

B. PRESENTATIONS:           Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools  
  - District Students of the Month

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

D. OPEN SESSION: REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. PERSONNEL
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E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - GENERAL

F. BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

G. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

H. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS – OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

I. CLOSED SESSION – AS MAY BE REQUIRED

J. ADJOURNMENT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
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Mr. Richard D. Tomko, 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 December, 2010.

Gilbert Avenue School

<u>STUDENT NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Marcin Bienias	Pre-K
Joshua Morel	Pre-K
Giuliana Carrasquilla	K
Brianna Gimenez	K
Natalie Castelbuono	K
Matthew Mancero	1
Rebecca Tester	1
Nimmy Roy	2
Munassar Alam	2
Abraham Kario	3
Angel Beicht	3
Renato Vilchez	4
Michelle Jakubowska	4
Mariah Jimenez	5
Nicole Appel	5
Nicole Tofil	5

Gantner Avenue School

<u>STUDENT NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Mirelle Potemkin	Pre-K
Jason Smith	K
Neena Takvorian	K
Natalia Latawicz	1
Jaden Hernandez	1
Leann Abujarour	2
Anna Venetz	2
Julia Jurkiewicz	3
Antonio Russo	3
Gabriella Sirianni	4
Katrina Sta. Romana	4
Justin Lopez	5
Christopher Lopez	5
Anthony Nunez	1,2,3
Anthony Tommolillo	4,5

Sixteenth Avenue School

<u>STUDENT NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Gianni Belluscio	Pre-K
Joey Sgambati	Pre-K
Tatiana Cobian	K-2
David Sunny	K-3
Hamza Matin	K
Joyce Aguirre-Ochoa	K
Maheen Kashem	K
Arham Muhtasib	1
Stefanie Manerie	1
Christian Onate	1
Deniz Ay	2
Petros Kritoulis	2
Idris Mosticchio	2
Natalie Kubasek	3
Heidi Lin	3
Britney Guzman	3
Tanmay Patel	4
Danish Sheikh	4
Paul Ortiz	5
Natalie Bravo	5
Isaiah Morris	5

Memorial Middle School

<u>STUDENT NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Max Bozzone	6
Jessica Maldonado	7
Steven Arose	8

Memorial High School

<u>STUDENT NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Shivangi Solanski	9
Melany Arevalo	10
Janki Vora	11
Stephanie Blanco	12

1. PERSONNEL

PA. EMPLOYMENT

- 1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the appointment of **Mr. Angelo La Rocca**, 407 Division Avenue, Carlstadt, NJ 07072, as the **2<sup>nd</sup> shift custodian** at Gilbert Avenue School, at a salary of \$35,800, Step 1, plus six (6) % night difference, effective January 31, 2011, pro-rated for the 2010/2011 school year, pending results of fingerprint check.
- 2) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the appointment of **Mr. Michael John Reid**, 25 Summit Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407, as the **School Security Officer** at Gantner Avenue School at a salary of \$12.50 per hour, effective January 31, 2011 for the 2010/2011 school year, pending results of fingerprint check.
- 3) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the appointment of Ms. Rosemarie Fasolo, 145 Linden Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407, as the **Basic Skills Teacher** (Maternity Replacement), at Gilbert Avenue School at a per diem rate of \$214.66, effective January 31, 2011, for the remainder of the 2010/2011 school year.

PB. RESIGNATION

N/A

PC. RETIREMENT

N/A

PD. COACHES/STIPEND

Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the **extra-curricular coaching, student activity positions** for the 2010/2011 school year, as listed below:

	NAME	POSITION	STEP	SALARY
1)	Philip Bloete	Head Boys' Tennis Coach	4	\$5,751
2)	Eugene Pinkney	Head Boys' Track Coach	1	\$5,751
3)	Kimberly Ferrari	Assistant Boys' Track Coach	1	\$4,583

NOTE: These appointments 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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Monica Naughton-Brown	CARE Program	\$12.50/Hourly	District Wide	January 26, 2011	June 30, 2011
Lisa Rosenberg	CARE Program	\$12.50/Hourly	District Wide	January 26, 2011	June 30, 2011
Robin Ran	CARE Program	\$12.50/Hourly	District Wide	January 26, 2011	June 30, 2011
Idia Ogunyinka	CARE Program	\$12.50/Hourly	District Wide	January 26, 2011	June 30, 2011
Mike Grillo	CARE Program	\$12.50/Hourly	District Wide	January 26, 2011	June 30, 2011
Diana Guzman	CARE Program	\$12.50/Hourly	District Wide	January 26, 2011	June 30, 2011

Note: These appointments are positions associated with the CARE program and separate from the regular workday schedule. Hours acquired from this program are not a continuation of hours from the regularly scheduled workday.

PE. APPOINTMENT of AIDES

1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *appointment* of **Mr. Steven Joseph Ehlers**, 45 Park Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506, One to One Aide at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, at a salary of \$13.50 per hour, for the 2010/2011 school year, effective January 31, 2011 through June 30, 2011, pending results of fingerprint check.

NOTE: This appointment does 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.

PF. SUBSTITUTES

1) The superintendent recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *appointment(s)* as listed below:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: As attached

NOTE: These appointments 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.

PG. TRANSFER

1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *transfer* of **Mr. Robert Zink**, 12-Month Night Custodian at Gilbert Avenue School to a 12-Month Night Custodian at Memorial Middle/High School.

- 2) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *transfer* of **Mr. Ruggerio Maurie**, 12-Month Night Custodian at Memorial Middle/High School to a 12-Month Night Custodian at Gilbert Avenue School.
  
- 3) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *transfer* of **Mr. Michael Coughlin**, 12-Month Night Custodian at Gilbert Avenue School to a 12-Month Day Custodian at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue School.

PH. MOVEMENT ON GUIDE/SALARY ADJUSTMENT

N/A

PI. VOLUNTEER

N/A

PJ. FMLA/MATERNITY LEAVE/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *Maternity/Disability Leave*, for **Ms. Teri Giumarra**, 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Elementary Teacher, from June 6, 2011 through September 7, 2011.
  
- 2) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *Maternity/Disability Leave* for **Ms. Donna Marie Fisher** from April 21, 2011 through January 3, 2012.
  
- 3) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *Maternity/Disability Leave* for **Ms. Amy Obropta** from April 4, 2011 through January 3, 2012.

PK. WORKSHOP/TRAINING

- 1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following *request* from Mr. Anthony Grieco, Director of Special Services, for the 2010/2011 school year, for the following case manager to attend training:

Name	Position	Date	Substitute Required	Activity	Location
Shannon McDermott	Social Worker, Special Services	February 14, 2011	NO	Dropout Prevention	Bergen Community College

- 2) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following *request* from Mr. David Warner, High School Principal, for the 2010/2011 school year, for the following teachers to attend a workshop:

Name	Position	Date	Substitute Required	Activity	Location
Patrick Gabriele	High School Science	February 17, 2011	YES	HS Biology Curriculum Development	NJDOE Trenton, NJ
Dolores Gale	High School Science	February 17, 2011	YES	HS Biology Curriculum Development	NJDOE Trenton, NJ

- 3) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following *request* from Mr. Lawrence DeSantis, Middle School Principal, for the 2010/2011 school year, for the following teacher to attend a workshop:

Name	Position	Date	Substitute Required	Activity	Location
Lisa Rosenberg	Middle School Science	February 10, 2011	YES	Working with Difficult & Disruptive Students	Ramada Plaza Newark, NJ

- 4) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following *request* from Mr. Dominick Silla, 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue School Principal, for the 2010/2011 school year, for the following teacher to attend a workshop:

Name	Position	Date	Substitute Required	Activity	Location
Danielle Zillitto	Elementary Teacher	January 20, 2011	YES	Literacy Center Workshop	Holiday Inn Hasbrouck Heights, NJ

PL. STUDENT TEACHING OBSERVATION/PRACTICUM

N/A

PM. PARAPROFESSIONALS

N/A

PN. EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

N/A

PO. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

- 1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *proposed job description* for School Psychologist, for the 2010/2011 school year.



- 2) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *proposed job description* for Secretary (12 Months), for the 2010/2011 school year.

## 2. PUPILS

Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *out of district placements* for district students as listed below in accordance with New Jersey Administrative code, title 6A, Chapter 14 and as recommended by the Child Study Team:

### S1. YCS, THE SAWTELLE LEARNING CENTER, MONTCLAIR

Effective: 12/8/2010 through 6/30/11  
Estimated Cost: \$57,453.29 (pro-rated)  
Ref: 107227AR Autistic-(move-in)

### S2. BERGEN COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES, BELA PROGRAM, HACKENSACK

Effective: 12/16/2011  
Estimated Cost: \$52,200 (pro-rated)  
Ref: 107235HA Pre-School Disabled (move-in)

## 3. GENERAL

- G1. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *activity/events/fundraisers/etc.* request from Mr. David Warner, High School Principal, for the 2010-2011 school year as listed below:

High School Peer Leadership  
February 4, 2011 – February 6, 2011  
8:00 a.m. (2/4/11) – 12:00 noon (2/6/11)  
(Ocean Place Resort, Long Branch, NJ)  
(Peer Leadership Club)

Tag Day Fundraiser  
April 24, 2011  
May 1, 2011  
June 5, 2011  
Various Elmwood Park Locations  
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Girls JV & Varsity Volleyball  
Ms. Voight

Bake Sale Fundraiser  
February 2,8, 2011  
March 1, 29, 2011  
2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
Girls JV & Varsity Volleyball  
Ms. Voight

Bake Sale Fundraiser  
April 5, 2011  
2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
Girls JV & Varsity Volleyball  
Ms. Voight

Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Fundraiser  
January 26, 2011 – March 31, 2011  
All Day  
Varsity Cheerleaders  
Ms. Schmitt/Ms. Hayton

Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Fundraiser  
April 1, 2011 – June 20, 2011  
All Day  
Peer Leadership Club  
Ms. Hevner

- G2. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education accept the *donation* of books, DVD's, smocks and flash cards from Mrs. Kim Anzaldo-Russo for the students of Gantner Avenue School for the 2010-2011 school year.
- G3. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *activity/events/fundraisers/etc.* request from Mr. David Saper, Gilbert Avenue School Principal, for the 2010-2011 school year as listed below:

Spirit of New Jersey Cruise Field Trip  
June 10, 2011  
Fifth Grade  
9:40 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Lincoln Harbor  
Weehawkin, NJ  
(Mr. Thornton, Mrs. Valentine, Ms. Torrento)

Jenkinson's Aquarium  
April 14, 2011  
Fifth Grade  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
300 Ocean Avenue  
Point Pleasant, NJ  
(Mr. Thornton, Mrs. Valentine, Ms. Torrento)

McDonald's Fundraiser  
February 1, 2011  
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
McDonald's Rte. 46  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee

Ice Cream Fundraiser  
May 2, 2011  
After School (outside building)  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee

- G4. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *activity/events/fundraisers/etc.* request from Mrs. Allison Jackter, Gantner Avenue School Principal, for the 2010-2011 school year as listed below:

Gym Membership Card Fundraiser  
January 31, 2011 – February 4, 2011  
School Wide Participation  
Strive Gym  
Saddle Brook, NJ  
(PTO)

Wear Jeans to School Fundraiser  
February 4, 2011 – June 3, 2011  
First Friday of Each Month  
Students  
(PTO)

Grade 5 Field Trip  
June 8, 2011  
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Woodcliff Lakes Hilton  
Woodcliff Lakes, NJ  
(Ms. Sabina, Mrs. Koney)

Turtle Back Zoo  
June 3, 2011  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
West Orange, NJ  
(Ms. Arose, Ms. Kittaneh, Ms. Costanzo )

Read Across America  
A Cat in the Hat Visit  
February 25, 2011  
1:15 p.m.  
Classrooms/Gym  
Sponsored by NJEA

Read Across America Activities for Students  
February 25, 2011 – March 4, 2011  
Classrooms/Gym  
(Mrs. Jackter/Teachers)

Schoolstore.com Fundraiser  
January 26, 2011 TBD  
web-based-online  
(Michelle DeForge/PTO)

- G5. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the **activity/events/fundraisers/etc.** request from Mr. Lawrence DeSantis, Middle School Principal, for the 2010-2011 school year as listed below:

Italian Pastry Bake Sale Fundraiser  
March 24, 2011 & March 30, 2011  
2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
Middle School Italian Club  
Mr. Grillo

- G6. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the request from the Elmwood Park Police Department to **hold active shooter and other safety drills** at Memorial Middle/High School on Monday, February 21, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., to enhance school safety in conjunction with state initiatives and our local memorandum of understanding. This activity is subject to receipt of certificate of insurance. (There is no school that day)
- G7. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education **confirm/approve** the proposed **School District Calendar** for the 2011-2012 school year.
- G8. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education **confirm/approve** the **donation of books** to the district from the Elmwood Park Public Library.

## 4. BUSINESS

### M. Approval of Minutes

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

**Regular Meeting - December 14, 2010**

**M2.** BE IT RESOLVED: that the minutes of the following meeting be approved:

**Special Meeting - January 6, 2011**

### F. Financial

**F1a.** BE IT RESOLVED: that the following 2010-2011 reports, attached, are accepted and approved for filing and audit:

**Board Secretary's Reports/December  
Transfer Report/December**

**F1b.** BE IT RESOLVED: that the following 2010-2011 reports, attached, are accepted and approved for filing and audit:

**Treasurer of School Monies Report/  
December**

### **F2. Issuance of Purchase Orders**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education, based upon the recommendation of the business administrator, confirms the action of having issued purchase orders since the last regular meeting of the board, as attached.

**F3. Confirmation of Bills and Warrants**

BE IT RESOLVED: that, based upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the bills payable from Valley National Bank Board of Education General Account, which were reviewed by the Finance Committee be confirmed for payment.

**F4. Stipend and Overtime Payroll Confirmation**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education confirms the action of the board secretary/ business administrator in issuing the stipend payroll for December, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

that the Elmwood Park Board of Education confirms the action of the board secretary/ business administrator and the superintendent in issuing overtime and per diem vouchers received and made payable for December, as attached.

**F5. Acknowledgment of Student Activity Account Balances**

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the board secretary/business administrator, the board acknowledges student activity account balances for period ending December 2010, as attached.

**BG. General Business**

**BG1. Use of Facilities - Approvals**

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the board approves the requests for Use of School Facilities, per Board Policy #1330, as attached.

**BG2. Use of Facilities – Approvals – Outside Organizations (Forthcoming)**

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the board approves the requests for Use of School Facilities from outside organizations, per Board Policy #1330, as attached.

**BG3. Annual School Election Resolutions**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education does hereby acknowledge that **TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011**, between the hours of **7 a.m. and 9 p.m.** as the date and times of the Annual School Election, and acknowledge the polling districts as attached.

**BG4. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report/Memorial High School**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education hereby authorizes that the attached Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for Memorial High School be reflected in official board minutes of this meeting.

**BG5. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report/Memorial Middle School**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education hereby authorizes that the attached Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for Memorial Middle School be reflected in official board minutes of this meeting.

**BG6. Board Recognition**

BE IT RESOLVED:

the Elmwood Park Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as they join communities statewide in observing January 2011 as School Board Recognition Month, as attached.

**L. Legal – N/A**

**A. Adoption of Policies and Regulations – N/A**

**SUBSTITUTES**

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