



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

**AGENDA**

**WORK MEETING**

**OCTOBER 18, 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

F. ADJOURNMENT

**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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<b>REGULAR MEETING</b>
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**OCTOBER 18, 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
- B. PRESENTATIONS: STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
- C. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
- D. OPEN SESSION: REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA
  - 1. PERSONNEL
  - 2. PUPILS
  - 3. GENERAL
  - 4. BUSINESS
- 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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Dr. 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 September, 2011.

GILBERT AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAME

GRADE

Angelina Beltran	K
Mya Correa	K
Violetta Rzaca	K
Brianna Gimenez	1
Joseph Scarpulla	1
Alexa Giordano	1
Sarah Higgins	2
Tyler Kario	2
Weronika Radwan-Rela	3
Oluwaseun Olanrewaju	3
Patryk Tofil	4
Celine Trizzino	4
Kyle Murphy	5
Michelle Jakubowska	5

GANTNER AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAME

GRADE

Marcin Bienias	Pre-K
Britney Areidina	K
Alexander Cabaero	K
Emilia Cabaero	1
Gianna Pulvirenti	1
Nyla Thompson	2
Lily Prandstatter	2
Joel Iraheta	2 & 3
Sofia Lauret	3
Claudia Pulvirenti	3
Julia Jurkiewicz	4
Martyna Majewski	4
Sabrina LoPresti	4
Natalie Ramirez	5
Thomas DiStefano	5
Natalia Angelkoska	5

SIXTEENTH AVENUE SCHOOL      STUDENT NAME      GRADE

Arshad Rentiya	Pre-K
Omar Asfour	Pre-K
Jayden Rafailov	K - 1
Swina Patel	K - 2
Logan DiCarlo	K
Melanie Lara	K
Mihir Sanghvi	K
Natalia Lupinski	1
Destyn Zarate	1
Anthony Martino	1
David Sunny	2 - 4
Samantha Bizzarro	2
Edeline Wong	2
Isabella Martino	2
Naeema Shaikh	3
Kerth Montemayor	3
Idris Mosticchio	3
Danielle Niblock	4
Natalia Wac	4
Hira Baig	4
Devin Trujillo	5
Stephany Guzman	5

MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL      STUDENT NAME      GRADE

Ivana Bozinovska	6
Brianna Andrach	7
Kristijan Todorovski	8

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL      STUDENT NAME      GRADE

Alec Marceles	10
Ali Firozvi	11
Neil Chiclayo	12

1. PERSONNEL

A. EMPLOYMENT

- 1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education **appoint** Mr. David Warner, Memorial High School Principal, as district parliamentarian for the 2011/2012 school year.

B. RESIGNATION

- 1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education **accept** the letter of resignation from Ms. Amy Halter, Teachers Aide at Memorial Middle School, for the 2011/2012 school year, effective September 30, 2011.
- 2) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education **accept** the letter of resignation from Lisa Roman, Basic Skills Teacher at Memorial Middle School, for the 2011/2012 school year, effective October 14, 2011.

C. RETIREMENT

N/A

D. COACHES/STIPEND

- 1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education **confirm** the extra-curricular activity, student activity position for the 2011/2012 school year, as listed in the categories below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>UPC #</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Karen Georgiadis	School Store Advisor (temporarily taking over for Mrs. Alfonso until her return from maternity leave on January 2, 2012)	\$881.00 (Pro-Rated)	86.11	High School	September 7, 2011

E. APPOINTMENT of AIDES

- 1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *appointment* of the following aide at Gilbert Avenue School for the 2011/2012 school year:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>UPC#</b>	<b>SALARY</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Terry Ihnat	Substitute Lunch Aide	N/A	\$13.50 Per Hour	Gilbert Avenue

- 2) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *appointment* of the following aide at Memorial Middle School:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>UPC#</b>	<b>SALARY</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Rachel Dikovics	Instructional Aide	AIDE.11.RRRC.NA.02	13.50 Per Hour	Middle School

F. SUBSTITUTES

- 1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the appointment of the following substitute for the 2011/2012 school year.

Christin Racioppi  
15 Oak Street  
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

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.

G. TRANSFER

N/A

H. MOVEMENT ON GUIDE/SALARY ADJUSTMENT

N/A

I. VOLUNTEER

N/A

J. FMLA/MATERNITY LEAVE/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education approve the *Maternity/Disability Leave* for *Mrs. Corinne DiMartino*, Middle School Assistant Principal, from May 7, 2012 through June 29, 2012.

K. WORKSHOP/TRAINING

- 1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *confirm/approve* the following request for the following employee's to attend workshops during the 2011/2012 school year:

Name	Position	Date	Sub. Req'd	Cost	Activity	Location
Ms. Kathleen Cash	Gantner Avenue School Psychologist	October 28, 2011	No	None	Cyberbullying	Wayne, NJ
Ms. Lisa Acinapura	Sixteenth Avenue School Social Worker	October 28, 2011	No	None	Cyberbullying	Wayne, NJ
Ms. Shannon McDermott	High School Social Worker	October 28, 2011	No	None	Cyberbullying	Wayne, NJ
Ms. Marlana Gurrieri	Middle School Social Worker	October 28, 2011	No	None	Cyberbullying	Wayne, NJ
Ms. Christina Buldo	District Elementary Counselor	October 28, 2011	No	None	Cyberbullying	Wayne, NJ
Ms. Lisa Acinapura	Sixteenth Avenue School Social Worker	November 18, 2011	No	None	Positive Behavior Supports in the Classroom (K-12)	East Orange, NJ
Ms. Kathleen Cash	Gantner Avenue School Psychologist	November 18, 2011	No	None	Positive Behavior Supports in the Classroom (K-12)	East Orange, NJ

Ms. Danielle Leva	S.A.C. Counselor High School	December 9, 2011	No	None	The Bergen County association of Student Assistance Professionals S.A.C. Meeting	Paramus, NJ
Ms. Danielle Leva	S.A.C. Counselor High School	March 6, 2012	No	None	The Bergen County association of Student Assistance Professionals S.A.C. Meeting	Paramus, NJ
Ms. Danielle Leva	S.A.C. Counselor High School	May 1, 2012	No	None	The Bergen County association of Student Assistance Professionals S.A.C. Meeting	Paramus, NJ
Ms. Danielle Leva	S.A.C. Counselor High School	November 16. 2011	No	None	Conflict Resolution	New Brunswick, NJ
Ms. Karen Georgiadis	High School Teacher	November 2, 2011	Yes	None	“Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives”	Hackensack, NJ
Mrs. Sueanne Pace	High School Teacher	November 2, 2011	Yes	None	“Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives”	Hackensack, NJ
Ms. Bindu Jhangiani	High School Guidance Counselor	November 29, 2011	No	None	High School Peer Mediation	New Brunswick, NJ



L. STUDENT TEACHING OBSERVATION/PRACTICUM

- 1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *student teaching observation*, as listed below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Brian Fazekas	Gantner	October 6, 2011	December 8, 2011	Erik Schwartz	Physical Ed/Health
Chris Rothenberger	Gilbert	October 31, 2011	November 4, 2011	Jill Torrento	Grade 5 Classroom

M. PARAPROFESSIONALS

N/A

N. EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

N/A

O. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

N/A

<b>2. PUPILS</b>
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**(FORTHCOMING)**

- 1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *public out of district placement(s)* for the 2011/2012 school year, as attached.
- 2) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of School, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *private out of district placement(s)* for the 2011/2012 school year, as attached.
- 3) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of School, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *out of district residential placement(s)* for the 2011/2012 school year, as attached.
- 4) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *extended school year program(s)* for students in out-of-district placements for the summer of 2011, per Individual Educational Plan, as attached.

3. GENERAL

- G1. Dr. 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 2011/2012 school year as listed below:

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Field Trip  
Funplex Amusement Center  
182 Rt. 10 East, E. Hanover, NJ  
Monday, May 21, 2012  
9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Ms. Pucella

- G2. Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *activity/events/fundraisers/etc.* request from Mr. David Warner, Memorial High School Principal, for the 2011/2012 school year as listed below:

Fan Gear Fundraiser  
Supplied by Gem Sports  
Friday, November 25, 2011 – Friday, December 23, 2011  
In/Out School  
Wrestling Team  
Grades 9-12 Jr. Varsity and Varsity Wrestlers  
Coach DelMauro

Photo Booth Fundraiser  
Hallway by the Café at Homecoming Dance  
Friday, October 21, 2011  
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Band Parents  
Vicki Gomez (Parent)

Rock Band Night Fundraiser  
Friday, November 18, 2011  
High School Auditorium  
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Band Parents  
Vicki Gomez

Domestic Violence and Teen Dating Abuse Assembly  
Bergen County Department of Human Services  
Division of Alternatives to Domestic Violence  
Friday, November 11, 2011  
Auditorium  
Period 1 (8:05 a.m.)  
Period 4 (11:25 a.m.)  
Junior/Seniors  
Mr. Warner

SADD Members Public Service Announcement/Commercial Shoot  
for the DCH Auto Group  
Memorial High School  
Thursday, October 20, 2011 – Friday, October 21, 2011  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Select SADD members and students  
Ms. LaCognata, Ms. Merheb

“Stop The Blame, Make The Change” Assembly  
High School/Middle School Auditorium  
Thursday, October 27, 2011  
9:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.  
All Middle School and High School Students  
Ms. Leva, Ms. Schwartz

Powder Puff Football Fundraiser  
Football Field  
Wednesday, October 26, 2011  
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Students grades 9-12 and High School Faculty  
SADD Program  
Ms. Merhab, Ms. LaCognata

G3. Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *donation* request from Mrs. Allison Jackter, Gantner Avenue School Principal, for the 2011-2012 school year as listed below:

- Mrs. Deborah Stadler donated card games and a puzzle for students to use during inside recess.
- Mrs. Mary Pitera donated a desk for nurse’s office.
- Mrs. Leider donated books, toys, and games to the PreK classroom.

- G4. Dr. 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 2011-2012 school year as listed below:

Party Light Candle Sale Fundraiser  
Gilbert Avenue School  
Thursday, December 1, 2011 – Tuesday, December 20, 2011  
Fifth Grade Students  
Ralph Ceballos

- G5. Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *activity/events/fundraisers* request from Ms. Andrea Selvaggi, Director of Curriculum, for the 2011-2012 school year as listed below:

New Jersey Child Assault Prevent (CAP) Program  
High School Auditorium  
Thursday, November 3, 2011  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Parents/Guardians of all K-6 students  
Ms. Selvaggi, Mrs. Jackter, Mr. Saper, Mr. Silla, Mr. DeSantis

- G6. Dr. 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 2011/2012 school year as listed below:

“World’s Finest” Chocolate Bars Fundraiser  
Monday, October 24, 2011 – Friday, November 4, 2011  
Fifth Grade Graduation Activities  
Mrs. Anna Sirianni (Parent)

- G7. Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *activity/events/fundraisers/etc.* request from Mr. Dominick Silla, Sixteenth Avenue School Principal, for the 2011/2012 school year as listed below:

Operation Shoebox  
Sixteenth Avenue School  
November 2011  
Pre-K - 5 Students  
Mr. Silla

16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Field Day  
Monday, May 21, 2012  
Rain Dates Wednesday, May 23, 2012 and May 24, 2012  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
All Students  
Mr. Silla

School Wide Food Drive  
Sixteenth Avenue School  
November 2011  
All Students (Pre-K – 5)  
Mr. Silla

- G8. Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *donation* request from Ms. Andrea Selvaggi, Director of Curriculum, for an EPAA Donation of \$160.00 Gift Cards (8-\$20 Gift Cards) for AMC Entertainment to be given to the students who won the Anti-Bullying Contest held as part of the Week of Respect for the 2011-2012 school year.
- G9. Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *grant* request from Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Director of Testing, Programs and Assessments, for the acceptance of the No Child Left Behind Grant for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$483,029 (Title I); \$69,739.00 (Title II-Part A); \$21,714 (Title III) for the 2011-2012 school year.

#### 4. BUSINESS

#### M. Approval of Minutes – Forthcoming

- M1. BE IT RESOLVED: that the minutes of the following meeting be approved:
- Regular Meeting - September 27, 2011**

**F. Financial**

**F1a.** BE IT RESOLVED: that the following 2011-2012 reports, attached, are accepted and approved for filing and audit:

**Board Secretary's Reports/July - Forthcoming**  
**Transfer Report/July - Forthcoming**

**F1b.** BE IT RESOLVED: that the following 2011-2012 reports, attached, are accepted and approved for filing and audit:

**Treasurer of School Monies Report/July**  
**-Forthcoming**

**F2. Confirmation of Bills and Warrants – 2011-2012**

BE IT RESOLVED: that, based upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the bills payable September 2011, from Valley National Bank Board of Education General Account, which were reviewed by Finance Committee be confirmed for payment.

**F3. 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 September 2011, 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 September 2011, as attached.

**F4. Acknowledgment of Student Activity Account Balances – N/A**

**BG. Business General**

**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**

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.

**BG3. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report/Gantner Avenue School**

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

**BG4. Approve Affiliation with Elmwood Park Junior Baseball League**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education does hereby Approve an affiliation with the Elmwood Park Junior Baseball League that will enhance the district’s athletic program.

**L. Legal – N/A**

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

**A1. Second Reading of Policy**

BE IT RESOLVED:

that, upon recommendation of the superintendent and board secretary/business administrator, the board does hereby approve the second reading of the following policy:

Policy 1110 - Organizational Chart

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard D. Tomko, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools