

-SPECIAL MEETING-
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 16, 2017

The Special Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 16, 2017 and began at 5:02 p.m. in the High School/Middle School Media Center.

Present were: Mr. Daniel Altamar, Mr. Frank Caramagna, Mrs. Jeanne Freitag, Mr. George Luke, Mr. James Monaco and Mrs. Doris Wechtler. Mr. Douglas DeMatteo, Mrs. Louise Gerardi and Mrs. Kathleen Policano were absent. Also present were Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. John DiPaola, Business Administrator / Board Secretary.

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 5:03 p.m. the meeting was opened to the public on agenda items only. No one from the public spoke, so the meeting was closed.

Agenda Items were voted on.

At 5:05 p.m. the meeting was opened to the public for comments.

Mr. Freitag – 35 Hillman Drive

- Commented on budget process

At 5:06 p.m. the public portion of the meeting was closed and opened for board comments.

Doris Wechtler

- Policy Meeting

At 5:08 p.m. a Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Wechtler, seconded by Mr. Monaco. Motion passed all in favor.

I hereby certify these final summary minutes of the meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education in session on March 16, 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 black ink, appearing to read "John DiPaola", written in a cursive style.

John DiPaola
Business Administrator/Board Secretary



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

AGENDA

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A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING AT 5:00 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

C. OPEN SESSION: REVIEW & ACTION OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL

E. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS – OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

F. CLOSED SESSION – AS MAY BE REQUIRED

G. ADJOURNMENT

1. PERSONNEL

J. FMLA/MATERNITY LEAVE/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *Maternity/Disability*, for:

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	FROM	TO
Karen Rubinstein	Memorial High School	ESL Teacher	3/7/17 (Unpaid Leave)	5/9/2017

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

Consent Vote on items: PJ1

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

BUSINESS

F. Financial

F1. ADOPTION OF 2017-2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the Elmwood Park Board of Education hereby adopts the FY 2017-2018 preliminary budget to be submitted to the County Office:

CURRENT GENERAL EXPENSE	\$36,670,788
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$970,918
TRANSFER TO CHARTER SCHOOLS	<u>\$308,169</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$37,949,875
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$1,381,001
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	<u>\$2,649,250</u>
TOTAL DISTRICT BUDGET	\$41,980,126
GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY	\$33,692,252
DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY	\$ 2,394,530

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this FY 2017-2018 preliminary budget includes the use of the Health Benefit Adjustment in the amount of \$53,421 to offset health care costs;

AND

Whereas the Board of Education had previously established a maximum amount for travel in the pre budget year of

2016-17 to be \$25,000 and that the board has expended \$6,418 of the maximum amount for the pre-budget year to date, that the Board of Education hereby establishes the maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2017-18 school year to be \$25,000;

AND

That this FY 2017-2018 preliminary budget may be revised prior to final adoption on April 25, 2017, to reflect any changes required by the board of education or Interim Executive Bergen County Superintendent of Schools.

F2. USE OF BANKED CAP IN 2017-2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the Elmwood Park Board of Education hereby adopts the FY 2017-2018 preliminary budget to be submitted to the County Office to include the use of Banked Cap.

AND

That the prior year's Banked Cap remaining for use by the district is \$5,610 and the board approves to use the remaining amount of \$5,610 to offset increased Transportation Costs. The use of this Banked Cap has been discussed by the board. The implementation of this expenditure will be completed by the end of the budget year and will not be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time;

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

Consent Vote on items: F1 and F2

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

Certified to be true copies of resolutions adopted by the Elmwood Park Board of Education at its Special meeting held on March 16, 2017.



John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary