

FINAL MINUTES
-SPECIAL MEETING-
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 22, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School/Middle School Media Center.

Present were: Mrs. Jeanne Freitag, Mr. Daniel Altamar, Mr. Douglas DeMatteo, Mr. George Luke, Mrs. Kathy Policano, Mr. James Monaco and Mrs. Doris Wechtler. Also present were Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. John DiPaola, Business Administrator / Board Secretary. There were no public members present.

Mr. Matthew Lee of New Jersey School Boards Association and Staff Sergeant Joshua Efthimiades of the US Army were also present.

Roll call was taken. The Statement of Compliance, was 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.

Mrs. Freitag immediately turned the meeting over to Mr. Lee who announced that NJSBA has partnered with the US Army to do Resiliency Training with its staff members. Mr. Lee then introduced Staff Sergeant Efthimiades who led the Board through a presentation on the US Army Resiliency Training utilizing a power point presentation. The presentation was interactive with the board. The presentation satisfies the board's requirement to be a "Certified Board" which was one of the board's goals to be completed during the 2016-17 school year.

The Staff Sergeant concluded his presentation at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Lee then announced that the board would receive its certification at the May meeting.

Mrs. Freitag asked for any board member comments and or old or new business.

Mr. Grieco commented on use of school facilities for future fundraisers. A few board members commented on it as well.

At 9:02 p.m. the meeting was open to the public for public comments, there were no members of the public in attendance and the public portion of the meeting was closed at 9:02 p.m.

Mrs. Wechtler moved the following motion, seconded by Mr. Luke:

Whereas, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and Whereas, the Board is of the opinion that such circumstances exist. Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Elmwood Park Board of Education will meet in closed session to discuss a personnel issue and will disclose to the public the subject matter listed when circumstances dictate the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present.

A motion to return to public session was made at 9:19 p.m. by Mrs. Wechtler and seconded by Mr. Altamar and passed unanimously by voice vote of all members present.

Mr. Greico commented on the distribution of Board Agendas electronically.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:20 p.m. by Mrs. Wechtler and seconded by Mr. Monaco and passed unanimously by all members present.

I hereby certify these final summary minutes of the special meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education in session on February 22, 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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

John DiPaola
Business Administrator/Board Secretary