

FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 24, 2012
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

There was a Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, at 6:35 p.m. in the Memorial High School Teachers Room. Present were: Sandra Balistreri, Keith Cannizzo, Douglas DeMatteo, Louise Gerardi, Jennifer Pellegrine, Kathleen Policano, Arlene Rudmann, Lori Sproviero, and Claire Kalinowski. Also present were Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, William P. Moffitt, Board Secretary/Business Administrator, Anthony Iachetti, Director of Testing, members of the public, and Patricia Otten, Confidential Executive Secretary, for the taking of minutes.

After the public portion of the meeting, after which no one addressed the board, Mr. Moffitt advised the public that the board would enter into closed session for approximately one hour to discuss harassment, intimidation and bullying cases, personnel and litigation. He advised that he would notify the public when they could return to the meeting. By motion of Mr. Cannizzo, which was seconded by Mrs. Policano, and unanimously approved by those present, the board entered into closed session at 7:40 p.m. By motion of Mr. Cannizzo, which was seconded by Mrs. Policano, the board adjourned from closed session at 8:05 p.m. and proceeded to the Regular Meeting scheduled for that evening.

Following are Final Summary Minutes of the Regular Meeting held by the Elmwood Park Board of Education on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. Official more detailed minutes, are maintained in the Office of the Board Secretary.

The Regular Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was opened at 8:11 p.m. in the Memorial High School Media Center. Present were: Present were: Sandra Balistreri, Keith Cannizzo, Douglas DeMatteo, Louise Gerardi, Jennifer Pellegrine, Kathleen Policano, Arlene Rudmann, Lori Sproviero, and Claire Kalinowski. Also present were Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, William P. Moffitt, Board Secretary/Business Administrator, Anthony Iachetti, Director of Testing, members of the public, and Patricia Otten, Confidential Executive Secretary, for the taking of minutes.

After the flag salute, the reading of the Statement of Compliance was incorporated. “The January Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial High School Teachers Faculty Room. The Regular January action meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2012, at 8 p.m. in the Memorial High School Media Center...”

Dr. Richard Tomko, Superintendent of School, was presented with an award check from the MSG Network in the amount of \$5,000 for student participation in a national contest.

After the presentation of certificates of recognition to students by Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, he gave a brief explanation of items BG4 and BG5a and BG5b on the evening’s agenda in the event the public had questions.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:20 p.m. and closed to the public at 8:26 p.m.; reopened to the public at 8:38 p.m. and closed to the public at 9 p.m. The following individuals addressed the board during the first public portion of the meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jeffrey Freitag	35 Hillman Drive	Inquiries relative to item L5 on pink addendum.
Michael Bufis	14 Philip Avenue	Complained about prior Month's meeting minutes not being posted before meeting.
Henry Lopez	130 Tuella Avenue	Wanted to discuss something not on agenda. Asked to wait until second public portion.

The following individuals addressed the board during the second public portion of the meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Henry Lopez	130 Tuella Avenue	Wanted to know if board had explanation for why there was a deficit found in audit; Commented on fact that checks that were listed cleared were found not to be cleared; Inquired why bookkeeping errors could cause this amount of deficit.
Peter Scolaro	Resident	Wanted to know why some students have to pay \$150 for participation in soccer.
Gladys Gryskiewicz	256 Fencsak Avenue	Commented on iPad insurance and the lack of information given to the parents about the cost to them for insurance coverage; Commented on accessibility to high school in a.m.; Comments relative to a fight at the high school that she heard about from her children. Feels more security is needed; Inquired as to student in school the next day which would have confined to gym for four hours.

Brenda Mazone	116 Mill Street	Commented on the fact that her son is has also been confined to the gym for four hours because of scheduling.
Michael Bufis	14 Philip Avenue	Inquired as to the iPad insurance and whether administrators pay for insurance; Inquired again about receiving full referendum costs as previously requested.
Carolyn Smith	Resident	Comments on fight that happened at high school and whether there were enough supervisors on duty and what would be done about the fight and how to make campus safer.
Michael Bufis	14 Philip Avenue	Noticed that items on addendum were missing information because they were not duplicated not doubled sided.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS – Students of the Month
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Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, congratulated and recommended that the board of education acknowledge the *achievement(s)* of the following students for being selected as *Students of the Month* for December, 2011.

GILBERT AVENUE SCHOOL STUDENT NAME GRADE

Angelique Ong	K
George Oshiro	K
Paige Roberts	K
Alexander Hlawacz	1
Matthew Nieradka	1
Steven Mitanoski	1
Karol Konior	2
Sofia Dimoska	2
Matthew Orzechowski	3
Sara Baumgartner	3
Maria McLoughlin	4
Angelica Sammy	4
Natalie Krupa	5
Jonathan Ramirez	5

GANTNER AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAMEGRADE

Nicolas Rudnicki	Pre-K
Stanislaw Soliwada	K
Anthony Mitanoski	K
Anthony DiGrande	1
William Mulligan	1
Nicole D'Andrea	2
Armando Caraballo	2
Gianluca Maisano	2 & 3
Khushi Gandhi	3
Mina Sonmez	3
Hailey Zirpoli	3 & 4
Ali Suiafan	4
Stephen Rivera	4
Yusra AlTarique	5
Diane Bednar	5
Ashley Quinones	5

SIXTEENTH AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAMEGRADE

Aidan Pagan	Pre-K
Michael Davis	K-1
Michael Pineda	K – 2
Kamren Jeffreys	K
Christopher Jo	K
Diamond Harris-Drakeford	K
Zoey Cooke	1
Andy Lin	1
Selina Chen	1
Ahmet Gunes	2 – 4
Deno Valenti	2
Angela Castillo	2
Melannie Martinez	2
Layla Holley	3
John Manghir	3
Jorge Quinto	3
Gabriella Biskup	4
Pedro Abreu	4
Justin Abreu	4
Mansi Sanghvi	5
Tanmay Patel	5

MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL	<u>STUDENT NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
	Ryan Fakhoury	6
	Anthony Gadaleta	7
	Najira Ahmed	8

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL	<u>STUDENT NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
	Matthew McLouglin	9
	Sabrina Zafar	10
	Mobinuddin Ahmad	11
	Christy Kuriakos	12

1. PERSONNEL

A. EMPLOYMENT

Motion of Mrs. Policano Seconded by Mrs. Gerardi, approving personal action resolutions PA through PO.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

- 1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *confirm/approve* the appointment of *Ms. Brianna Jeffers*, 211 Manhattan Terrace, Dumont, NJ as a School Psychologist maternity leave replacement at Memorial High School, at a per diem rate based on MA Step 3, \$50,722 for the 2011/2012 school year, effective February 14, 2012 through May 31, 2012.

B. RESIGNATION

N/A

C. RETIREMENT

N/A

D. COACHES/STIPEND

N/A

E. APPOINTMENT of AIDES

N/A

F. SUBSTITUTES

N/A

G. TRANSFER

N/A

H. MOVEMENT ON GUIDE/SALARY ADJUSTMENT

- 1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve ***movement on guide*** for ***Amanda Amato***, special education teacher at Sixteenth Avenue School, from BA, Step 1 - \$43,772, to BA+15, Step 1 - \$44,772, effective September 1, 2011.

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 ***amend*** the resolution passed on December 20, 2011, granting ***Mrs. Paola Soto***, Spanish Teacher at Memorial Middle School ***Maternity/Disability Leave*** from February 9, 2012 through June 22, 2012 ***to*** February 9, 2012 through June 1, 2012.
- 2) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education ***amend*** the resolution passed on November 22, 2011, granting ***Mrs. Shannon Lucas***, Social Worker at Memorial High School ***Maternity/Disability Leave*** from February 6, 2012 through May 31, 2012 ***to*** January 9, 2012 through May 31, 2012.

K. WORKSHOP/TRAINING

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

Name	Position	Date	Substitute Required	Activity	Location	Cost
Robin Pollack	Teacher	April 18, 2012	½ Day	Primary Teacher Workshop K-4	Morris Plains, NJ	No
Lisa Acinapura	Social Worker	January 20, 2012	No	New Strategies	Paramus, NJ	No
David Warner	High School Principal	March 16, 2012	No	Spring 2012 Education Career Fair	Wayne, NJ	No
Anthony Iachetti	Director of Testing	February 1 and 2, 2012	No	How to Improve Your NJASK	Monroe, NJ	\$275
Caleb Rhodes	Assistant Principal	January 10, 2012	No	Special Education Law Workshop	Hackensack, NJ	No

L. STUDENT TEACHING OBSERVATION/PRACTICUM

N/A

M. PARAPROFESSIONALS

N/A

N. EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

N/A

O. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

N/A

2. STUDENTS

N/A

3. GENERAL

Motion of Mrs. Sproviero, Seconded by Mrs. Policano, approving general action resolutions G1 through G6, G5, as amended.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

- G1. 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:

Cheer and Dance State Championship

Sunday, February 4, 2012

All Day

Sun Natl. Bank Center, 81 Hamilton Ave., Trenton, NJ

Elmwood Park Competition Cheerleaders Grades 9-12

Ms. Janine O'Neil, Ms. DePascale

Anti-Bullying Assembly

Levar Fisher, former NFL Linebacker

Monday, January 30, 2012

8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. (MS), 9:45 a.m. -10:45 a.m. (HS)

Auditorium

MS and HS Students

Ms. Danielle Leva

Astronomy Club
January – June 2102
After School
Interested students grades 9-12, faculty or staff members
Mr. Zupfer

Freedom Fundraising Candy Sale
February – May 2012
After School
Sophomore Class
Mrs. Cardone

- G2. 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:

NJ Jackals “Hit the Books” Reading Incentive Program
Students earn ticket to baseball game
Parents provide their own transportation
Thursday, January 12 – Thursday, April 12, 2012
Grades 4 and 5
Mr. Bacigalupo/Ms. Clark/Mr. Silla

“Autism Parent Night”
Wednesday, February 15, 2012
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Media Center
Mrs. Murray, Ms. Visaggio, Ms. Brisman, Ms. Amato

- G3. Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm the *donation* request from Mr. David Saper, Gilbert Avenue School Principal, for the 2011-2012 school year as listed below:

Ms. K. Marte, Store Manager of Wells Fargo Bank
donated “Snowflake” (a stuffed pony)
on Thursday, January 5, 2012
for the Gilbert Avenue School Pre-K Class

- G4. 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:

Snakes N' Scales Program

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

9:00 a.m. -11:15 a.m.

School-wide participation during two separate assemblies

Mrs. Allison Jackter

- G5. Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the proposed *School District Calendar* for the 2012-2013 school year as submitted (available via school website on January 25, 2012).
- G6. Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *Superintendent Action Plans* pursuant to the established *Elmwood Park Public School District Goals* for the 2011-2012 school year, and article IV, A2 of the Superintendent Employment Contract.

4. BUSINESS

M. Approval of Minutes

Motion of Mr. Cannizzo, Seconded by Mrs. Gerardi, approving business action resolution M1.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present with the exception of Ms. Pellegrine, who recused herself from the vote.

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

Special Meeting - **December 20, 2011**

Before the following resolutions were moved, or seconded, item M2 were withdrawn by the Board secretary. The withdrawn resolutions read as follows:

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

Regular Meeting - **December 20, 2011**

F. Financial

F1a & b Financial Report –N/A

Motion of Mr. Cannizzo, Seconded by Mrs. Policano, approving financial action resolutions F2 through F4.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present, with the exception that Mrs. Balistrieri recused herself from the votes on items 107340, 107612, 107680, in item F3.

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 January 2012, 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 December 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 December 2011, as attached.

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

BG. Business General

Motion of Mr. Cannizzo, Seconded by Mrs. Gerardi, approving general action resolutions BG1 through BG3, with BG1 being amended to include game practices for EPJBL.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

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 by outside organizations, per Board Policy #1330, as attached.

BG3. 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 2012 as School Board Recognition Month.

H. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

Motion of Mrs. Policano, Seconded by Mrs. Rudmann, approving HIB action resolutions H1 through H16.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present, with the exception of Ms. Pellegrine and Mrs. Sproviero, who abstained from the vote, and Mrs. Kalinowski, who Recused herself from the vote.

H. BE IT RESOLVED: that, the Elmwood Park Board of Education does hereby affirm the Superintendent's decision on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying cases.

L. Legal

Motion of Ms. Pellegrine, which was Seconded by Mr. Cannizzo, approving legal action resolution

L1.

Vote: The above motion carried by a vote of five (5) ayes and four (4) nays (Mr. Cannizzo, Mr. DeMatteo, Mrs. Gerardi, and Mrs. Sproviero.

L1. BE IT RESOLVED: that, the Elmwood Park Board of Education does hereby approve/confirm employment contracts for the following individual:

Bhumika Patel
Supervisor of Human Resources

Motion of Ms. Pellegrine, which was Seconded by Mr. Cannizzo, approving legal action resolution L2.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

L2. BE IT RESOLVED: that, the Elmwood Park Board of Education does hereby approve/confirm employment contracts for the following individual:

Cheryl Proto
Interim Business Analyst

Motion of Mrs. Sproviero, Seconded by Mrs. Gerardi, approving legal action resolution L3.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

L3. BE IT RESOLVED: that, the Elmwood Park Board of Education does hereby approve/confirm employment contracts for the following individual:

Adam Micek
Supervisor of Maintenance/
Custodians

Before the following resolution was moved or seconded, it was withdrawn by the board secretary. The withdrawn resolution read as follows:

L4. BE IT RESOLVED: that, the Elmwood Park Board of Education does hereby approve/confirm employment contracts for the following individual:

Michael Wartel
Attendance Officer

1. PERSONNEL

Motion of Mr. Cannizzo, Seconded by Mrs. Balistrieri, approving personnel action resolutions PB1 through PM1.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

B. RESIGNATION

- 1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *accept* the letter of resignation from *Ms. Laura Wilenchik*, Kindergarten Classroom Aide at Gantner Avenue School, for the 2011/2012 school year, effective Friday, January 13, 2012.

D. COACHES/STIPEND

- 1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve an *extra teaching assignment* for *Ms. Carolyn Stefanou*, 34 Gettysburg Way, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035 at Memorial Middle School, to teach an additional one period three days a week, at a compensation of 3/40th of her current salary prorated (stipend) for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, or \$2,466.45
- 2) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *confirm/approve* the extra-curricular activity, student activity position for the 2011/2012 school year, as listed in the category below:

Name	Position	UPC#	Salary	Location	Effective Date
Eric Crespo	Freshman Baseball Coach	031-02	Step 4 - \$6,328	Memorial High School	2011 – 2012 School Year

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(s) at Gilbert Avenue School for the 2011/2012 school year:

NAME	POSITION	UPC#	SALARY	LOCATION
Mallory Lieberman	Kindergarten Classroom Aide	AIDE.02.CLASS.NA.02	\$13.50 (HR)	Gantner Ave. School

F. SUBSTITUTES

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

Tricia Collova
46 Linwood Avenue
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

Amanda Cuppi
207 Wind Hollow Court
Mahwah, NJ 07430

K. WORKSHOP/TRAINING

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

Name	Position	Date	Substitute Required	Activity	Location	Cost
Kathleen Cash	School Psychologist	February 13 – 17, 2012	No	30-Hour Comprehensive Training	Secaucus, NJ	\$975*
Alex Stefanou	Teacher	February 13 – 17, 2012	Yes	30-Hour Comprehensive Training	Secaucus, NJ	\$975*
Lisa Acinapura	Social Worker	February 13 – 17, 2012	No	30-Hour Comprehensive Training	Secaucus, NJ	\$975*

- Workshop paid for using Title IIA grant monies.

M. PARAPROFESSIONALS

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

Name	Position	Effective Date
Jon Beaudean	Soccer	2011-2012 School Year

STUDENTS

Motion of Mrs. Sproviero, Seconded by Mrs. Balistreri, approving student action resolutions S1, S2, and S3.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

- 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) Mr. 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 Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *out of district one to one aide(s)* for the 2011/2012 school year, as attached.

GENERAL

Motion of Mrs. Sproviero, Seconded by Mrs. Balistreri, approving general action resolutions G7 through G8.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

- G7. 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, High School Principal, for the 2011-2012 school year as listed below:

Bergen Record Journalism Program Field Trip
1 Garrett Mountain, Woodland Park, NJ
Thursday, March 15, 2012
9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
12 Students Including Scarlet Quill Staff and ELA Students
Ms. Michels

- G8. 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:

Spring Concert
Memorial Middle School
Wednesday, May 30, 2012
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Three elementary school bands will perform together
All instrumental music students
Mrs. Allison Jackter, Mr. Dominick, Mr. David Saper, Ms. Kim Schmidt

4. BUSINESS

F. Financial

Motion of Mr. Cannizzo, Seconded by Mrs. Gerardi, approving business action resolution F4.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

F4. 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 2011, as attached.

Motion of Mr. Cannizzo, Seconded by Ms. Pellegrine, approving business action resolution F5.

Vote: The above motion was carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes and one (1) nay (Mrs. Sproviero).

F5. Approval of Compensation Upon Retirement of Kathleen Karcz

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education does hereby approve the payment of compensation for unused vacation days, personal days, and sick days to Kathleen Karcz, Payroll Bookkeeper, upon her retirement.

BG. Business General

Motion of Ms. Pellegrine, Seconded by Mr. Cannizzo, approving business general action Resolution BG4.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

BG4. BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education does hereby approve establishing the Election of Members of the Elmwood Park Board of Education as the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November.

Motion of Ms. Pellegrine, Seconded by Mrs. Sproviero, approving business general action resolutions BG5a and BG5b.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

BG5a. BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education does hereby approve the making of an Application to the Local Finance Board for approval to issue refunding school bonds to refund a portion of its outstanding 2004 school bonds and approving a refunding school bond ordinance in connection therewith.

BG5b. BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education does hereby approve refunding bond ordinance of the Board of Education of the Borough of Elmwood Park in the County of Bergen, for the refunding of a portion of its outstanding 2004 school bonds and authorizes the issuance of not to exceed \$22,500,000 principal amount of refunding school bonds to effect such refunding.

1. PERSONNEL

Motion of Mrs. Policano, Seconded by Mrs. Gerardi, approving personnel action resolution PA2

Vote: The above resolution was carried by a vote of eight (8) ayes and one (1) nay (Mr. DeMatteo).

A. EMPLOYMENT

- 2) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education **confirm/approve** the appointment of **Ms. Melissa Beattie**, 130 Waterfall Court, Bloomingdale, NJ as the Supervisor of Accounting, at a salary of \$82,000 pro-rated, effective February 20, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Motion of Mrs. Policano, Seconded by Mrs. Balistrieri, approving personnel action resolution PA3.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

- 3) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education **confirm/approve** the appointment of **Ms. Darla Palmesino**, 28 Dowling Parkway, Woodland Park, NJ as the Bookkeeper/Payroll Clerk, at a salary of \$56,000 pro-rated for the 2011/2012 school year, with a stipend of \$3,312 pro-rated for student finances, effective February 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

E. APPOINTMENT of AIDES

Motion of Mrs. Sproviero, Seconded by Mr. Cannizzo, approving personnel action resolutions E2 through K3.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

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

NAME	POSITION	UPC#	SALARY	LOCATION
Jason Marti	One-to-One Aide	AIDE.03.1TO1.NA.05	\$13.50 (Hour)	Sixteenth Avenue School

K. WORKSHOP/TRAINING

- 3) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education **confirm/approve** the following request for the 2011/2012 school year, for the following employee to attend a workshop:

Name	Position	Date	Substitute Required	Activity	Location	Cost
Mohammed Saadeh	Director of Pupil Personnel Services	February 28, 2012 – March 2, 2012	No	Educators Workshop	Paris Island, NC	No

4. BUSINESS

Legal

Motion of Mr. Cannizzo, Seconded by Mrs. Policano, approving legal action resolution

L5.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

L5. BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education approve the settlement agreement in the matter of Acocella v. Elmwood Park Board of Education, OAL DKT. NO: EDU 08625-11N AGENCY REF. NO: 157-6/11, subject to full execution by the Petitioner, withdrawal of the Petition of Appeal docketed as OAL DKT. NO: EDU 08625-11N, AGENCY REF. NO: 157-6/11 and approval by the Court.

Motion of Mrs. Policano, Seconded by Mrs. Balistrieri, to enter into closed session at 9:22 P.M.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

WHEREAS: the Elmwood Park Board of Education must discuss a subject concerning legal update and negotiations; and

WHEREAS: said subject is appropriate to be discussed in a public meeting; and

WHEREAS: said subject is within the exemptions permitted to be discussed in private

RESOLVED: that the said subject shall be discussed in private session by this board a administrative staff, and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

By motion of Ms. Pellegrine, which was Seconded by Mrs. Gerardi, the closed session was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

By motion of Ms. Pellegrine, which was seconded by Mrs. Gerardi, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04p.m.

I hereby certify these final summary minutes of the meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education in session on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, to be true and correct and in complete agreement with the official Minute Book of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

William P. Moffitt
Board Secretary