

FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING – MARCH 22, 2011

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Following are Final Summary Minutes of the Public Hearing held by the Elmwood Park Board of Education on Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Official, more detailed minutes, are maintained in the Office of the Board Secretary.

The Public Hearing of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was opened 8:02 p.m. in the Memorial High School Media Center.

Present were: Louise Gerardi, Claire Kalinowski, Lori Sproviero, Sandra Balistrieri, Michael Bufis, Douglas DeMatteo, Arleen Perna-Rudmann, and Jennifer Pellegrine. Keith Cannizzo was absent from the meeting. Also present were Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, and Patricia Otten, Confidential Executive Secretary, for the taking of minutes.

The meeting was opened with a prayer seeking Diving Guidance in the deliberation of the School Trustees that evening followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the reading of the Statement of Compliance, which is hereby incorporated. "The Elmwood Park Board of Education will meet on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at 8 p.m. in the Memorial High School Media Center, 375 River Drive, Elmwood Park, New Jersey, 07407, for the purpose of holding a public hearing and for the adoption of the 2011-2012 school budget. At the Public Hearing the budget will be discussed and the tax payers will be given the opportunity to ask questions and be heard with respect to said budget.

William P. Moffitt, Board Secretary/Business Administrator, gave a budget power point presentation relative to the 2011-2012 school budget from 8:03 p.m. until 8:27 p.m., which was followed by comments from the public. The following individuals addressed the board relative to the budget and other items on the evening's agenda.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topics</u>
David Golabek	74 Godwin Avenue	Inquires about reductions in budget; Commended the board for reaching 0% budget; Inquired as to what the budget would have been had it not been reduced to 0%; Requested that legal counsel be in attendance at meetings to provide advice; Inquired whether reductions were teachers or programs; Comments on the cutting of foreign language programs; Asked for an explanation of what miscellaneous revenue was; Inquired as to whether the total reduction in staff amounted to 35; Made inquired relative to regional limit for administration being \$572 less than allowed.

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Note: Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent and William P. Moffitt, Board Secretary/ Business Administrator, responded to the above inquiries and stated for the record that the positions identified in tonight's presentation reduced the budget, but are subject to change in the future.

Victor Mikhailovsky

8 Augusta Street

Questioned whether agenda backup was available on web; Questioned how power point assumptions are arrived at when budgeting; Commends on school level goals; Inquires relative to district technology goals and comments.

Note: Mr. Moffitt responded to the inquiries and stated for the record that courtesy busing, which includes hazardous transportation, was clearly part of the budget to be voted tonight. It was not cut from the budget and would be funded by tonight's budget, but would be reconsidered in the event of a budget defeat.

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By motion of Mr. DeMatteo, which was seconded by Mrs. Gerardi, to approve resolution adopting the 2011-2012 Final District Budget.

Vote: The above motion was carried by a vote of seven (7) ayes and one (1) nay (Mr. Bufis). Mr. Cannizzo was absent from the meeting.

Adoption of the 2011-2012 Final District Budget

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the Elmwood Park Board of Education hereby adopts the FY 2011-2012 final budget as submitted, and as follows:

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 29,772,138.
TOTAL GRANTS & ENTITLEMENTS	1,364,422.
DEBT SERVICE	2,105,583.
TOTAL DISTRICT BUDGET	33,242,143.
GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY	27,480,103.
DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY	2,105,583.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

that, the board authorizes the board secretary / business administrator to forward FY 2011-2012 final budget to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools.

After the adoption of the above resolution, by motion of Mr. DeMatteo, which was seconded by Mrs. Sproviero, there was a short recess before proceeding to the Agenda for the March Regular Meeting.

I hereby certify these final summary minutes of the meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education in session on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 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