



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

**WORK MEETING**  
**January 23, 2024**

A WORK MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING AT **6:00 P.M. IN THE MS/HS CAFETERIA AT MEMORIAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 375 RIVER DRIVE, ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY.**

A. OPENING: ROLL CALL, SUNSHINE STATEMENT

B. OPEN SESSION: REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA

1. SSDS Presentation
2. PERSONNEL
3. STUDENTS
4. GENERAL
5. BUSINESS

C. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS – OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. CLOSED SESSION

*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 \_\_\_\_\_ will disclose to the public the subject matter listed when circumstances dictate the need for confidentiality no longer exists.*



**Elmwood Park Board of Education  
ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 23, 2024**

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING AT 6:30 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. PRESENTATIONS:**

- **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
  - Student Congress
  - EPAA

**C. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

**E. OPEN SESSION: REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA**

1. PERSONNEL
2. STUDENTS
3. GENERAL
4. BUSINESS

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL**

**G. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS – OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

**H. CLOSED SESSION – AS MAY BE REQUIRED**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Anthony Iachetti, 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 December, 2023.

GILBERT AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAME

GRADE

Nathan Marchut	Pre-K
Emiliano Ramirez	Pre-K
David Huaman	K
Skylar Dominguez	K
Saraiah Charles	K
Despona Nickerson-Kourouglos	K
Arianna Luis-Merino	1
Ethan Villanueva	1
Ishnoor Kamboj	1
Fabianne Luis-Merino	2
Alan Tylutki	2
Nevaeh Williams	2
Shaila Ruiz	3
Pavel Valencia Matias	3
Logan Smith	3
John Veccia	4
Luka Lomidze	4
Dylan Molina	4
Keyevan Alford	4

Sofia Mickoski	5
Kaylee Aquino	5
Pragnay Lodhi	5

GANTNER AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAME

GRADE

Arjun Babaria	K
Aubree Strobino	K
Olivia Cruz	K
Rianna Santana	1
Dylan Colon	1
MaVrick Anthony	1
Ved Parikh	1
Sofia Asfour	1
Javier Pagan	2
Jacob Belen	2
Alexandra Dunn	2
Salma Habash	3
David Kwasnik	3
Zakarya Ijbara	3
Victoria Palen	4
Sabrina Canarte	4
Russel Speer	5
Lesly Lopez Chocoj	5

## SIXTEENTH AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAMEGRADE

Jack Young	Pre-K
Ayden Bis-Mahmud	Pre-K
Ethan Carlos	Pre-K
Nalvin Nunez	Pre-K
Anthony Kressler	K
Leo Tushe	K
Jasmine Johnson	K
Sebastian DeLeon	K
Lola Stevens	K
John Nawrot	1
Mariett Tapia Mena	1
Paris Williams	1
Giovanni Buscio	2
Samuel Jiang	2
Gabriel Romanski	3
Evan Pimentel	3
Leyla Ilgin	3
Om Biradar	4
Saira Moazzam	4
Rafael Fezo	4
Carlos Agurto	5
Jackson Horry	5

Krish Patel	5
Zaynab Elreda	5

MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAME

GRADE

Abigail Lima	6
Claudia Szyszko	7
Coral Amparo	8

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT NAME

GRADE

Nadeen Alnajjar	9
Bryan Romero	9
Jayden Canepa	10
Nicolas Rudnicki	11
Sebastian Lojek	12

1. PERSONNEL
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A. EMPLOYMENT

1) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the appointments of the following school administrators, principals, teachers, custodians and other officers and employees pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:16-1, N.J.A.C. 23A-6.8, and Board Policies 3141 and 4125, effective for the 2023/2024 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check:

PA-1	Name	Position	UPC#	Salary	Location	Effective Date
A.	Giovanni Scolaro	Custodian	CUS.02.CUST. NA.01 11-000-262-100- 03-000-00	Step 2 \$48,555 (prorated)	District	Upon Completion of Background Check
B.	Deanna Wilks	Guidance Counselor	TCH.01.GUID. HS.03 11-000-218-104- 01-000-00	MA Step 1 \$57,007 (prorated)	Memorial High School	Upon Completion of Background Check
C.	Leila Puentes	Elementary Teacher	CH.03.ELEM. ELL.07 11-120-100-101- 03-000-00	MA Step 13 \$78,503 (prorated)	Gilbert Avenue School	Upon Completion of Background Check
D.	Taylor Cabana	English Teacher	TCH.11.LALL. MS.07 20-231-100-101- 08-000-00	BA Step 1 \$53,202 (per diem prorated)	Memorial Middle School	Upon Completion of Background Check

**B. RESIGNATION**

1) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education accept the following employee resignations pursuant to N.J.S.A.;18A:28-8; and Board of Education Policy 3141 for the 2023/2024 school year:

<b>PB-1</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>UPC#</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
A.	Stephanie Pontidis	Guidance Counselor	TCH.01.GUID. HS.03 11-000-218-104- 01-000-00	Memorial High School	2/20/24 (or sooner)
B.	Luz Diaz	Aide/Sub	AIDE.04.1TO1. NA.03 11-000-217-100- 04-909-00	Sixteenth Avenue School	12/29/23
C.	Rosette Hlinka	Science Teacher	TCH.11.FORLM. MS.01 11-130-100-101- 11-004-00	Memorial Middle School	3/11/24
D.	Steven Herget	Track & Field Coach	11-402-100-100- 11-037-00	Memorial Middle School	1/11/24
E.	Andrea Kelly	Elementary School Teacher	TCH.03.ELEM.EL.05 11-120-100-101-03- 000-00	Gilbert Avenue School	3/11/24

2) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools recommends rescinding the appointment of Danny Valencia, One to One Aide, Sixteenth Avenue School, effective December 19, 2023.

**C. RETIREMENT**

N/A



D. COACHES /STIPEND

1) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *confirm/approve the extra-curricular activity*, student activity position as listed in the categories below:

PD-1	Name	Position	Salary	UPC #	Location	Effective Date
A.	Ryan Whitmer	Math Teacher	7th period \$7,806.63 (% of salary)	N/A	Memorial High School	11/1/23 through 11/27/23
B.	Shari Roth	ABS	\$1,129 Prorated	NA	Memorial High School	1/31/24-6/30/24
C.	Kyle Griffin	M.S. Track Coach	Step 2 \$7,905	11-402-100-100-11-037-00	Memorial Middle School	2023-2024 Season
D.	Lauren Fiorino	ABS	\$1,129 Prorated	NA	Memorial Middle School	1/31/24-6/30/24
E.	Melissa O'Connor	M.S. Track Coach	Step 1 \$5,171	11-402-100-100-11-037-00	Memorial Middle School	1/24/24

E. APPOINTMENT OF AIDES

1) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *appointment* of the following aides pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:16-1 and Board Policy 4125, effective for the 2023/2024 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check.

PE-1	Name	Position	UPC #	Salary	Location	Effective Date
A.	Jennifer Bourdierd	One to One Aide	AIDE.04.1TO1. NA.03 11-000-217-100-04-909-00	\$17.50/hr	Sixteenth Avenue School	Upon Completion of Background Check

NOTE: This appointment *cannot* exceed 29 hours per week and does not include benefits, vacations, health benefits, sabbatical leave, or any other benefits provided by contract between the Elmwood Park Education Association and the Elmwood Park Board of Education.

F. SUBSTITUTES

- 1) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *appointment* of the following substitutes for the 2023/2024 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check:

Dana Grasso  
 Nurdane Ay  
 Sarah Beshay  
 Adriano Torre

NOTE: These appointments *cannot* exceed 29 hours per week and do not include benefits, vacations, health benefits, 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

- 1) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *the movement on guide* for the following school administrators, principals, teachers, custodians and other officers and employees pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:16-1 and 18A:29-13 and local contractual agreement.

PH -1	Name	Current Step As of 9/1/23	Proposed Step	Location	Effective Date
A.	Cassandra Kriegel	Step 5 BA+15 \$57,192	Step 5 MA \$59,942	Memorial Middle School	1/1/2024
B.	Alison Zinno	Step 8 BA+30 \$62,873	Step 8 MA \$64,623	Gantner Avenue School	1/1/2024
C.	Ryanne Langford	Step 6 BA+30 \$59,629	Step 6 MA \$60,629	Sixteenth Avenue School	1/1/2024
D.	MaryEllen Lesko	Step 5 BA+15 \$57,192	Step 5 MA \$59,942	Sixteenth Avenue School	1/1/2024 (pending transcript)

I. VOLUNTEER

1) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *appointment* of the following volunteers for the 2023/2024 school year, pending results of fingerprint check:

Name	Position	Location	Effective
Noa Vitenson	HS Play	Memorial Middle School	2023-2024 School Year

J. FMLA/MATERNITY LEAVE/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

N/A

K. WORKSHOP/TRAINING

1) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following request for the 2023/2024 school year, for the following employees to attend workshops:

PK-1	Name	Position	Date	Sub Required	Cost	Activity	Location
A.	Daniel Basile	Asst Principal/ Athletic Director	3/12/24 - 3/15/24	No	\$450.00 to be funded through Title IIA	2024 DAANJ Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ
B.	Allie LoPresti	CST	2/5/2024	No	\$60.00 to be funded through Title IIA	Dealing with Challenges When Working with Parents and Families	Virtual
C.	Kelly Terranova	Supervisor of Guidance	2/1/2024	No	\$500.00 to be funded through Title IIA	Legal One: Anti-Bullying Specialist Online Certificate Program	Virtual
D.	Shari Roth	Guidance Counselor	2/1/2024	No	\$500.00 to be funded	Legal One: Anti-Bullying Specialist	Virtual

					through Title IIA	Online Certificate Program	
E.	Erica Romitelli	Teacher Gantner Avenue	3/18/2024	Yes	\$180.00 to be funded through Title IIA	High Level Practices NJCEC's Annual Spring Conference	Mahwah NJ
F.	Liliana Gonzalez	Teacher/ Tech Asst Middle School	3/12/2024	Yes	No Charge	NJECC Spring Conference	Montclair NJ
G.	Jacki Pierce	Guidance Counselor	4/10/2024 (½ day)	No	No Charge	How to Support Your Rising Seniors	Virtual
H	Sherry Freyer	Elementary Art Teacher	2/07/2024	No	No Charge	Lesson Share for Elementary Art	Emerson NJ
I.	Robert Engelbrecht	Middle School Teacher	3/15/2024 (½ day)	Yes	\$80.00 funded through Title IIA	Differentiating Lessons with AI Tools	Paramus NJ
J.	Carolyn Stefanou	Middle School Teacher	2/23/2024 (½ day)	Yes	\$80.00 funded through Title IIA	Favorite AI Tools for Teacher Efficiency	Paramus NJ
K.	Deanna Palmiere	Counselor Sixteenth Avenue	3/7/2024 (½ day)	No	No Charge	The Role of the School Climate Team	Virtual
L.	Thomas Mulligan	MS Teacher & Football Coach	2/09/2024	Yes	\$60.00 paid by Athletics Dept.	NJFCA Coaches Clinic	Hillsborough NJ
M.	Gi Shin	Supervisor of Instruction	2/09/2024	No	\$100.00 paid through Title IIA	Owning Your Data: Building Data Teams To Support &	Monroe Township NJ

						Sustain Multi-Tiered Instruction	
N.	David Warner	Director of Planning & Innovation	2/07/2024	No	No Charge	RXP2024 Analyzing Students' Data	Parsippany NJ
O.	Dominique Spataro	Guidance Counselor MS ABS	2/09/2024 (½ day)	No	\$10.00 funded through Title IIA Grant	Bullying Prevention & Intervention	Virtual
P.	Corinne DiMartino	Principal High School	3/07/2024	No	No Charge	Hot Issues in School Law	Virtual
Q.	Karen Fasouletos	Principal Middle School	3/07/2024	No	No Charge	Hot Issues in School Law	Virtual
R.	Lauren Fiorino	Guidance Counselor	2/1/2024	No	\$500.00 to be funded through Title IIA	Legal One: Anti-Bullying Specialist Online Certificate Program	Virtual

L. STUDENT TEACHING OBSERVATION/PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP

- 1) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *confirm/approve* the Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Rutgers University for the 2024/2025 school year.

M. PARAPROFESSIONALS

N/A

N. EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

N/A

O. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

N/A

P. GENERAL

N/A

Motion of:

Seconded By:

Consent Vote on items: PA1-PL1

	KC	DD	CF	EM	CP	KP	DZ	DA	LG
<b>AYE</b>									
<b>NAY</b>									
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									

2. STUDENTS
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- 1) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve ***Bergen County Special Services/Educational Enterprises Division*** to provide TOD Services for student MM/111532 for the 2023/2024 school year.
  
- 2) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve ***Adam Krass Consulting LLC*** to provide AAC and AT evaluation for student MW/111767 for the 2023/2024 school year.
  
- 3) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve ***Best of You Therapy*** to provide speech therapy services for district students for the 2023/2024 school year.
  
- 4) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve out of district placement(s) as regulated by N.J.A.C. 6A:14 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18, Private/Public Schools for Students with Disabilities for the 2023/2024 school year as indicated:

S-4	SID	School Name	Dates	Total Tuition
A.	113229	Northwest Essex Community	2/26/24-6/30/24	\$33045.75

		Healthcare Network Therapeutic School		
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NOTE: ALL COSTS ARE ESTIMATES AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND VERIFICATION.

- 5) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve out of district one to one aide(s) as regulated by N.J.A.C. 6A:14 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18, Private/Public Schools for Students with Disabilities for the 2023/2024 school year as indicated:

S-5	SID	School Name	Dates	Total Tuition
A.	113229	Northwest Essex Community Healthcare Network Therapeutic School	2/26/24-6/30/24	\$8,625.00

NOTE: ALL COSTS ARE ESTIMATES AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND VERIFICATION.

- 6) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following students as *incoming tuition student(s)* for the 2023/2024 school year as indicated:

S-6	SID	EPPS School Name / Sending District	Dates	Total Incoming Tuition
A.	113604	Sixteenth Avenue School / Paterson Public Schools	9/29/23 - 6/18/24	Program: \$13,001.00/year
B.	113603	Sixteenth Avenue School / Paterson Public Schools	9/29/23 - 6/18/24	Program: \$13,001.00/year

- 7) Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following students as *out of district tuition student(s)* the 2023/2024 school year as indicated:

S-7	SID	School Name / Receiving District	Dates	Total Out of District Tuition
A.	111133	School 20 / Paterson Public Schools	10/23/23-6/26/24	\$14,793.00

Motion of:

Seconded By:

Consent Vote on Item: S1- S7

	KC	DD	CF	EM	CP	KP	DZ	DA	LG
<b>AYE</b>									
<b>NAY</b>									
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									

3. GENERAL
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G1. Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the **activity/events/fundraisers/etc.** request for the 2023/2024 school year as listed below:

G-1	School Activity	Loc./ Sch.	Date/Time	Participants	Adm./Teach. Coach/Advis.
A.	Guest Speaker Ms. Maud Dahme a Holocaust Survivor will speak to students	MS Auditorium	3/21/24	MS 7th and 8th Grade Students	Ms. Fasouletos
B.	Light The Night is the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s largest event that brings the community together under a single mission. The special walk is one of a kind lantern ceremony signaling hope.	TBD	TBD	Gilbert Avenue Students	Mr. Alberta
C.	CSU Mobile Forensics Program. Classes will be brought out to the vehicle during their scheduled class time.	High School School Grounds	1/22/24	All High School Students	Ms. DiMartino



D.	The Grand Falloons will present an assembly- Professor W's Earth Science Circus: Our Earth, What a Gas.	Gantner Avenue Gym	TBD	Gantner Avenue All Students	Ms. Jackter
E.	The Grand Falloons Assembly. Professor W's Earth Science Circus Ways of the Water	Gilbert Avenue Gym	1/31/24 1:30 pm to 2:30pm	Gilbert Avenue All Students	Mr. Alberta
F.	Random Acts of Kindness Students will work together as a team and participate in dress down days.	All Elementary Schools	February 2024	Gantner Avenue, Gilbert Avenue and Sixteenth Avenue All Students	Ms. Jackter Mr. Alberta Ms. Sharples
G.	National Honor Society Food Drive Students will gather canned goods for a food drive. The winning home room will win breakfast.	High School	2/1/24 to 2/16/24	High School National Honor Society Students	Ms. DiMartino
H.	Diabetes Care/PD Mary O' Connor, MSN. RN, CDCES is a certified diabetes care and educational specialist from Englewood Health. She will provide professional development and training to district staff.	Sixteenth Avenue Media Center	1/24/24	District Nurses, 504 Coordinators, and support Staff as needed	Ms. Sharples Mr. Warner Ms. Esquivel
I.	Kindergarten Screening. Kindergarten teachers will screen incoming Kindergarten students for proper placement.	Sixteenth Avenue Conference room	5/30/24, 6/12/24 and 6/13/24 9:00 am to 2:00 pm	Incoming Kindergarten Sixteenth Avenue Students	Ms. Sharples
J.	5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony. Grade 5 students will participate in their end of year Moving Up Ceremony.	Sixteenth Avenue Blacktop	6/12/24 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Sixteenth Avenue 5th Grade Students	Ms. Sharples

K.	Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony. Kindergarten students will participate in their end of year Moving Up Ceremony.	Sixteenth Avenue Blacktop	6/10/24 9:30 am to 11:00 am	Sixteenth Avenue K Grade Students	Ms. Sharples
L.	Pre-K Moving Up Ceremony. Pre-K students will participate in their end of year Moving Up Ceremony.	Sixteenth Avenue Pre-K Classrooms	6/6/24	Sixteenth Avenue Pre-K Students	Ms. Sharples
M.	Kids Heart Challenge Assembly. Brittany Rehan, from American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge, discusses heart health.	Sixteenth Avenue Gym	2/8/24	Sixteenth Avenue All Students	Ms. Sharples
N.	Bergen County Clerk is sponsoring My County Poster 4th Grade Contest.	Sixteenth Avenue School and Students Home	1/24/24 to 4/11/24	Sixteenth Avenue All 4th Grade Students	Ms. Sharples
O.	High School Art Students will be given a tour of the Montclair Art Museum, and a special activity will be organized in which the students will create portraits influenced by a specific exhibition.	Montclair	5/30/24 9:00 am to 1:30 pm	High School Art Students	Ms. DiMartino
P.	Wellness Program AMG Orthopedics is a local multi-disciplinary health and wellness organization. They offer physical therapy, orthopedics specialists, sports recovery, and more. They will host a complimentary appreciation lunch and massages.	Gantner Avenue School	3/19/24	Gantner Avenue Staff	Ms. Jackter

Q.	Music students will attend the musical Wicked on Broadway.	Broadway, New York	5/8/24 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm	MS/HS Music Students	Ms. DiMartino
R.	Dress Code Clothing Drive The Volunteer Club will be collecting dress code items to help fill the guidance department dress code closet.	Middle School Office	TBD	Middle School 6th through 8th Grade Students, Staff and Parents	Ms. Fasouletos
S.	Fundraiser snack sale MS Home Basketball Games.	Middle School	1/24/24- 2/16/24	Middle School HSA	Ms. Fasouletos

G2. Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the **Donations(s)** as submitted, for the 2023/2024 school year.

G-2	Donation	Donator(s)	Location
A.	\$250.00	The Scherer Family	MS/HS Media Center
B.	24 Books	Ms. Marta Tarnowska	Sixteenth Avenue Media Center

G3. Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the **submission of the 2022-2023 SSDS biannual report** for September - December 2023.

G4. Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve Kelly Terranova, Guidance Supervisor, as a District ABS for the 2023/2024 school year.

G5. Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the **Summer School Program(s)** for the summer of 2024. Monday, June 24-Monday, July 25, 2024. Thursday, July 4th would be closed.

G6. Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the **Extended School Year Programs (ESY)** for in-district students for the summer of 2024, pursuant to Individualized Education Programs. Monday, June 24-Monday, July 25, 2024. Thursday, July 4th would be closed.

G7. Dr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following resolution to recognize January 2024 as *School Board Recognition Month* and urge all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staff toward the improvement of our children's education.

**School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey  
January 2024**

**WHEREAS,** The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2024 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

**WHEREAS,** The Elmwood Park Board of Education is one of more than 580 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

**WHEREAS,** The Elmwood Park Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

**WHEREAS,** New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; and

**WHEREAS,** New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

**WHEREAS,** School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

**WHEREAS,** Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

**WHEREAS,** New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation’s best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments. Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Elmwood Park Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2024 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Elmwood Park Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staff toward the improvement of our children’s education.

Motion of:

Second by:

Consent Vote on item: G1-G7

	<b>KC</b>	<b>DD</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>CP</b>	<b>KP</b>	<b>DZ</b>	<b>DA</b>	<b>LG</b>
<b>AYE</b>									
<b>NAY</b>									
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									

**4. BUSINESS**

**M. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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

Regular Meeting

December 19, 2023

Reorganization Meeting

January 2, 2024

Motion of:

Seconded by:

Consent Vote on items: M1

	KC	DD	CF	EM	CP	KP	DZ	DA	LG
<b>AYE</b>									
<b>NAY</b>									
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									

**F. FINANCIAL**

**F1. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education accepts the December 2023, financial report, as submitted, which include the monthly Board Secretary’s Report, Transfer Report, and the Treasurer of School Moneys Report for the respective month endings. The Board notes that the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports are in balance for the cash receipts and disbursements for the respective month endings.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, the board of education secretary certifies that as of December 2023, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures,

which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, the board of education secretary certifies that as of December 2023, after review of the District's monthly financial reports no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

F2. CONFIRMATION OF BILLS AND WARRANTS

BE IT RESOLVED: that, based upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the bills payable by check numbers 36966 through 37148 totaling \$1,880,357.83 and wire transfers totaling \$876,463.12 from Spencer Savings Bank Board of Education General Account, check numbers 1629 through 1632 totaling \$99,287.15 from board of education Food Service Account, which were reviewed by the Finance Committee, be confirmed for payment.

F3. PAYROLL CONFIRMATION

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education confirms the action of the board secretary/business administrator in issuing the payroll for December 22, 2023 in the total amount of \$1,220,468.74.

F4. PAYROLL CONFIRMATION

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education confirms the action of the board secretary/business administrator in issuing the payroll for January 12, 2024 in the total amount of \$1,230,107.26.

F5. ALLOCATION OF FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that as outlined in the grant and upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve all instructional staff to complete remediation funded through the ARP/ESSER III Grant (\$40,000.00).  
Account #20-490-100-100-08-000-00

F6. ALLOCATION OF FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that as outlined in the grant and upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the the allocation of Elementary Guidance Counselor, Lisa Minichini partial salary (\$45,000.00) To be funded through the ARP/ESSER III Grant.  
Account #20-491-200-100-08-000-00

F7. FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the purchase of Room Alert digital sensors from Avtech Software, Inc. (\$4,982.00) to be funded through the ARP ESSER III Grant  
Account #20-487-400-720-08-000-00

F8. FUNDING SOURCE TITLE I GRANT HOMELESS

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the purchase of school supplies for the homeless from Staples, not to exceed \$1,000.00 funded through the Title I Grant.  
Account #20-234-100-600-08-000-00

F9. FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the purchase of books for middle school students from Follett (\$10,438.44) to be funded through the ARP/ESSER III Grant.



Account #20-487-100-610-08-000-00

F10. FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the purchase and installation of exterior lighting from Generations services as detailed below to be funded through the ARP/ESSER III Grant.

Account #20-487-400-720-08-000-00

Sixteenth Avenue School	not to exceed \$31,000.00
Gantner Avenue School	not to exceed \$43,000.00
Gilbert Avenue School	not to exceed \$17,000.00

F11. FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the update, purchase and installation of lighting for the high school field and grounds from SAL Electric Co., Inc. (\$18,539.00) to be funded through the ARP/ESSER III Grant.

Account #20-487-400-720-08-000-00

F12. FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the purchase and installation of Verkada electric door Stike and software from CDW-G as detailed below to be funded through the ARP/ESSER III Grant.

Account #20-487-400-720-08-000-00

Sixteenth Avenue School	\$11,933.99
Gantner Avenue School	\$ 8,736.19
Gilbert Avenue School	\$11,236.39
Memorial HS/MS	\$18,611.40
Installation - District	\$48,500.00

F13. FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the purchase and installation of security doors from Shaw's Complete Security as detailed below to be funded through the ARP/ESSER III Grant.

Account #20-487-400-720-08-000-00

Sixteenth Avenue School	\$15,038.80
Gantner Avenue School	\$60,280.40
Gilbert Avenue School	\$49,064.40
Memorial HS/MS	\$84,297.20

F14. FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the purchase of educational supplies for the elementary schools as listed below to be funded through the ARP/ESSER III Grant.

Account #20-487-100-610-08-000-00

Really Good Stuff, LLC	\$ 1,740.90
United Supply Corp.	\$ 66.72
Cascade School Supplies, Inc.	\$28,508.31
School Specialty, LLC	\$34,962.00

F15. FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the purchase and installation of an upgraded paging system at Sixteenth Avenue School and board of education offices from JCT Solutions (\$80,435.47) funded through the ARP/ESSER III Grant.

Account #20-487-400-720-08-000-00

F16. FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the purchase of phones for the high school paging system from CDWG (\$7,546.00) funded through ARP/ESSER III Grant.  
Account #20-487-400-720-08-000-00

F17. FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the purchase and installation of multipurpose security cameras in the elementary school buildings from CDWG (\$19,144.44) funded through ARP/ESSER III Grant.  
Account #20-487-400-720-08-000-00

F18. FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the purchase of hand-held Radios, charging bases & batteries from Goosetown Communications (\$79,536.23) funded through ARP/ESSER III Grant.  
Account #20-487-400-720-08-000-00

F19. FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the renewal of the ClassLink license maintaining cyber security district-wide from SHI (\$12,488.75) to be funded through the ARP/ESSER III Grant.  
Account #20-487-400-720-08-000-00

F20. FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the purchase and installation of outdoor PA speakers at the high school from Generations Services (not to exceed \$12,000.00) funded through the ARP/ESSER III Grant.  
Account #20-487-400-720-08-000-00

F21. FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the purchase and installation of safety lighting in the high school auditorium from Generations Services (not to exceed \$5,800.00) funded through the ARP/ESSER III Grant.  
Account #20-487-720-08-000-00

F22. FUNDING SOURCE 2023/2024 ARP/ESSER III GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon recommendation of the superintendent, the board of education approve the purchase and installation of security cameras, for each of the school buildings main offices, from CDWG (\$14,904.34) funded through ARP/ESSER III Grant.  
Account #20-487-720-08-000-00

Motion of:

Seconded by:

Consent Vote on items: F1-F22

	KC	DD	CF	EM	CP	KP	DZ	DA	LG
<b>AYE</b>									
<b>NAY</b>									
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									

<b>B. BUSINESS</b>
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BG1. USE OF FACILITIES – APPROVALS

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the board of education approves the requests for Use of School Facilities, pending receipt of required documentation according to Board Policy #7510.

BG2. USE OF FACILITIES – APPROVALS - OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the board of education approves the requests for Use of School Facilities for outside organizations, pending receipt of required documentation according to Board Policy #7510.

BG3. USE OF DISTRICT BUSES FOR ELMWOOD PARK RECREATION

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the board of education does hereby approve the use of district buses by the Elmwood Park Recreation Department from June 22, 2024 through August 10, 2024 for Summer Camp.

BG4. USE OF MEMORIAL MS/HS FOR ELMWOOD PARK RECREATION  
SUMMER CAMP

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the board of education does hereby approve the use of Memorial Middle/High School by the Elmwood Park Recreation Department from June 24, 2024 through August 10, 2024 for Summer Camp.

Motion of:

Seconded by:

Consent Vote on items: BG1- BG4

	KC	DD	CF	EM	CP	KP	DZ	DA	LG
<b>AYE</b>									
<b>NAY</b>									
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									

<b>H. HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION &amp; BULLYING</b>
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H1. BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education does hereby affirm the Superintendent’s decision on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying cases:

#2023-2024-060-05

Motion of:

Seconded by:

Consent Vote on items: H1

	KC	DD	CF	EM	CP	KP	DZ	DA	LG
<b>AYE</b>									
<b>NAY</b>									
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									

**L. LEGAL**

L1. APPROVAL OF SALE OF TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT BID

WHEREAS: the Elmwood Park Board of Education (the “Board”) advertised for bids for the Sale of Technology Equipment pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS: on December 20, 2023, the Elmwood Park Board of Education (“Board”) held a public bid opening for the Sale of Technology Equipment; and

WHEREAS: the Board received one (1) bids at the public bid opening; and

WHEREAS: the lowest numerical bid was submitted by Imaan International, Inc., with a total bid of Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty dollars (\$5,650.00).

WHEREAS: the Board has determined Imaan International, Inc., to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

that in accordance with the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq, the Board hereby approves the bid from Imaan International, Inc., for the amount listed above.

L2. APPROVE BUILDING ADDITION AND INTERIOR RENOVATION AT GANTNER AVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Elmwood Park Public School District in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the “Board”), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

**BUILDING ADDITION AND INTERIOR  
RENOVATION AT GANTNER AVE ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

By the board of education of Elmwood Park School District in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Final Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project(s).

Section 3. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution. Including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as set forth in Section 5(d) of P.L. 2000, c72 in connection with receipt of an ARP Grant for Expansion of Preschool Facilities Grant with respect to the proposed Project.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

L3. APPROVE BUILDING ADDITION AND INTERIOR RENOVATION AT GILBERT AVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Elmwood Park Public School District in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the “Board”), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:



**BUILDING ADDITION AND INTERIOR  
RENOVATION AT GILBERT AVE ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

By the board of education of Elmwood Park School District in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Final Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project(s).

Section 3. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution. Including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as set forth in Section 5(d) of P.L. 2000, c72 in connection with receipt of an ARP Grant for Expansion of Preschool Facilities Grant with respect to the proposed Project.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

L4. APPROVE BUILDING ADDITION AND INTERIOR RENOVATION AT 16TH AVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Elmwood Park Public School District in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the “Board”), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

**BUILDING ADDITION AND INTERIOR  
RENOVATION AT 16TH AVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

By the board of education of Elmwood Park School District in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Final Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project(s).

Section 3. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution. Including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as set forth in Section 5(d) of P.L. 2000, c72 in connection with receipt of an ARP Grant for Expansion of Preschool Facilities Grant with respect to the proposed Project.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**L5. APPROVE MAINTENANCE RESERVE WITHDRAWAL & APPROPRIATION**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education hereby approves to withdraw Maintenance Reserve Funds in the amount of \$1,295.00, and appropriate the funds for professional services to Rich Tree Service for tree safety at the Memorial High School, account #11-000-261-420-15-000-01.

L6. APPROVE MAINTENANCE RESERVE WITHDRAWAL & APPROPRIATION

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education hereby approves to withdraw Maintenance Reserve Funds in the amount of \$3,720.00, and appropriate the funds for professional services to Rich Tree Service for tree safety at the Gantner Avenue School, account #11-000-261-420-15-000-02.

L7. APPROVE MAINTENANCE RESERVE WITHDRAWAL & APPROPRIATION

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education hereby approves to withdraw Maintenance Reserve Funds in the amount of \$3,994.80, and appropriate the funds for professional services to Inline for motor assembly replacement at 16th Avenue School, account #11-000-261-420-15-000-04.

L8. APPROVE MAINTENANCE RESERVE WITHDRAWAL & APPROPRIATION

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education hereby approves to withdraw Maintenance Reserve Funds in the amount of \$7,713.07, and appropriate the funds for professional services to Inline for motor assembly replacement at Gilbert Avenue School, account #11-000-261-420-15-000-03.

L9. APPROVE MAINTENANCE RESERVE WITHDRAWAL & APPROPRIATION

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education hereby approves to withdraw Maintenance Reserve Funds in the amount of \$2,102.00, and appropriate the funds for professional services to CJ Vanderbeck for boiler motor at 16th Avenue School, account #11-000-261-420-15-000-04.

L10. APPROVE MAINTENANCE RESERVE WITHDRAWAL & APPROPRIATION

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education hereby approves to withdraw Maintenance Reserve Funds in the amount of \$5,836.35 and appropriate the funds for professional services to Triumvirate for elevator pit at 16th Avenue School, account #11-000-261-420-15-000-04.

**L11. APPROVE MAINTENANCE RESERVE WITHDRAWAL & APPROPRIATION**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education hereby approves to withdraw Maintenance Reserve Funds in the amount of \$20,164.00 and appropriate the funds for professional services to Cifelli for concrete work at Gantner Avenue School, account #11-000-261-420-15-000-02.

Motion of:

Seconded by:

Consent Vote on items: L1 - L11

	KC	DD	CF	EM	CP	KP	DZ	DA	LG
<b>AYE</b>									
<b>NAY</b>									
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									

Certified to be true copies of resolutions adopted by the Elmwood Park Board of Education at its meeting held on January 23, 2024.

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Mark S. Jacobus, Business Administrator/Board Secretary