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Following are Draft Summary Minutes of the Public Hearing held by the Elmwood Park Board of Education on Tuesday, March 31, 2009. 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 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial High School Media Center.

Present were: Arlene Rudmann, Jeffrey Freitag, Jennifer Pellegrine, Lori Sproviero, Michael Bufis, and Mrs. Balistreri. Mr. DeMatteo, Mr. Bulmer, and Mr. Cannizzo were absent from the hearing. Also present were Joseph F. Casapulla, Superintendent of Schools, and Matthew DeMaria, Board Attorney.

The meeting was opened with a prayer seeking divine 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 31, 2009, at 6:30 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 2009-2010 school budget and any and all other matters pertaining to the board. 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.”

The meeting was opened to the public at 6:32 and closed to the public at 6:33 p.m. .

Motion of Mr. Freitag, Seconded by Ms. Pellegrine to approve resolution adopting the 2009-2010 Final District Budget.

Before a vote was taken, there was a

Motion of Mrs. Rudmann, Seconded by Mr. Bufis, to suspend the vote to entertain a motion to waive the order of business.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present. Mr. DeMatteo, Mr. Cannizzo, and Mr. Bulmer were absent from the hearing.

Motion of Ms. Pellegrine, Seconded by Mrs. Sproviero, to waive the order of business to proceed to Addendum item, Personnel S.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present. Mr. DeMatteo, Mr. Cannizzo, and Mr. Bulmer were absent from the hearing.

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Motion of Mr. Freitag, Seconded by Ms. Pellegrine, approving addendum personnel resolution, 2.S.

Vote: Approved unanimously, as amended, by roll call vote of the members present. Mr. DeMatteo, Mr. Cannizzo, and Mr. Bulmer were absent from the hearing.

The amended resolution read as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: that the superintendent recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the appointment(s) of Ellen K. Rosenberg, BSN, RN, CSBN, 4-40 Hartley Place, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410-3022, as temporary replacement , at the 16th Avenue school, at a per diem rate based on Step 1, of the BA teacher salary guide \$41,500, effective April 20, 2009, to on or about June 5, 2009, pending results of drug screening and fingerprint check. Approved with the understanding that the service provider will maintain all appropriate professional licenses applicable.

BUSINESS:

Adoption of the 2009-2010 Final District Budget

Motion of Mr. Freitag, Seconded by Ms. Pellegrine, on resolution approving 2009-2010 Final District Budget.

Before a vote was taken, there was a Motion of Ms. Pellegrine, Seconded by Mrs. Sproviero, to waive the order of business to allow for public comments.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present. Mr. DeMatteo, Mr. Cannizzo, and Mr. Bulmer were absent from the hearing.

The following members of the public spoke:

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Name	Address	Topic
Richard Rudmann	1 Paul Court	Comments on budget information format.
Louise Gerardi	48 Palsa Avenue	Inquired about grant writer; Need for blackberries and paper supply comments.
Misty Diaz	355 Elm Street	Comments in regard to Special Services Director. Wanted Dr. Berman to be fired.

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the Elmwood Park Board of Education hereby adopts the FY 2009-2010 final budget as attached.

Vote: The above motion failed to carry by the required majority of the members present. The vote was four (4) ayes (Mrs. Rudmann, Mr. Freitag, Ms. Pellegrine, Mrs. Balistrieri) and two (2) nays (Mrs. Sproviero, Mr. Bufis). Mr. Bulmer, Mr. Cannizzo and Mr. DeMatteo were absent from the hearing.

By motion of Mr. Bufis, Seconded by Mrs. Sproviero, and unanimously approved by those present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William P. Moffitt
Board Secretary