

FINAL MINUTES
-SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING-
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 14, 2020

A Special Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held remotely on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via “Zoom” video conference to conduct Board Member Training.

Participating virtually were, Mr. Daniel Zoltek, Mrs. Louise Gerardi, Mr. Keith Cannizzo, Ms. Carrie Paretti, Mr. Douglas DeMatteo (arrived at 5:03), Ms Karen Pena (arrived at 5:15) and Mr. George Luke. Also participating were Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Jillian Torrento, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. John DiPaola Board Secretary/Business Administrator.

Mr. Vincent DeLucia of New Jersey School Boards Association was also participating remotely to conduct the training.

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.

This Special Board Meeting for Board Training is being held via video conference via “Zoom”. Specific instructions for accessing the Board Meeting and providing public comments have been posted to the district’s website.

The following information is Board of Education Policy: “1) Any individual addressing the board of education is to provide or state his/her name and address. 2) No verbal accusation against any employee or member of the board of education shall be permitted. Such accusations may be presented in writing and will be given full consideration by the board of education. 3) No action will be taken by the board of education at the same meeting on requests from the public, which may necessitate either a new policy or a change in existing policy.”

Open for Public Comments on any item, agenda and non-agenda at 5:02 p.m.

Mr. Iachetti read an email which was received into the record as requested by the sender of the email.

The email was from Anisul Fatima, 36 Miller Ave, Elmwood Park:

Please let us know why some district have 2 different marking periods dates for elementary and MS/HS? Also why I need to wait for marking period to over to enroll my kids for in-person school. It’s is very difficult for the parents who have kids in elementary, MS/HS. We like to have only one month notice to send kids in-person please consider that and give us right answer because if I wants to send my kids in-person I will consider to send all my kids at the same time not one in December and other in January or one in January other in March.

Mr. Iachetti's response follows:

Response: Policy 1648.02- Remote Learning Options for Families

- A. Parent may contact the Principal or designee of the building the student would attend with any questions on: a request to transition from in-person services to full-time remote learning; a request to transition from full-time remote learning to in-person services; the procedures of this Policy;
- B. Procedures for Submitting Full-time Remote Learning Requests
 1. A parent may request a student receive full-time remote learning from the school district by submitting a written request to the Principal of the school building their child would attend. The written request shall be provided to the Principal at least 30 calendar days before the student is eligible to commence full-time remote learning in accordance with B.2. below.
 2. The student may only begin full-time remote learning at the beginning of a marking period.

Ann Berru-7 Sabo Court

Can students wear gloves?

Is there bussing?

Maria Deltoz-167 Orchard Street

Questioned children who cannot wear masks a long time, will school open in January and what are elementary hours?

Public portion was closed at 5:15 p.m.

Item BG1 from the agenda was voted on.

Mr. Luke then immediately turned the meeting over to Mr. Vincent DeLucia from NJSBA who began his presentation at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. DeLucia gave a powerpoint presentation on Implicit Bias. He highlighted how bias is developed, where it exists, different types of bias and how bias impacts not only society but schools and the school environment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:40 p.m. by Mrs. Gerardi and seconded by Ms. Paretti and passed by all members present.

I hereby certify these final summary minutes of the Special Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education held on October 14, 2020 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", written in a cursive style.

John DiPaola
Business Administrator/Board Secretary



**Elmwood Park Board of Education
ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY
AGENDA
SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING
October 14, 2020**

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD **REMOTELY** THIS EVENING, OCTOBER 14, 2020 AT 5:00 PM.

This Special Board Meeting is being held virtually via video conference. Specific instructions for accessing the meeting will be posted to the Board's website: www.elmwoodparkschools.org.

Members of the public may remotely access, view and provide verbal or written public comments at this Board Meeting through Zoom, a remote video conferencing system or by email. Members of the public may email a comment which will be read at the meeting by sending an email to jdipaola@epps.org no later than 3:00 pm of the day of the meeting, October 14. All public email comments must include the sender's full name and address.

Members of the public will be "muted" by the meeting host except during the public comments section.

- A. OPENING: ROLL CALL, SUNSHINE STATEMENT
- B. PUBLIC COMMENTS –General and Agenda Items
- C. OPEN SESSION REVIEW OF AGENDA
- D. NJSBA VIRTUAL TRAINING SESSION
- E. CLOSED SESSION-AS NEEDED
- F. ADJOURNMENT

B. BUSINESS

BG1. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING FOR OCTOBER 20, 2020

BE IT RESOLVED: that, the board of education does hereby approve a *Special Meeting* to be held on October 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Memorial MS/HS Media Center, 375 River Drive. The *Special Meeting* will be for the purpose of interviewing Board Candidates who have applied to fill the vacant board position. This meeting will include an executive session and formal action is anticipated at this meeting on the vacant position. The meeting *may* also be used to take formal action on Personnel, Students, General, Business, and any other Board Business as needed.

Motion of: Mr. Cannizzo
Seconded by: Ms. Paretti
Consent Vote on items: BG1

	KC	DD	LG	CP	KP	DZ	DA	GL
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
NAY								
ABSENT							X	
ABSTAINED								
RECUSED								

Certified to be true copies of resolutions adopted by the Elmwood Park Board of Education at its special meeting held on October 14, 2020.



John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary