

**FINAL MINUTES  
-SPECIAL MEETING-  
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MARCH 16, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 and began at 6:00 p.m. in the High School/Middle School Media Center.

Present were: Mrs. Dorin Aspras, Mr. Keith Cannizzo, Mr. Douglas DeMatteo, Mrs. Gerardi, Mr. George Luke, Mrs. Elizabeth Mierzejewski, Ms. Carrie Paretti, Ms. Karen Pena and Mr. Daniel Zoltek. Also present were, Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Jillian Torrento, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and two members of the public.

Roll call was taken. The Statement of Compliance is hereby incorporated: In accordance with the 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. The following information is Board of Education Policy: "1) Any individual addressing the board of education is to state his/her name and address and sign the register at the podium. 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." Everyone stood for the flag salute and a moment of silence.

At 6:01 p.m. the meeting was opened to the public on agenda items. No one from the public spoke, votes were then taken on the agenda item.

At 6:02 p.m. the meeting was opened to the public.

Jeff Freitag - 35 Hillman Drive

- What will tax increase be?

Mr. Luke responded –as of now no tax increase is planned.

- Is there any plans to alter taxes further with the extra aid?

Mr. Luke responded-Not at this time, we are planning on putting the increase to educational aspects.

- What new programs will be in this budget?

Mr. Iachetti responded- We will go over the plans for the budget at the April meeting.

- To Mr. DiPaola-do taxes change after the preliminary budget?

Mr. DiPaola responded-The tax rate does not change once the budget is approved.

- Are charter school funds transferred and part of the overall General Fund budget?

Mr. DiPaola responded-Yes we make payments to charter schools out of the General Fund budget.

At 6:11 p.m. a Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Gerardi and Seconded by Mrs. Aspras and unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present.

I hereby certify that these final summary minutes of the Special Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education in session on March 16, 2021 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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John DiPaola  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary



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

**AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 16, 2021**

**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING AT 6:00 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

C. OPEN SESSION: REVIEW & ACTION OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL

E. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS – OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

F. CLOSED SESSION – AS MAY BE REQUIRED

*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.*

G. ADJOURNMENT

**BUSINESS**

**F. Financial**

F1. ADOPTION OF 2021-2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the Elmwood Park Board of Education hereby adopts the FY 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget for submission to the County Office as follows:

<b>CURRENT GENERAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$48,846,608</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$ 3,130,918</b>
<b>TRANSFER TO CHARTER SCHOOLS</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,021,200</u></b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$52,998,726</b>
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b>\$ 1,400,789</b>
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>\$ <u>2,647,325</u></b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRICT BUDGET</b>	<b>\$57,046,840</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY</b>	<b>\$34,765,194</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY</b>	<b>\$ 2,264,688</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

This budget withdraws \$2,960,000 from the district's Capital Reserve Account to support Capital Projects;

**AND**

As per policy #6471 and NJAC 6A:23B-1.2(b) which provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement and that for the 2020-2021 school year the Board of Education appropriated \$25,000 for travel and has spent \$0 to date; that the Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2021-2022 school

year be set at the sum of \$25,000 and that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

**AND**

that this FY 2021-2022 preliminary budget may be revised prior to final adoption on April 27, 2021, to reflect any changes required by the board of education or Interim Executive Bergen County Superintendent of Schools.

Motion of: Mrs. Gerardi  
 Seconded by: Ms. Pena  
 Consent Vote on items: F1

	<b>DA</b>	<b>KC</b>	<b>DD</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>CP</b>	<b>KP</b>	<b>DZ</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>GL</b>
<b>AYE</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<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 Special meeting held on March 16, 2021.




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John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary