

**FINAL MINUTES – WORK MEETING – REGULAR MEETING  
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MARCH 18, 2014**

There was a Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 6:30 in the Memorial High School Teachers' Cafeteria.

Present were: Keith Cannizzo, Douglas DeMatteo, Jeanne Freitag, Louise Gerardi, Daniel Golabek, Kathleen Policano, Arlene Rudmann, Peter Scolaro and Stephen Zaccone. Also present were Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools, Thomas Egan, State Monitor, Wayne Demikoff, Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator, Patricia Otten, Confidential Executive Secretary, for the taking of minutes, and members of the public.

Immediately following the opening of the Work Meeting at 6:30 p.m., by motion of Mr. Zaccaro, which was seconded by Mr. Scolaro, the board entered into closed session to discuss personnel and HIB cases. Superintendent, Richard D. Tomko, Ph., D., Superintendent of Schools announced that the Work Meeting would begin immediately following the closed session of the board.

The closed session of the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. and the board reopened the Work Meeting at 7:09 p.m. The board waived the flag salute, moment of silence, and reading of the sunshine law by unanimous voice call vote. The Statement of Compliance, is 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. 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."

A copy of the Meeting Notice is hereby incorporated: "The March Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education has been changed to take place on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial High School Teachers' Cafeteria instead on Tuesday, March 25, 2014."

After a review of the Agenda of the Regular Meeting, the board president opened the meeting to the public at 7:58 p.m. and closed the meeting to the public at 8:04 p.m. The following individual addressed the board during the public portion of the work meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jeffrey Freitag	35 Hillman Drive	Inquiries relative to Banked Cap Resolution, Gym Floor, QSAC results, and World Language.

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By motion of Mr. DeMatteo, which was seconded by Mr. Cannizzo, and unanimously approved by those present, the board closed the Work Meeting at 8:04 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was opened at 8:12 p.m. in the Memorial Middle/High School Auditorium. Present were: Keith Cannizzo, Douglas DeMatteo, Jeanne Freitag, Louise Gerardi, Daniel Golabek, Kathleen Policano, Arlene Rudmann, Peter Scolaro and Stephen Zaccone. Also present were Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools, Wayne Demikoff, Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator, Patricia Otten, Confidential Executive Secretary, for the taking of minutes, and members of the administration and public.

After the flag salute there was a moment of silence. A copy of the Meeting Notice is hereby incorporated: "The Regular Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education has been changed to take place on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. in the Memorial High School Auditorium instead of on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014."

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Richard D. Tomko, Ph., D., Superintendent of Schools, acknowledged students of the month and presented certificates of recognition to coaches and students for their recent achievements, which included the E.P. High School Varsity Competition Team who won National Champions First Place in the Small Varsity Division in the Worldwide Spirit Association Grand Nationals Competition on February 23, 2014, coaches and students for receiving NJIC All-League Honors for fall sports, and the E.P. Bombers who won First Place in the Recreation Youth Division at the Mardi Gras Bead Blast National Competition on March 9, 2014.

Members of the Student Congress updated the board on the Student Congress' recent events, congratulated students and coaches for the awards they received, and announced upcoming events.

After the presentation of the certificates and the Student Congress's update to the board, a five minute recess was called by Superintendent Tomko.

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After the short recess, the board returned to the agenda of the Regular Meeting at 8:42 p.m. The meeting was opened to the public at 8:35 p.m. The following individuals addressed the board during the open session of the meeting.

Name	Address	Topic
Dorin Aspras	81 Van Riper Avenue	Inquiries as to items S1, S2, and S3, tuition payments to the district from outside districts.
Joseph Dombrowski	Councilman	Inquiries relative to tuition cost for outside students.



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

**AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 18, 2014**

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORK MEETING IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 375 RIVER DRIVE, ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY.**

- A. OPENING: ROLL CALL, SUNSHINE STATEMENT, FLAG SALUTE
- B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:
  - a. Students of the Month
  - b. PRESENTATION – Athletic Achievements
  - c. Student Congress Report
- 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/COMMITTEE REPORTS
- H. CLOSED SESSION – AS MAY BE REQUIRED
- I. ADJOURNMENT

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, congratulates and recommends that the board of education acknowledge the **achievement(s)** of the following student(s) who have received NJIC All-League honors for the 2013-2014 fall sports season with a **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION** as listed below:

### Boys Basketball

Ve'Shawn Polite - 1<sup>st</sup> Team  
1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Bergen County

### Girls Basketball

Stephanie Dowd - 1<sup>st</sup> Team

### Boys Wrestling

Joey Rocca - 1<sup>st</sup> Team

Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, congratulates and recommends that the board of education acknowledge the following **achievement(s)** of the participants of the Elmwood Park Bombers Cheer Team who won First Place of the Recreation Youth Division at the Mardi Gras Bead Blast National Competition on March 9, 2014 with a **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION** as listed below:

Carly Ihnat  
Paris Vargas  
Mikaela Monaco  
Angelina Alvarez  
Mollie Berliner  
Zoey Cook  
Jacqueline Esquivel  
Isabella Gjorgoski  
Brianna Sirianni  
Cali Terranova  
Brianna A. Meneses  
Kaitlyn Raleigh  
Miranda Zaccone

Isabella Martino  
Alexiis Morales  
Lexi Rae Morello  
Brianna Rizzuto  
Brianna Cabbibo  
Brianna Kario  
Kayla Esquivel  
Olivia Gjorgoski  
Arianna Sirianni  
Victoria Galette  
Jenna Ulatoski  
Amanda Gomber  
Savannah Gomber

Coach Jill Russo  
Coach Lucy Quezada  
Coach Miranda Gibbs  
Coach Lauren Thompson

Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, congratulates and recommends that the board of education acknowledge the following **achievement(s)** of the following student(s) on the Elmwood Park High School Varsity Competition Team who won National Champions First Place in the small varsity division in the Worldwide Spirit Association Grand Nationals Competition on February 23, 2014 with a **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION** as listed below:

Cassandra Marut	Coach Janine O'Neil
Lauren Presti	Coach Jessica Burgio
Gabriella Tommolillo	
Alyssa Davila	
Daisha Rivera	
Kaitlyn Vandervliet	
Nicole Arena	
Anaia Hinton	
Anna Pisklyarov	
Daniella Quijano	
Ebony McCarrol	
Marissa McLoughlin	

Dr. Richard D. Tomko, 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 February, 2014.

GILBERT AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAME

GRADE

Jeremy Payano	K
Tamara Ibrahim	K
Sara Zmuda	K
Daniel Molina	1
Andy Qymyri	1
Morgan McCaffery	1
Tara Pollock	2
Jacqueline Esquivel	2
Isabella Gjorgoski	3
Jamie Castellano	3
Natalie Castelbuono	3
Eva Aleksovski	4
Marc Anthony Pestano	4
Jason Castillo	5
Vesel Sakir	5
Carly Ihnat	5

## GANTNER AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAMEGRADE

Gloria Cenolli	K,1
Zure Papraniku	K
Oguzhan Kiyakli	K
Kayla Rahill	1
Melanie Carfi	1
Harsh Patel	1
Amani Hasan	2
Harsh Patel	2
Jayden Adames	2,3,4
Athena Nesbit	3
Atavia Diaz	3
Kayla Richards	3,4
Daniel Haxhiu	4
Swina Patel	4
Michal Bienias	5
Sebastian DeSucre	5
Michael Pineda	4&5

## SIXTEENTH AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAMEGRADE

Jalen Gaudet	PreK
Romey Ramadan	PreK
Matthew Cisowski	PreK
Kayla Pope	PreK
Rafael Beniquez	PreK
Trent Williamson	K-2
Michael Davis	K-2
Christina Scarpulla	K
Vincent Castillo	K
Joel Valentin	K
Shifa Sheikh	1
Diya Patel	1
Alexander Bakunas	1
Sarah Ali	2
Adam Bartoszek	2
Wania Shabee	2
Subhaan Shaikh	3
Andy Lin	3
Nomaan Athar	3
Jayden Rafailov	3-5
Edeline Wong	4
Alyssa Fensterstock	4
Alexandra Bartoszek	4
Jennifer Hanna	5
Albi Gjini	5

MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL      STUDENT NAME      GRADE

Patrycja Sadej	6
Carlos Richards	7
Melangy Francisco	8

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL      STUDENT NAME      GRADE

Kadean Dennis	9
Kristian Trajceski	10
Ariana Velez	11
Jayeda Hossain	12

I. PERSONNEL

A. EMPLOYMENT

1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, 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 through for the 2013/2014 School year, pending the results of a fingerprint check:

NAME	POSITION	UPC#	SALARY	LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Colleen Botcher	Substitute Nurse	N/A	\$100.00 (Daily)	District	Upon Completion of Substitute Certification
Michele Catena	Substitute Nurse	N/A	\$100.00 (Daily)	District	Upon Completion of Substitute Certification

NOTE: These appointments **do not** include benefits, vacations, health benefits, sick leave, sabbatical leave, or any other benefits provided by contract between the Elmwood Park Education Association and the Elmwood Park Board of Education

B. RESIGNATION

Voted on separately at end of personnel section.

C. RETIREMENT

N/A

D. COACHES/STIPEND

1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the extra-curricular activity, student activity position for the 2013/2014 school year, as listed in the categories below:

Name	Position	Salary	UPC #	Location	Effective Date
Kristin Lehansky	J.V. Softball Coach	\$4,583	037-02 11-402-100-100-01-037-00	High School	March 19, 2014



E. APPOINTMENT of AIDES

1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, 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 2013/2014 school year, pending the results of a fingerprint check:

Name	POSITION	UPC#	SALARY	LOCATION
Lynley Grezlak	One to One Aide	AIDE.04.1TO1.NA.13 11-000-217-100-04-909-00	\$13.50 (Hour)	Sixteenth Avenue
Rana Sabagh	One to One Aide	AIDE.04.1TO1.NA.03 11-000-217-100-04-909-00	\$13.50 (Hour)	Sixteenth Avenue

NOTE: These appointments *cannot* exceed 29 hours per week and do not include benefits, vacations, health benefits, sick leave, 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. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *appointments* of the following substitutes for the 2013/2014 school year, pending the results of a fingerprint check:

Gerard Brizek  
Lisbel Torres

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

G. TRANSFER

1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *transfer* of the following school administrators, principals, teachers, custodians and other officers and employees pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:16-1, for the 2013/2014:

Teacher	Position	Current UPC	From	To	New UPC
Alyssa Ahearn	Teacher Aide	AIDE.04.1TO1.NA.18 11-000-217-100-04-909-00	Sixteenth Avenue	Gilbert Avenue	AIDE.03.PRSD.NA.01 11-216-100-106-03-000-00

H. MOVEMENT ON GUIDE/SALARY ADJUSTMENT

N/A

**I. VOLUNTEER**

1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *appointment* of the following volunteers for the 2013/2014 school year, pending results of fingerprint check:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Arthur Zilz	High School Volunteer Softball Coach	March 19, 2014
Frank Musso	High/Middle School Musical/Teen Arts Volunteer	Upon Completion of Background Check

**J. FMLA/MATERNITY LEAVE/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *Maternity/Disability*, for:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
Jennifer Surniak-Gruenler	Gilbert Avenue	Child Study Team Member	April 1, 2014 (Amended) (08/27/13 Agenda)	September 1, 2014
Teresa Klingele	Gilbert Avenue	Fourth Grade Teacher	May 19, 2014	May 19, 2015
Danielle Sharples	Gilbert Avenue	Fourth Grade Teacher	May 5, 2014	October 20, 2014

Motion of: Mr. DeMatteo  
 Seconded by: Mrs. Freitag

Consent Vote on items: PA1 – PJ1

	<b>DD</b>	<b>JF</b>	<b>DG</b>	<b>KP</b>	<b>AR</b>	<b>PS</b>	<b>SZ</b>	<b>KC</b>	<b>LG</b>
<b>AYE</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>NAY</b>									
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									

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2) The board of education approves the request for *Unpaid Leave*, for:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
Lindsay Fitzpatrick	Gilbert Avenue	Elementary Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Marie Kittahch	Gantner Avenue	Elementary Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Ariella Luberto	Gantner Avenue	Basic Skills Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Alissa Carullo	Gantner Avenue	Elementary Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Lauren Gaita	Sixteenth Avenue	Elementary Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Kristen Martin	Sixteenth Avenue	Elementary Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 24, 2014
Jack Bacigalupo	Sixteenth Avenue	Elementary Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Jeniffer Gjokaj	Sixteenth Avenue	Elementary Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Alexis Canonico	Sixteenth Avenue	Special Education Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 24, 2014
Michelle Cassidy	Sixteenth Avenue	Elementary School Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Barbara Lorenc-Lach	Sixteenth Avenue	ESL Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Judy Kaplan	High School	Secretary	April 24, 2014	April 24, 2014
Diane Schmitt	High School	Secretary	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Chelsea DiDiego	High School	Music Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Rudy Simonetti	High School	Special Education Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Carmelina Buffa	District	Educational Technology Specialist	April 17, 2014, April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Marlana Gurrieri	Middle School	LDT-C	April 17, 2014, April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Diane Bates	Middle/High School	Speech Language Specialist	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Madeline Forlai	Middle School	Secretary	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Maria Pucella	Middle School	Middle School Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Carmen Cueto	High School	Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014
Eleanor Sporillo	Gantner Avenue	Teacher	April 24, 2014	April 25, 2014

Motion of: Mr. DeMatteo  
 Seconded by: Mr. Zaccone

Consent Vote on items: PJ2

As amended to add the following teachers: Carmen Cueto, High School; Eleanor Sporillo, Gantner Avenue.

	DD	JF	DG	KP	AR	PS	SZ	KC	LG
AYE									
NAY	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED				x					

For the record, Mrs. Freitag stated "Difficult decision to make. Not personal, based upon contract."

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**K. WORKSHOP/TRAINING**

1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following request for the 2013/2014 school year, for the following employee's to attend workshops:

NAME	POSITION	DATE	SUBSTITUTE REQUIRED	COST	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Carmen Cueto	High School Foreign Language Teacher	March 28, 2014	Yes	\$43.00 to be paid with funds from NCLB grant, Title IIA	Spanish Day	Montclair, NJ
Mynda D'Andrea	Middle School LAL Teacher	March 25, 2014	Yes	None	PARCC Assessment and CCSS: How to Prepare our NJ Students for Writing Success in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Bridgewater, NJ
Matthew ten-Hoeve	Middle School Special Education Teacher	March 25, 2014	Yes	None	PARCC Assessment and CCSS: How to Prepare our NJ Students for Writing Success in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Bridgewater, NJ
Sheryl Sammarco	Kindergarten School Teacher	March 11, 2014	Yes	None	Content and Instructional Look-fors in the Common Core Classroom	Paramus, NJ
Carmelina Buffa	Educational Technology Specialist	April 3, 2014	No	None	Preview of a new program "Get Waggle" A smart practice and instruction program	Saddle Brook, NJ

					for both Math and ELA to help prepare students for any CCSS assessment	
Bridget White	Middle School LAL Teacher	April 3, 2014	No	None	Preview of a new program "Get Waggle" A smart practice and instruction program for both Math and ELA to help prepare students for any CCSS assessment	Saddle Brook, NJ
Melissa Toubin	District Speech Pathologist	April 11-12, 2014	No	\$435.00 to be paid with funds from NCLB grant, Title IIA	Practical Strategies for Treating Complex Pediatric Feeding Disorders	Mountainside, NJ
David Warner	High School Principal	April 30, 2014	No	None	S.N.A.P. Conference Latest Issues & Laws Affecting Students & Schools	Garfield, NJ
Chelsea Michals	High School Special Education Teacher	May 2, 2014	Yes	\$55.00 to be paid with funds from NCLB grant, Title IIA	Spring Advisers Conference sponsored by the Garden State Scholastic Press Association	New Brunswick, NJ
Connie Sudol	High School Special Education Teacher	May 20, 2014	Yes	\$229.00 to be paid with funds from NCLB grant, Title IIA	Helping Students Meet or Exceed the Common Core State Standards in Mathematics (Grades 6-12)	Fairfield, NJ
Matthew Borchers	High School Mathematics Teacher	May 20, 2014	Yes	\$229.00 to be paid with funds from NCLB grant, Title IIA	Helping Students Meet or Exceed the Common Core State Standards in Mathematics (Grades 6-12)	Fairfield, NJ

L. STUDENT TEACHING OBSERVATION/PRACTICUM

1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *confirm/approve* the student teaching observations as listed below:

Name	School	From	To	Teacher	Subject
Jenna Sargenti (Caldwell College)	Memorial High School	September 8, 2014	November 28, 2014	TBD	Grade 10/11

Motion of: Mr. DeMatteo  
 Seconded by: Mrs. Policano

Consent Vote on items: PK1-PL1

	DD	JF	DG	KP	AR	PS	SZ	KC	LG
AYE	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

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M. PARAPROFESSIONALS

N/A

N. EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

N/A

O. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

N/A

P. GENERAL

N/A

1. PERSONNEL

B. RESIGNATION

1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *accept* the following employee resignation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:26-10;18A:28-8; and Board of Education Policy 3141 for the 2013/2014 school year:

Name	Position	UPC	Location	Effective Date
Andrea Schurr	Pre-School Disabled Aide	AIDE.03.PRSD.NA.01 11-216-100-106-03-000-00	Gilbert Avenue	March 21, 2014
Maura Houston	Resource Room Aide	AIDE.02.RRC.NA.02 11-213-100-106-02-000-00	Gantner Avenue	March 14, 2014

Motion of: Mr. DeMatteo  
 Seconded by: Mrs. Policano

Consent Vote on items: PB1

	DD	JF	DG	KP	AR	PS	SZ	KC	LG
AYE	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

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 Wayne Demikoff, Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator

- 3) BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood park Board of Education approves the attached Separation of Employment Agreement with employee William Kneringer, and that Mr. Kneringer's irrevocable resignation is accepted, effective at the close of business on April 1, 2014.

William Kneringer	Custodian	CUS.01.CUST.NA.03 11-000-262-100-01-000-00	Memorial High School	April 1, 2014
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Motion of: Mr. DeMatteo  
Seconded by: Mrs. Policano

Consent Vote on items: PB3

	DD	JF	DG	KP	AR	PS	SZ	KC	LG
AYE	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

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Wayne Demikoff, Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator

2. STUDENTS

- 1) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *entering into contract with Paterson BOE* as regulated by N.J.A.C 6A:23A-17, tuition for Public School for the placement of students for the 2013/2014 school year: (tuition payment to Elmwood Park)

STUDENT ID	SCHOOL NAME	PROGRAM	DATES	TUITION
108823	GILBERT AVENUE SCHOOL	GENERAL EDUCATION	1/28/14 to 6/19/14	\$4,570.49
108824	GILBERT AVENUE SCHOOL	GENERAL EDUCATION	1/28/14 to 6/19/14	\$4,570.49
108825	MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL	GENERAL EDUCATION	1/28/14 to 6/19/14	\$4,464.48

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

- 2) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *entering into contract with Passaic BOE* as regulated by N.J.A.C 6A:23A-17, tuition for Public School for the placement of students for the 2012/2013 school year: (tuition payment to Elmwood Park)

STUDENT ID	SCHOOL NAME	PROGRAM	DATES	TUITION
108255	JOHN FORREST ELEMENTARY, FAIR LAWN	SPECIAL EDUCATION	3/4/13 to 6/20/13	\$19,533.33

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

- 3) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *entering into contract with Garfield BOE* as regulated by N.J.A.C 6A:23A-17, tuition for Public School for the placement of students for the 2013/2014 school year: (tuition payment to Elmwood Park)

STUDENT ID	SCHOOL NAME	PROGRAM	DATES	TUITION
104205	MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL	BEHAVIORAL	3/3/14 to 6/19/14	\$14,811.00

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

- 4) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *entering into contract with DCFC* as regulated by N.J.A.C 6A:23A-17, tuition for Public School for the placement of students for the 2013/2014 school year: (tuition payment to Elmwood Park)

STUDENT ID	SCHOOL NAME	PROGRAM	DATES	TUITION
107807	SIXTEENTH AVENUE SCHOOL	GENERAL EDUCATION	9/4/13 to 6/19/14	\$8,795.00
107806	SIXTEENTH AVENUE SCHOOL	GENERAL EDUCATION	9/4/13 to 6/19/14	\$8,385.00
107805	SIXTEENTH AVENUE SCHOOL	PRE-SCHOOL HALF-DAY	9/4/13 to 6/19/14	\$10,295.00
108788	SIXTEENTH AVENUE SCHOOL	PRE-SCHOOL HALF-DAY	9/4/13 to 6/19/14	\$10,295.00

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



- 5) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *entering into contract with DCFC* as regulated by N.J.A.C 6A:23A-18, tuition for Private School for the placement of students for the 2012/2013 school year: (tuition payment to Elmwood Park)

SID	SCHOOL NAME	ESY TUITION	ESY AIDE AND OTHER SERVICES	SCHOOL YEAR TUITION	SCHOOL YEAR AIDE AND OTHER SERVICES	DATES	TUITION
107327	WINDSOR ACADEMY, WOODLAND PARK	\$7,509.60				7/2/12 to 8/17/12	\$7,509.60

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- 6) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, 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-17, Public Schools for Students with Disabilities for the 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 school year as indicated:

SID	SCHOOL NAME	ESY TUITION	ESY AIDE AND OTHER SERVICES	SCHOOL YEAR TUITION	SCHOOL YEAR AIDE AND OTHER SERVICES	DATES	TUITION
100083	BCSS, NOVA NORTH			\$20,838.00		3/13/14 to 6/20/14	\$20,838.00
108849	BCSS, TRANSITION CENTER AT WOOD-RIDGE			\$22,425.00		3/3/14 to 6/24/14	\$22,425.00
106304	RIDGEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL			\$2,310.00		2011 to 2012	\$2,300.00
106304	RIDGEWOODPUBLICSCHOOL			\$22,692.00		2012 to 2013	\$22,692.00
106304	RIDGEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL			\$33,788.00		9/4/13 to 6/20/14	\$33,788.00

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- 7) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, 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 Schools for Students with Disabilities for the 2013/2014 school year:

SID	SCHOOL NAME	ESY TUITION	ESY AIDE AND OTHER SERVICES	SCHOOL YEAR TUITION	SCHOOL YEAR AIDE AND OTHER SERVICES	DATES	TUITION
105703	SAGE DAY, MAHWAH			\$17,856.00		3/14/14 to 6/19/14	\$17,856.00

- 8) Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *the following professional services providers* for the delivery of special education services to district students for the school year 2013/2014 school year:

PROVIDER NAME	SERVICE/EVLAUTION	COST	DATES
CALDWELL PEDIATRIC THERAPY CENTER	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES	OT \$160.00 per hour And PT \$160.00 per hour	7/1/13 to 6/19/14
NOVOGROW,LLC	PHYSICAL THERAPY	\$100.00 per 30 minute session	3/3/14 to 6/19/14

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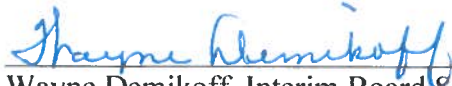
Motion of: Mrs. Policano  
Seconded by: Mrs. Rudmann

Consent Vote on items: S1 through S8

	DD	JF	DG	KP	AR	PS	SZ	KC	LG
AYE		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
NAY	x								
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED						X as to FS			

For the record, Mrs. Freitag stated "Accepting those outside students based upon the law."

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Wayne Demikoff, Interim Board Secretary

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### 3. GENERAL

- G1. Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *activity/events/fundraisers/etc.* request for the 2013-2014 school year as listed below:

School Activity	Loc./ Sch.	Date/Time	Participants	Adm./Teach. Coach/Advis.
MS Basketball Game - Students vs. Faculty	HS Gym	Wed., 4/8/14 6:00 pm -- 9:00 pm	MS Student & Faculty	PE Dept.
MS Pet Supply Drive. Collect pet food, toys & supplies for 1 month to donate to the Bergen County Animal Shelter.	MS	Mon., 3/24/14 -- Mon., 5/5/14	Gr. 6,7,8 Students	Ms. Stanczak

MS Field Trip - Holocaust Museum of NY. Tour Choice: Meeting Hate with Humanity. Help students relate to novel, " <u>I Have Lived a Thousand Years</u> " that was read in ELA Class.	Holocaust Museum of NY, 36 Battery Place, NY, NY	4/3/14,4/4/14,4/7/14 (depends on availability) / 8:30 am – 2:30 pm	Gr. 7 - ELA	Ms. Rodriguez
Elementary School Spring Concert.	MS Gym	Mon., 6/7/14 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	All elem. school students & families	Ms. Schmidt
Spanish Honor Society hosts a Fusion Multicultural Evening. Students will perform multicultural performances/ provide food from their ethnic background.	HS	Thurs., 4/17/14 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Spanish Honor Society Club Members	Mr. McNeil
Officer Phil Safety Program. The EPPD speak to students regarding safety.	Gantner	Mon., 3/31/14 10:30 am – 11:00 am	Gr. K-2	Mrs. Jackter
Easter Egg Hunt. Students pay \$1 for Easter egg with a prize inside.	Gilbert	Wed., 4/16/14 9:00 am – 2:30 pm	Gr. PreK-5	Ms. Spinosa
Candle Sale. Students sell candles to family and friends.	Gilbert	Wed., 3/19/14 – Mon., 3/31/14	Gr. PreK-5	Ms. Spinosa
Book Fair. Students purchase books (Buy 1 Get One Free Sale).	Gilbert	Wed. – Fri., 5/28/14 –5/30/14 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Gr. PreK-5	Ms. Spinosa GHSA Members
Officer Phil Safety Program. The EPPD speak to students regarding safety.	Gilbert	Thurs., 4/10/14 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Gr. K, 1&2	K, 1& 2 Teachers
Gilbert Field Trip.	Buehler Challenger Science Center, Paramus, NJ	Thurs., 4/10/14 9:00 am – 2:30 pm	Gr. 4 Classes (2)	Ms. Cornely Ms. Klingele
"Wake Up and Get Schooled." Pep Rally to promote student attendance, promptness and continuing education. Radio Station, Power 105.1 and the Get Schooled Organization from Lincoln Technical Inst. will provide DJ and guest speaker.	HS	Tues., 4/8/14 9:30 am–10:30 am	Gr. 11&12	Ms. Leva Administration
Officer Phil Program. The EPPD speak to students regarding safety.	16 <sup>th</sup>	Fri. 4/11/14 9:00 am – 10:00 am	Gr. K, 1&2	K, 1& 2 Teachers
Trauma Prevention Program. Assembly discusses head and spinal cord injury prevention.	16 <sup>th</sup> Gym	Wed., 4/2/14 10:15 am – 11:00 am	Gr. 5	Ms. Ellen Rosenberg
Playground Safety Program. Assembly discusses safe playground safety and ways to call for help.	16 <sup>th</sup> Gym	Wed. 4/2/14 9:30 am – 10:15 am	Gr. K-1	Ms. Ellen Rosenberg
Theme Days/ Different Weekly Dress Themes – Wacky Wednesday, Grandparents/Sr. Day, Superhero Day, Hawaiian Day, Out of this World Day, Weekly Dress Theme: Salad Dressing Week.	Gantner	TBD	All Students	Mrs. Jackter

G2. Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *District Application for Approval to Operate Summer School* as submitted, for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion of: Kathleen Policano  
 Seconded by: Peter Sclaro

Consent Vote on item(s) G1-G2:

	DD	JF	DG	KP	AR	PS	SZ	KC	LG
AYE	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

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 Mr. Wayne Demikoff  
 Interim Board Secretary

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4. BUSINESS

M. Approval of Minutes

M1. BE IT RESOLVED: that the minutes of the following meeting be approved:  
 Regular Meeting - February 25, 2014

Motion of: Mr. DeMatteo  
 Seconded by: Mrs. Freitag

Consent Vote on item: M1

	DD	JF	DG	KP	AR	PS	SZ	KC	LG
AYE	x	x	x	X	x	x	x	x	x
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

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 Wayne Demikoff, Interim Board Secretary

**F. Financial**

**F1a. Financial Reports – N/A**

**F2. Confirmation of Bills and Warrants- 2013-2014**

BE IT RESOLVED: that, based upon the recommendation of the superintendent and interim business administrator, the bills payable by check numbers 18912 through 19027, totaling \$658,847.67 and wire transfer totaling \$733,227.85, from Spencer Savings Bank Board of Education General Account, which were reviewed by the Finance Committee, and check numbers 1133 and 1134, totaling \$1,682.41, from Spencer Savings Bank Board of Education Food Service Account, be confirmed for payment.

**F3. Payroll Confirmation**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education confirms the action of the interim board secretary/business administrator in issuing the payroll for February 14, 2014, and February 28, 2014, in the total amount of \$1,555,090.43.

**F4. Approve Financing Board’s Outstanding 2004 School Bonds with Bergen County Improvement Authority and Submission of Application to Local Finance Board in Connection with Such Financing**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education does hereby determine to finance the school construction projects referred to as the “Project”, and the Refinancing through a loan from the Bergen County Improvement Authority referred to as the “Authority” to be funded with the Authority’s County guaranteed revenue bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$32,492,250; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

that the Elmwood Park Board of Education does hereby consent to the Authority’s application to the Local Finance board for the proposed financing of the “Project” and the Refinancing by the “Authority” through the issuance of revenue bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$32,492,250.

**F5. Adoption of 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 preliminary budget as submitted, and as follows:

<b>CURRENT GENERAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$34,301,422</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>350,000</b>
<b>TRANSFER TO CHARTER SCHOOLS</b>	<b>257,697</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b><u>\$34,909,119</u></b>
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b>1,277,274</b>
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>	<b><u>2,128,740</u></b>
<b>TOTAL DISTRICT BUDGET</b>	<b><u>\$38,315,133</u></b>
<b>GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY</b>	<b>\$31,160,280</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE TAX LEVY</b>	<b>\$ 2,128,740</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

that the General Fund tax levy \$31,160,280, which includes a Bank Cap adjustment in the amount of \$989,003, is approved to support Current General Expense and \$2,128,740 to support Debt Service, for the 2014-2015 school year budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

that the use of 2011-2012 Banked Cap in the amount of \$989,003 addresses world language, other academic deficiencies, and facility safety issues as required by QSAC that will be completed by the end of the 2014-2015 budget year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:


that this FY 2014-2015 preliminary budget may be revised prior to adoption on April 29, 2014, to reflect any changes required by the Board of Education or Interim Executive Bergen County Superintendent of Schools.

Motion of: Mr. DeMatteo  
Seconded by: Mrs. Freitag

Consent Vote on item: F1-F4

	<b>DD</b>	<b>JF</b>	<b>DG</b>	<b>KP</b>	<b>AR</b>	<b>PS</b>	<b>SZ</b>	<b>KC</b>	<b>LG</b>
<b>AYE</b>	x	x	X	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>NAY</b>			x as to F5						
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									

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**BG. Business General**

**BG1. Use of Facilities – Approvals**

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and interim business administrator, the board approves the requests for Use of School Facilities, per Board Policy #7510.

**BG2. Use of Facilities – Approvals – Outside Organizations**

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and interim business administrator, the board approves the requests for Use of School Facilities by outside organizations, per Board Policy #7510.

Motion of: Mr. DeMatteo  
 Seconded by: Mrs. Freitag

Consent Vote on items: BG1-BG2:

	DD	JF	DG	KP	AR	PS	SZ	KC	LG
AYE	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED			x as to BG2 Recreation						

Mr. Golabek stated: "I am recusing from BG2 because I am a member."

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 Wayne Demikoff, Interim Board Secretary

**H. Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying**

**H1.** BE IT RESOLVED: that, the Elmwood Park Board of Education does hereby affirm the Superintendent's decision on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying case:

- 13/14-050-02
- 13/14-260-12
- 13/14-060-13
- 13/14-060-14
- 13/14-060-15
- 13/14-070-03
- 13/14-080-03

Motion of: Mr. DeMatteo  
 Seconded by: Mrs. Policano

Consent Vote on items: H1.

	DD	JF	DG	KP	AR	PS	SZ	KC	LG
AYE	x	x	X	x	x	x	x	x	x
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

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**L. Legal**

**L1. Approve Contract with AM Consultants to Conduct Fixed Asset Inventory**

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon recommendation of the superintendent and interim board secretary/business administrator, the board of education does hereby approve entrance into contract with AM CONSULTANTS, 107 Pinebrook Road, Montville, N.J., 07045, to conduct a fixed assets inventory for the fiscal year 2013-2014, for an amount not to exceed \$5,600.

Motion of: Mr. DeMatteo  
 Seconded by: Mrs. Policano

Consent Vote on items: L1

	DD	JF	DG	KP	AR	PS	SZ	KC	LG
AYE	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

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Respectfully Submitted,

Richard D. Tomko, Ph.D.  
 Superintendent of Schools



**FINAL MINUTES – WORK MEETING – REGULAR MEETING  
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MARCH 18, 2014**

After action on the Agenda resolutions, the Board President opened the meeting to the public at 9:05 p.m. and closed the meeting to the public at 9:20 p.m. The following individuals addressed the board during the public portion of the meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Dorin Aspras	81 Van Riper Avenue	Comments on the success of the recent Tricky Tray.
Doris Wechtler	124 Philip Avenue	Inquiries relative to teachers, programs and why the gym floor has to be replaced; Inquiries as to the upcoming referendum projects.
Jeffrey Freitag	35 Hillman Drive	Inquiries relative to Debt Service, trimming the Budget, and anticipated surplus.

After comments of board members, by motion of Mr. DeMatteo, which was seconded by Mr. Golabek, and unanimously approved by those present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

I hereby certify these final summary minutes of the meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education in session on March 18, 2014, to be true and correct and in complete agreement with the official Minute Book of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Demikoff  
Interim Board Secretary