

**FINAL MINUTES –REORGANIZATION MEETING  
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JANUARY 6, 2015**

The Reorganization Meeting was held at 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 in the Memorial Middle School Gymnasium.

Present were: Keith Cannizzo, Douglas DeMatteo, Jeanne Freitag, Louise Gerardi, Kathleen Policano, Doris Wechtler, Peter Scolaro and Steve Zaccone. Also present were Dr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, Wayne Demikoff, Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator, and Darla Palmesino, Confidential Executive Secretary, for the taking of minutes, and members of the public.

The meeting was opened at 6:35 p.m. Roll call was taken. After everyone stood for the flag salute and a moment of silence, the Statement of Compliance, was 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.”

Mr. Demikoff, Interim Board Secretary, read the election results for the School Boards Election held on November 4, 2014.

The newly elected members of the Elmwood Park Board of Education, Douglas DeMatteo, Kathleen Policano and Doris Wechtler were sworn in by the Honorable Richard Mola.

After brief comments by the newly elected trustees, Interim Board Secretary, Wayne Demikoff, called for nominations for President.

**ITEM 8  
NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT**

Louise Gerardi was nominated as President by motion of Mr. Cannizzo and seconded by Mr. DeMatteo.

There being no other nominations for President, there was a Motion to close the vote for President by Mr. DeMatteo and seconded by Mr. Golabek.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

BE IT RESOLVED:                   that **LOUISE GERARDI** be elected to serve as **PRESIDENT** of the Elmwood Park Board of Education commencing January 6, 2015, and terminating at the last meeting prior to the reorganization Meeting of 2016.

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Mr. Demikoff, Interim Board Secretary, yielded to Louise Gerardi, Board President, who called for the nominations for Vice-President.

**ITEM 10  
NOMINATION OF VICE-PRESIDENT**

Jeanne Freitag was nominated as Vice-President by motion of Mr. Cannizzo and seconded by Mr. Scolaro. There being no other nominations for Vice-President, there was a

There being no other nominations for Vice-President, there was a Motion to close the vote for Vice-President by Mr. DeMatteo and seconded by Mr. Golabek.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

BE IT RESOLVED:                   that **JEANNE FREITAG** be elected to serve as **VICE-PRESIDENT** of the Elmwood Park Board of Education commencing January 6, 2015, and terminating at the last meeting prior to the Reorganization Meeting of 2016

**ITEM 11  
DESIGNATION OF BOARD MEETINGS DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

BE IT RESOVLED:                   that the Elmwood Park Board of Education designate the fourth Tuesday of each month as its Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Hearings, as necessary, its Work Meeting and Regular Meeting day. All HIB Hearings shall be held at 6 p.m. in the Memorial High School Teachers' Cafeteria. The Work Meetings are to be held at 6:30 in the Memorial High School Teachers' Cafeteria, and all Regular Meetings are held at 8 p.m. in the Memorial High School Auditorium, as below, or in other locations as announced and posted.

<b>January 27, 2015</b>	<b>August 25, 2015</b>
<b>February 24, 2015</b>	<b>September 22, 2015</b>
<b>March 17, 2015*</b>	<b>*October 20, 2015</b>
<b>April 28, 2015</b>	<b>November 24, 2015</b>
<b>May 19, 2015</b>	<b>*December 15, 2015</b>
<b>June 23, 2015</b>	

\* Third Tuesday of the Month

**Note: There will be no board meetings in July, unless necessary.**

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Motion of: Mr. DeMatteo  
Seconded By: Mr. Golabek

Consent Vote on items: 11

	<b>DD</b>	<b>KC</b>	<b>DG</b>	<b>KP</b>	<b>PS</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>SZ</b>	<b>JF</b>	<b>LG</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>									

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Wayne Demikoff, Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator

**ADDENDUM 1**

BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Elmwood Park Board of Education, as directed by the Commissioner of Education and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the one-year appointment of Angelo DeSimone, State Monitor, at a rate of \$96.00 per hour not to exceed 30 hours per week, effective December 22, 2014 through December 21, 2015.

Motion of: Mr. DeMatteo  
Seconded By: Mr. Scolaro

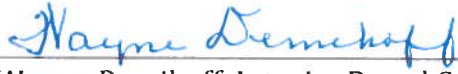
Consent Vote on items: Addendum 1

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

\*Mrs. Freitag stated, "I don't know the reason why we have a state monitor at this time. It is nothing personal against Mr. DeSinone, as I do not know him at all. I do not think it is a good use of the taxpayers money, so I will be voting no."

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The meeting was opened at 6:50 p.m. for public comments on Agenda items

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jeffrey Freitag	35 Hillman Drive	Regarding Addendum 1 – was it the recommendation of the Superintendent or mandated by the Commissioner of Education? Why is the board voting for this since they did not vote when Mr. Egan was appointed as state monitor?
Mr. D'Amico	64 Willow Street	He thought we no longer needed a state monitor.

Prior to voting on Item 12, Mr. Demikoff, Interim Board Secretary and the 9 board members each read a Code of Ethics to the public.

**ITEM 12**  
**CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

BE IT RESOLVED:                   that the Elmwood Park Board of Education hereby adopts the Code of Ethics for School Boards Members and authorizes the board secretary/business administrator to reflect in the minutes that a discussion transpired in regard to the school Ethics Act as required and attached.

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Motion of: Mr. DeMatteo  
Seconded By: Mrs. Wechtler

Consent Vote on items: 12

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

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At 6:59 p.m. the meeting was opened for public comments.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Joseph Dombrowski		Thanked Arlene Rudmann for all her service to the district and congratulated the newly elected board members. He is happy with the relationship between the Board and Council.

By Motion of Mr. DeMatteo, which was Seconded by Mrs. Freitag and unanimously approved by those present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

I hereby certify these final summary minutes of the meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education in session on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 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/Business Administrator