

FINAL MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 8, 2018

The Reorganization meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:32 p.m. in the High School/Middle School Media Center. *This meeting was originally approved to be rescheduled from January 2, 2018 to January 4, 2018 at the board meeting of December 11, 2017. Due to inclement weather, the date was then changed to January 8, 2018.*

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.” Everyone stood for the flag salute and a moment of silence.

Mr. DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, read the election results for the School Boards Election held on November 7, 2017.

THREE 3-YEAR TERMS:

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|------------------|-------|
| Jakub Golabek | 1,135 |
| Douglas DeMatteo | 1,080 |
| Dorin Aspras | 889 |
| Jay E. Lopez | 757 |
| Chakib Fakhoury | 630 |

The newly elected members of the Elmwood Park Board of Education, Jakub Golabek, Douglas DeMatteo and Dorin Aspras were sworn in by the Honorable Mayor Francis Caramagna.

ONE 1-YEAR TERM - DUE TO VACANCY:

Chakib Fakhoury

Mr. Chakib Fakhoury who was appointed to fill a vacant term on the board was also sworn in by Mayor Caramagna.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken.

Present were: Mrs. Dorin Aspras, Mr. Keith Cannizzo, Mr. Douglas DeMatteo, Mr. Chakib Fakhoury, Mrs. Jeanne Freitag, Mrs. Louise Gerardi, Mr. Jakub Golabek, Mr. George Luke, and Mr. James Monaco. Also present were Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. John DiPaola, Business Administrator / Board Secretary, Ms. Frances Febres, the board attorney and Mrs. Darla Palmesino, Confidential Executive Secretary, for the taking of minutes, and members of the public.

Mr. DiPaola, Board Secretary, called for nominations for President.

Mrs. Louise Gerardi was nominated as President by Motion of Mr. DeMatteo and Seconded by Mrs. Aspras. There were no other nominations for President. Mrs. Gerardi was approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, yielded to Mrs. Gerardi, Board President, who called for the nominations for Vice-President.

Mr. Keith Cannizzo was nominated as Vice-President by Motion of Mr. DeMatteo and Seconded by Mrs. Aspras. There were no other nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Cannizzo was approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

Item #9 Designation of Board Meeting dates, times and locations and Item #10 Annual Code of Ethics presentation and review, were voted on and approved.

At 6:52 p.m. the following Motion to go into closed session was made by Mr. Monaco and Seconded by Mr. DeMatteo and unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present.

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 Personnel and will disclose to the public the subject matter listed when circumstances dictate the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

At 8:04 p.m. a Motion to return to the public session of the meeting was made by Mr. DeMatteo, seconded by Mrs. Freitag, and unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present.

The remainder of the agenda items and the addendum were voted on and at 8:07 p.m. the meeting was opened for public comments. No one approached the podium and the meeting was opened for board comments.

Mr. Monaco

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
- Congratulated new board members

Mr. Luke

- Congratulated new members
- Thanked Jeanne for her work as president
- Congratulated new president and vice president

Mr. Golabek

- Congratulated all the new board members
- Thanked family and friends for their support and thanked the voters
- Looking forward to working with the board members
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Mrs. Aspras

- Congratulated new board members
- Looking forward to working with the board

Mr. Cannizzo

- Congratulated all new board members
- Thanked Jeanne for her leadership and getting the board certified
- Congratulated Louise

Mrs. Freitag

- Congratulated all the new board members
- Thanked Mayor Caramagna for swearing in the new members
- Enjoyed her time as president
- Basketball games have been very exciting

Mr. Fakhoury

- Thanked friends and family for their support
- Congratulated new board members
- Thanked Mrs. Pellegrine for her help
- Looking forward to working with the board

Mr. DeMatteo

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
- Congratulated all the board members and Keith and Louise on their nominations
- Thanked Jeanne for getting the board certified

Mrs. Gerardi

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
- Congratulated the new board members
- Looking forward to working with everyone as a team
- Thanked everyone for nominating her as president
- Will send email regarding committees
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year!

At 8:15 p.m. a Motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting was made by Mr. DeMatteo and Seconded by Mr. Luke and unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present.

I hereby certify these final summary minutes of the meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education in session on January 8, 2018, to be true and correct and in complete agreement with the official Minute Book of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,



John DiPaola
Business Administrator/Board Secretary



Elmwood Park Board of Education
ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY

AGENDA

REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 8, 2018

THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING AT **6:30 P.M. IN THE MEDIA CENTER AT MEMORIAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 375 RIVER DRIVE, ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY.**

1. SUNSHINE STATEMENT, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

November 7, 2017

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3. ADMINISTERING OF OATHS OF OFFICE

- Newly Elected Board Members - Three 3-year terms
 - Jakub Golabek
 - Douglas DeMatteo
 - Dorin Aspras
- Appointed Board Member due to vacancy- One 1-year term
 - Chakib Fakhoury

10. ANNUAL CODE OF ETHICS PRESENTATION AND REVIEW

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elmwood Park Board of Education hereby adopts the Code of Ethics for School Board 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.

Motion of: Mr. Luke
 Seconded By: Mr. Cannizzo

Vote on item #10 Code of Ethics:

| | DA | KC | DD | CF | JF | LG | JG | GL | JM |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| AYE | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| NAY | | | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT | | | | | | | | | |
| ABSTAINED | | | | | | | | | |
| RECUSED | | | | | | | | | |

11. CLOSED SESSION

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 Personnel and will disclose to the public the subject matter listed when circumstances dictate the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS- GENERAL

15. BOARD COMMENTS

16. ADJOURNMENT

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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



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ADDENDUM
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1. PERSONNEL

B. RESIGNATION

1. Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education accept the following employee resignations pursuant to N.J.S.A;18A:28-8; and Board of Education Policy 3141 for the 2017/2018 school year:

| NAME | POSITION | UPC# | LOCATION | EFFECTIVE DATE |
|------------------|---------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------------|
| Joseph Antonucci | Special Education Teacher | TCH.04.AUS.EL.01 11-214-100-101-04-000-00- | Sixteenth Avenue | 1/12/18 |

D. COACHES /STIPEND

1. Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the appointment of Jillian Torrento as Acting Principal of Gilbert Avenue Elementary School/Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Evaluation pursuant to administrative leave of absence, commencing on January 2, 2018 and ending on or about February 23, 2018 at a stipend rate to be determined, for the 2017- 2018 school year.

J. FMLA/MATERNITY LEAVE/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *Maternity/Disability/Leave of Absence*, for:

| NAME | SCHOOL | POSITION | FROM | TO |
|-------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|
| David Saper | Gilbert Avenue | Principal | 1/2/2018 (Sick Leave) | 2/23/2018 |

Motion of: Mr. Luke

Seconded by: Mr. Monaco

Consent Vote on items: PB1-PJ1

| | DA | KC | DD | CF | JF | LG | JG | GL | JM |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| AYE | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| NAY | | | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT | | | | | | | | | |
| ABSTAINED | | | | | | | | | |
| RECUSED | | | | | | | | | |

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John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary