

FINAL MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 2, 2019

The Reorganization meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:01 p.m. in the High School/Middle School Media Center.

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 6, 2018.

THREE 3-YEAR TERMS:

_____	George Luke	1,599
	Keith Cannizzo	1,206
	Karen Pena	1,183
	Jeanne Freitag	985
	Santo Scarpulla	809
	Domenico Carriero	559
	Chakib Fakhoury	516

ONE 1-YEAR TERM:

	Daniel Zoltek	1,771
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Three newly elected members of the Elmwood Park Board of Education, Keith Cannizzo, George Luke and Daniel Zoltek were sworn in by the Honorable Mayor Francis Caramagna.

Newly elected board member, Karen Pena was sworn in by Bergen County Freeholder, Germaine Ortiz.

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

Present were: Mrs. Dorin Aspras, Mr. Keith Cannizzo, Mr. Douglas DeMatteo, Mrs. Louise Gerardi, Mr. Jakub Golabek, Mr. George Luke, Mr. James Monaco, Ms. Karen Pena and Mr. Daniel Zoltek. Also present were Mr. Anthony Iachetti, 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. Cannizzo and Seconded by Mr. DeMatteo. 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. George Luke was nominated as Vice-President by Motion of Mr. Cannizzo and Seconded by Mrs. Aspras.

Mrs. Gerardi, Board President, asked if there were any other nominations. Mrs. Aspras was nominated by Mr. Golabek and Seconded by Mr. Monaco.

Roll Call was taken on the first nomination for Mr. Luke for Vice-President

Mr. Luke was approved by a 7-2 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.

The remainder of the agenda items and the addendum were voted on and at 7:26 p.m. the meeting was opened for public comments.

Bergen County Freeholder - Germaine Ortiz, Emerson, NJ

- Congratulated all new board members
- Especially proud to swear in Karen Pena and happy she will be representing the Latino community.
- Thanked all the board members and expressed how important the position is in helping the future of our students
- Presented all board members with commendations from both offices of the Bergen County Chosen Freeholders and County Executive.

Jeanne Freitag - 35 Hillman Drive

- Wished all new board members good luck
- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting

Mr. Iachetti gave the board members two handouts, School Ethics and 10 Tips for New Board Members. He also discussed that he spoke with Mr. Abramo and the Abramo family is happy with the proposed sign and would like to move forward with installation.

At 7:30 p.m. the meeting was opened for board comments.

Mr. Monaco

- Congratulated the new board members and wished Jeanne and Chakib well

Mr. Cannizzo

- Thanked the community and his family for supporting him
- Looking forward to working with the new board and continuing to move the district further in the right direction

Mr. Golabek

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

Mr. Zoltek

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year
- Very excited to be on the board and looking forward to working together

Ms. Pena

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year
- Thanked the community, her family and children for all their support
- Very excited to be here with everyone on the board
- Congratulated all the new board members

Mrs. Aspras

- Congratulated the new board members
- Happy New Year
- Happy with the turnout at this meeting

Mr. DeMatteo

- Thanked former board members Jeanne and Chakib for all their hard work
- Congratulated the new board members
- Progress

Mr. Luke

- Thanked everyone for their support
- Welcomed the new board members
- Happy family and friends attended the meeting
- Welcomed the new council members
- Jeanne (former board member) - You will be missed
- Progress

Mrs. Gerardi

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
- Great turnout at this meeting
- Discussed the updated look of the media center
- Promised former board member, Jeanne that they will continue with the board certification - setting up ethics workshop
- January 3rd - town council reorganization meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- February 16th - "Let Them be Little" fundraiser
- March 12th - Sr. Class fashion show (Project Graduation)

At 7:39 p.m. a Motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting was made by Mr. DeMatteo and Seconded by Mr. Monaco 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 2, 2019, 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

REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 2, 2019

THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING AT 7:00 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 6, 2018

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3. ADMINISTERING OF OATHS OF OFFICE

- Newly Elected Board Members - Three 3-year terms
George Luke
Keith Cannizzo
Karen Pena
- Newly Elected Board Members - One 1-year term
Daniel Zoltek

4. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD SECRETARY

5. ROLL CALL

Dorin Aspras
Keith Cannizzo
Douglas DeMatteo
Louise Gerardi
Jakub Golabek
George Luke
Jim Monaco
Karen Pena
Daniel Zoltek

6. BOARD SECRETARY ENTERTAINS MOTION TO ELECT PRESIDENT

NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that **LOUISE GERARDI** be elected to serve as **PRESIDENT** of the Elmwood Park Board of Education commencing January 2, 2019, until the Reorganization Meeting of 2020, pursuant to 18A:15-1.

Motion of: Mr. Cannizzo
 Seconded By: Mr. DeMatteo
 Vote on item #6 President:

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

7. BOARD SECRETARY YIELDS CHAIR TO NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT

8. PRESIDENT CALLS FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

NOMINATION OF VICE PRESIDENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that **GEORGE LUKE** be elected to serve as **VICE-PRESIDENT** of the Elmwood Park Board of Education commencing January 2, 2019, until the Reorganization Meeting of 2020, pursuant to 18A:15-1.

Motion of: Mr. Cannizzo
 Seconded By: Mrs. Aspras

Vote on item #8 Vice President:

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

9. DESIGNATION OF BOARD MEETING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED: The Elmwood Park Board of Education designates 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 5:30 p.m.** in the Memorial High School Teachers’ Cafeteria. **The Work Meetings are to be held at 6:00 p.m.** in the Memorial High School Teachers’ Cafeteria, and **all Regular Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m.** in the Memorial High School Media Center, as below, or in other locations as announced and posted.

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| January 22, 2019 | August 27, 2019 |
| February 26, 2019 | September 24, 2019 |
| March 26, 2019 | *October 15, 2019 |
| **April 30, 2019 | November 26, 2019 |
| May 28, 2019 | *December 17, 2019 |
| *June 18, 2019 | |

* Third Tuesday of the Month
 ** Fifth Tuesday of the Month

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

Motion of: Mr. Luke

Seconded By: Mr. Monico

Vote on item #9 Meeting Dates:

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

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	LG	JG	GL	JM	KP	DZ
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 _____ and will disclose to the public the subject matter listed when circumstances dictate the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS- GENERAL

13. BOARD COMMENTS

14. ADJOURNMENT

Certified to be true copies of resolutions adopted by the Elmwood Park Board of Education at its meeting held on January 2, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John DiPaola", written in a cursive style.

John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary