

FINAL MINUTES  
-WORK MEETING-  
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DECEMBER 15, 2020

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 and began at 6:00 p.m. *The meeting originally scheduled to be held in the Faculty Cafeteria at HS/MS on December 15, 2020* took place remotely via “Zoom” conferencing a remote video conferencing system that is routinely used to conduct such meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All appropriate postings were made regarding the change to a virtual meeting.

Present via “Zoom” were: Mrs. Dorin Aspras, Mr. Keith Cannizzo, Mrs. Louise Gerardi, Mrs. Elizabeth Mierzejewski, Ms. Carrie Paretti, Ms. Karen Pena, Mr. Daniel Zoltek and Mr. George Luke. Also present were, Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Jillian Torrento, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Frances Febrese, Board Attorney and Mrs. Darla Palmesino for the taking of minutes, and members of the public.

The Board Secretary read the following statement :

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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. 2) No verbal accusation against any employee or member of the board of education

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Mr. Luke reviewed the agenda with the board.

### Board Comments

N/A

At 6:09 p.m. Mr. DeMatteo attended the meeting virtually and the meeting was opened to the public for comments.

### Mr. Jeffrey Freitag - 35 Hillman Drive

- The hiring of DiCaro Rubino, will there be a discount? Did they work on a flat rate?
- Mr. Freitag also stated that he emailed questions to the Board Secretary and that they would probably be read at the regular meeting.

At 6:12 p.m. the meeting was closed to the public.

Jeff Freitag 35 Hillman Drive emailed the below listed questions prior to the meeting. He said he was ok with these questions being read at the Work meeting instead of the Regular meeting.

Mr. Iachetti read the following questions and then responded to each one.

Page 8, D. 1) A.-Kevin Jackson-What location? Replacement ?

*Mr. Iachetti: yes, this is a replacement position for 16<sup>th</sup> Ave School.*

Page 16, BG 1-Bus Sale-Where was this publicly advertised and was this the only bid?

*Mr. Iachetti: We entered into an interlocal agreement with Hunterdon Ed Services who handled the bidding and advertisement of the bus. We only received one bid.*

Page 17, L1.-Why Macbook Air (250) and not Chromebook and who will be using them?

Macbook cost is \$1,028 each vs. Chromebook \$251.50 each.

*Mr. Iachetti: They are going to be purchased for the teachers to assist in remote and hybrid instruction. We have found during this time that the chrome book has limitations when leading a lesson. This will permit teachers more opportunities to bring outside materials to the class and a*

*little more fluid. This will be a long term investment in our district even after this pandemic is over.*

Page 18. L2 Amended from 8/25/20 resolution- 765 Chromebook Purchase, when approved on 8/25/20 were they received and if not what were students using for virtual and in school classroom work?

*Mr. Iachetti: The 765 chrome books which were approved in August by the board were on backorder due to the pandemic, which increased the demand for these products throughout the country. A few weeks ago we received information that the original shipment date of November would be pushed back even more. The tech department worked very hard in trying to find a solution to this backorder problem. We subsequently have switched the order to a different manufacturer and will be getting 265 chrome books in approximately 10 days and we hope to receive the balance in early January.*

Page 18. L4 DiCara Rubino. Backup shows limited construction oversight. Who will provide that service. Backup shows an estimated project cost of \$1,900,000. Where will these funds come from? Are there any plans to seek a cost sharing agreement with the Borough Government?

*Mr. Iachetti: Construction oversight is still to be determined once we settle on the project the board will need to decide how to handle this. The project is just beginning and the pricing may increase or decrease once the project is final. These funds will come from the Capital Reserve. This will be a board project there is no plan to seek a cost sharing agreement with the Borough Government.*

Mr. Freitag stated that he thought it would be good to pursue cost sharing as a lot of other organizations besides the school use the facility. He then asked what was the current balance in capital reserve was and Mr. DiPaola responded around 7 million dollars.

At 6:21 p.m. a Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Gerardi and Seconded by Ms. Pena and unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present.

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Respectfully submitted,

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John DiPaola  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

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Mr. Luke introduced Mr. Iachetti to give his report

### SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1. Mr. Iachetti wished everyone happy holidays and to have a well-deserved break. Again, thank you to the community, the parents, the staff and the students for the hard work and maintaining a positive attitude in these trying times. These are unprecedented times for all of us and by working together will get through this. I hope we all stay safe and 2021 brings us all some good fortune.
2. Congratulated the Students of the Month on their hard work. Please note there is a typo in the last name of a student, it is Zi Yi Lian.
3. The district is keeping a close eye on the weather reports and seeing how it keeps changing. We are unable to predetermine any potential power outages, not only for our students, but for staff members living outside of Elmwood Park, instruction for Thursday may be altered with that in mind, the district will decide at a later time for the Google Classroom sessions - Thursday. Please make sure that all Chromebooks/laptops are charged on Wednesday in anticipation of potential power outages. Our goal is to facilitate Google Meet sessions on Friday as long as there are no major power outages.
4. “Grab and Go” School Meals -For any families utilizing our “Grab and Go” program for school meals, due to the impending snow forecast there will probably be no lunches served on Thursday, they will be served Friday. An automated message will be sent via school messenger. The last meals for the 2020 year will be provided on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. These Grab and Go meals will resume Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>
5. Our plan is that we no longer will hold virtual meetings starting with the January 5<sup>th</sup> Reorganization meeting unless the DOH or gubernatorial edict directs the district to do so.

### COMMITTEE UPDATES

#### Mr. Zoltek - Technology Committee

- Met on December 3, 2020
- Discussed the purchase of macbooks for teachers
- Discussed continuation of providing technology for students.

#### Mrs. Gerardi - Finance Committee

- Met on December 11, 2020
- Reviewed purchase orders, bills and warrants, checks

At 7:10 p.m. the meeting was opened to the public on agenda items only. No one from the public spoke so the meeting was closed to the public.

The votes were taken on agenda items.

At 7:13 p.m. the meeting was opened to the public.

Maria Feliciano - 14 Garden Drive

- Was a decision made for a snow day and will students have to log on?

Mr. Iachetti responded:

- We are currently watching the weather. A decision has not yet been made. Please charge all devices. We have three snow days built into the calendar.

At 7:20 p.m. the meeting was closed to the public and opened for board comments.

## BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Cannizzo

- Thanked the entire staff for everything they are doing during this difficult time
- Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Mr. DeMatteo

- Congratulated the Students of the Month
- Thanked the staff for all their hard work
- Happy Holidays

Mrs. Gerardi

- Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year
- Asked parents to give the students a break, they are going through a difficult time missing out on so much

Mrs. Mierzejewski

- Congratulated Students of the Month
- Thanked everyone for all their hard work
- Happy Holidays and a well deserved break

Ms. Parette

- Enjoy time with family and friends
- Happy New Year

Ms. Pena

- Congratulated Students of the Month
- Happy Holidays

Mr. Zoltek

- Happy Holidays
- Thanked the entire staff and students for all their hard work
- Be safe during the snowstorm
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Mrs. Aspras

- Happy Holidays

Mr. Luke

- Congratulated Students of the Month
- Hope next year will be better and students will be in school more than now
- Congratulated the athletes for All-League Honors
- January 5, 2021 is the Reorganization meeting which is planned to be held in person
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ms. Paretto asked who will be swearing in the new board members.

Mr. DiPaola responded that the mayor is expected to be at the meeting.

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A. OPENING: ROLL CALL, SUNSHINE STATEMENT

B. OPEN SESSION: REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA

1. PERSONNEL
2. STUDENTS
3. GENERAL
4. BUSINESS

C. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS – OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ will disclose to the public the subject matter listed when circumstances dictate the need for confidentiality no longer exists.*



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- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

C. COMMITTEE UPDATES

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F. PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL

G. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS – OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

H. CLOSED SESSION – AS MAY BE REQUIRED

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Anthony Iachetti, 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 November, 2020.

GILBERT AVENUE SCHOOL                      STUDENT  
NAME    GRADE

Samuel Pettigano	K
Elsie-Anna Delman	K
Michael Moran	1
Heaven Malave	1
Almir Khan	1
Marcelina Korszen	2
Christian Bevza	2
Jean-Luis Henriquez	2
Derek Eskenazi	3
Endi Dardha	3
Brielle Andrews	3
Jaziel Molina	4
Ameliah Caamano	4
Liyan Abdelrahim	4
Sofia Macalinao	4
Antonio Gonzalez	5
Otis Rodriguez	5
Katelyn Gentles	5

## GANTNER AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAMEGRADE

Ramy Garrido Ortiz	K
Aria Babaria	K
Maddox Toro	K
Landen Hernandez	1
Layla Hidalgo	1
Kaltra Syzo	1
Amari Capers Redmond	2
Sindi Agolli	2
Adrian Xavier	2
Luna Pocka	3
Prisha Desai	3
Marisela Saavedra	4
Adam Bednar	4
Aarav Patel	4
Ayana Santiago	5
Zi Yi Lian	5
Christopher Alves	5
Sandra Guirguis	5

## SIXTEENTH AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAMEGRADE

Giovanni Buscio	Pre-K
Daniel Stanford	Pre-K

Lucas Espejo	Pre-K
Ella Predmore	Pre-K
Justin Paez	Pre-K
Carlos Lituma	Pre-K
Medhansh Patel	K
Jeremy Mesta	K
Ava Veloz	K
Yasmine Abdallatif	1
Levi Dierna	1
Mia Luetkemeyer	1
Obaaraloluwa Adesida	2
Caiden Espejo	2
Brian Laska	2
Hussein Elreda	3
Paul Mosticchio Jr.	3
Morgan Tucci	3
Elias Rivas-Santana	4
Emily Larti	4
Noelanii Guzman Caban	4
Jonathan Jo	5
Jordana Policano	5
Sophia Burgio	5

## MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAMEGRADE

Gianna Ramirez	6
Anthony Baker	7
Eva Avagyan	8

## MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT NAMEGRADE

Rhon Luigi Reyes	9
Natalie Castelbuono	10
Flavia Husi	11
Debbie Paredes	12

## 1. PERSONNEL

A. EMPLOYMENT

- 1) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, 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 2020/2021 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check:

<b>PA1-</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>UPC#</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
A.	Taylor Rauth	Leave Replacement	TCH.03.BISKL. BS.06 11-120- 100-101-03- 000-00	BA Step 1 \$50,403	Gilbert Avenue Elementary School	12/1/2020 through 3/1/2021

B. RESIGNATION

1) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, 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 2020/2021 school year:

<b>PB1-</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>UPC#</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
A.	Diana Modelfino	One to One Aide	AIDE.04.1TO1.NA.13 11-000-217-100- 04-909-00	Sixteenth Avenue Elementary School	12/7/2020

C. RETIREMENT

N/A

D. COACHES /STIPEND

1) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *confirm/approve the extra-curricular activity*, student activity position as listed in the categories below:

<b>PD-1</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>UPC #</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
A.	Kevin Jackson	Head Custodian	\$1,000.00 (Pro-Rated)	11-000- 262-100- 04- 000-00	16th Avenue School	1/1/2021

E. APPOINTMENT OF AIDES

N/A

F. SUBSTITUTES

N/A

G. TRANSFER

N/A

H. MOVEMENT ON GUIDE/SALARY ADJUSTMENT

N/A

I. VOLUNTEER

N/A

J. FMLA/MATERNITY LEAVE/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

PJ-1	Name	School	Position	From	To
A.	Kristen Amado	Sixteenth Avenue Elementary School	Elementary School Teacher	<i>3/15/2021 (Sick 3/15/2021 Through 5/5/2021 Unpaid 5/6/2021 through 6/23/2021)</i>	9/1/2021
B.	Alexis Hayton	Gilbert Avenue School	Elementary School Teacher	<i>1/1/2021 (Unpaid) Revised from November 2020 Agenda</i>	6/23/2021

K. WORKSHOP/TRAINING

N/A

L. STUDENT TEACHING OBSERVATION/PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP

1) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *confirm/approve* the Observation/Practicum/Internship as listed below:

PL-1	Name	School	From	To	Teacher	Subject
A.	Alec Pensky (Stockton University)	Sixteenth Avenue Elementary School	1/19/2021	4/30/2021	Alexandria Soto	Speech Language Pathologist
B.	Diana Lovermi (Stockton University)	Gantner Avenue Elementary School	1/19/2021	4/30/2021	Desiree D'Agostino	Speech Language Pathologist



C.	Nirel Meadows (Mercy College)	Gantner Avenue Elementary School	1/4/2021	3/26/2021	Laurie Zeltzer	Occupational Therapist
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M. PARAPROFESSIONALS

N/A

N. EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

PN1. Approve Final Amended Employment Contract for Superintendent

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education does hereby approve the Final Amended Superintendent Employment Contract as submitted, which has been authorized and approved by the Interim Executive County Superintendent and agreed upon by Anthony Iachetti, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025; and be it further resolved that the board of education authorizes the Board Vice President to execute the Amended Superintendent Employment Contract on its behalf.

O. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

N/A

P. GENERAL

N/A

Motion of: Mrs. Gerardi

Seconded By: Ms. Aspras

Consent Vote on items: PA1- PN1

	KC	DD	LG	EM	CP	KP	DZ	DA	GL
<b>AYE</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>NAY</b>									
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									PN1

2. STUDENTS
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- 1) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve **Montclair University** agreement for a student guidance counselor intern for the 2020/2021 school year.
- 2) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve **Caldwell University** agreement for a student guidance counselor intern for the 2020/2021 school year.
- 3) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve **Stockton University** agreement for a student speech intern for the 2020/2021 school year.
- 4) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve **Bergen County Special Services School District, Educational Enterprises Division** to provide audiological services for students for the 2020/2021 school year.

Motion of: Mrs. Gerardi

Seconded By: Mr. Cannizzo

Consent Vote on items: S1-S4

	KC	DD	LG	EM	CP	KP	DZ	DA	GL
<b>AYE</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>NAY</b>									
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									

3. GENERAL
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- G1. Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the **activity/events/fundraisers/etc.** request for the 2020/2021 school year as listed below:

<b>G1-</b>	<b>School Activity</b>	<b>Loc./ Sch.</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Adm./Teach. Coach/Advis.</b>
A.	5th Grade Committee- Field Trip From a Distance But Together at the Heart. T- shirt Fundraiser.	Virtual	TBD	Gilbert/Gantner/ Sixteenth Avenue School K-5th Grade Students	Ms. Ramirez Ms. Thompson
B.	GHSA Nailed It- Students will be asked to pay \$6.00 each to participate in a cookie decorating contest.	Virtual	December 2020 - June 2021	Gilbert Avenue K- 5th Grade Students	Ms. Fasouletos
C.	GHSA/5th Grade Committee Birthday Grams Students will pay \$20.00 to “Card Their Yard” to celebrate. Committee will decorate the lawn for the student's birthday	Students Homes	December 2020 - June 2021	Gilbert Avenue K- 5th Grade Students	Ms. Fasouletos
D.	GHSA New Year’s Eve Party Students will pay \$2.00 to attend a private online Zoom party. Students will enjoy music and have a New Year’s Eve count down	Virtual	Thurs., 12/31/20 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Gilbert Avenue K-2 Students 3-5 Students (2 parties)	Ms. Fasouletos

G2. Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *Sixteenth Avenue PTO Virtual Fundraisers* for the 2020/2021 school year as listed below:

December 2020

Elfed Games  
Virtual Paint Event

February 2021

Taste of Italia  
Rif Raf Sugar Cookie  
Virtual Paint Event

April 2021

Francesca’s

January 2021

Philly Pretzel Factory  
Mr. Cupcakes

March 2021

Francesca’s  
Taste of Italia  
World’s Finest Chocolate Bars

Krispy Kreme

G3. Be it resolved that the board of education approve the superintendent’s dissertation study from Saint Elizabeth University.

Motion of: Mrs. Aspras

Second by: Mrs. Gerardi

Consent Vote on item: G1-G3

	KC	DD	LG	EM	CP	KP	DZ	DA	GL
<b>AYE</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>NAY</b>									
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									G3

**4. BUSINESS**

**M. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**M1. BE IT RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the following meeting be accepted:

Regular Meeting

November 24, 2020

Motion of: Mrs. Aspras

Seconded by: Mr. Cannizzo

Consent Vote on items: M1

	KC	DD	LG	EM	CP	KP	DZ	DA	GL
<b>AYE</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>NAY</b>									
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									

## F. FINANCIAL

### F1. FINANCIAL REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education accepts the November 2020, financial report, as submitted, which include the monthly Board Secretary's Report, Transfer Report, and the Treasurer of School Moneys Report for the respective month endings. The Board notes that the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports are in balance for the cash receipts and disbursements for the respective month endings.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, the board of education secretary certifies that as of November 2020, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, the board of education secretary certifies that as of November 2020, after review of the District's monthly financial reports no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

### F2. CONFIRMATION OF BILLS AND WARRANTS

BE IT RESOLVED: that, based upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the bills payable by check numbers 31589 through 31689 totaling \$1,524,127.16 and wire transfers totaling \$20,560.37 from Spencer Savings Bank Board of Education General Account, check numbers 1483 through 1485 totaling \$68,050.62 from board of

education Food Service Account, which were reviewed by the Finance Committee, be confirmed for payment.

**F3. PAYROLL CONFIRMATION**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the board of education confirms the action of the board secretary/business administrator in issuing the payroll for November 30, 2020 in the total amount of \$1,007,351.90.

**F4. PAYROLL CONFIRMATION**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the board of education confirms the action of the board secretary/business administrator in issuing the payroll for December 15, 2020 in the total amount of \$1,123,057.21.

Motion of: Mrs. Gerardi

Seconded by: Ms. Paretti

Consent Vote on items: F1-F4

	<b>KC</b>	<b>DD</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>CP</b>	<b>KP</b>	<b>DZ</b>	<b>DA</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>									F3 #185049 F4 #185418

**B. BUSINESS**

BG1. DISPOSAL OF DISTRICT ASSET

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the board of education approves the sale of the 2005, International IC 54 passenger school bus, VIN # 4DRBRABM34A966827 which has aged out of service to Transport Motino in the amount of \$630 and that the asset be removed from the district’s inventory.

Motion of: Mr. Cannizzo

Seconded by: Mrs. Aspras

Consent Vote on items: BG1

	KC	DD	LG	EM	CP	KP	DZ	DA	GL
<b>AYE</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>NAY</b>									
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									

**H. HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING**

H1. BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education does hereby affirm the Superintendent’s decision on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying cases:

# 050-01-2020-2021

Motion of: Mrs. Gerardi  
 Seconded by: Ms. Paretti  
 Consent Vote on items: H1

	KC	DD	LG	EM	CP	KP	DZ	DA	GL
<b>AYE</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>NAY</b>									
<b>ABSENT</b>									
<b>ABSTAINED</b>									
<b>RECUSED</b>									

**L. LEGAL**

**L1. APPROVAL OF MACBOOK AIR PURCHASE**

BE IT RESOLVED:

that, the board of education does hereby approve to contract to purchase 250 MacBook Air laptops and 4-Year AppleCare coverage for the laptops at a total cost of \$257,000 from Apple Inc, utilizing \$40,000 of CARES funds, account # 20-477-100-600-08-000-00, with the balance of funds to be appropriated from the General Fund, to be purchased under ESCNJ18/19-67 Educational Services Commission of NJ Contract, Apple Contract # 1062153, NJ State Approved Co-op.

**L2. CHROMEBOOK PURCHASE (Revision to #L2 approved August 25, 2020)**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education does hereby amend item L2 approved August 25, 2020 to be revised as follows: approve the purchase of 765 chromebooks and 765 licenses at a cost of \$192,397.50 from CDWG purchased under ESCNJ18/19-03 Ed. Services of NJ Contract, NJ State Approved Co-op



utilizing funding as follows:

Digital Divide # 20-478-100-600-08-000-00 \$125,879.00

Berg Cty Cares #20-478-100-610-08-000-00 \$66,518.50

**L3. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

that the board of education does hereby confirm the appointment of French and Parello to perform required engineering services and reports as requested by the NJDOE for the proposed purchase of 395 River Drive, Elmwood Park, NJ.

**L4. APPROVE DICARA RUBINO AS ARCHITECT FOR ATHLETIC FIELD BLEACHER PROJECT & RENOVATIONS**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the board of education does hereby approve DiCara Rubino as architect for replacement of HS Athletic Field Bleachers, Press Box and Renovations to the Field House at a cost of \$160,000 as per proposal # 20-86 dated December 4, 2020.

**L5. APPROVE CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR ALTICE/LIGHTPATH**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that the board of education does hereby approve to renew with Altice/Lightpath for Hosted Voice and Standard Phone service at a cost of \$3,177.65 per month for 36 months.

Motion of: Mrs. Aspras

Seconded by: Mrs. Gerardi

Consent Vote on items: L1-L5

	<b>KC</b>	<b>DD</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>CP</b>	<b>KP</b>	<b>DZ</b>	<b>DA</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>									

Mr. DeMatteo expressed his concerns about purchasing the macbook maintenance program.

Certified to be true copies of resolutions adopted by the Elmwood Park Board of Education at its meeting held on December 15, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John DiPaola". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary