



**Elmwood Park Board of Education  
ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 26, 2024**

**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF  
EDUCATION IS BEING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024  
AT 5:30 P.M., IN THE MEDIA CENTER AT  
MEMORIAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL,  
375 RIVER DRIVE, ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY.**

**A. OPENING: ROLL CALL, SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

**B. CLOSED SESSION-AS NEEDED**

*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.*

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS –General and Agenda Item**

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

**L. LEGAL**

L12. APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS & INTERIOR RENOVATIONS AT GANTNER AVENUE, GILBERT AVENUE AND 16TH AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS: the Elmwood Park Board of Education (the “Board”) advertised for bids for the Additions and Interior Renovations at Gantner Avenue, Gilbert Avenue and 16th Avenue Elementary schools pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS: on March 19, 2024, the Elmwood Park Board of Education (“Board”) held a public bid opening for the Additions and Interior Renovations at the Gantner Avenue, Gilbert Avenue and 16th Avenue Elementary Schools; and

WHEREAS: the Board received five (5) bids at the public bid opening; and

WHEREAS: the lowest numerical bid was submitted by The Bennett Company, Inc., with a total base bid of \$13,150,000.00 with alternate deductions of (\$160,000.00) alternate 3, (\$30,000.00) alternate 4, and (\$50,000.00) alternate 5 for a total amount of \$12,910,000.

WHEREAS: the Board, upon consultation with its attorney, has determined the bid from The Bennett Company, Inc., be *rejected* due to material defect; and

NOW, THEREFORE: the second lowest numerical bid was submitted by Grove Contracting, LLC, with a total base bid of \$13,247,000.00 with alternate deductions of (\$200,000.00) alternate 3, (\$30,000.00) alternate 4, and (\$25,000.00) alternate 5 for a total amount of \$12,992,000.

WHEREAS: the Board, upon consultation with its attorney, has determined Grove Contracting, LLC to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

that in accordance with the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., the Board hereby approves to contract for the Additions and Interior Renovations at Gantner Avenue, Gilbert Avenue and 16th Avenue Elementary Schools with GROVE CONTRACTING LLC, for the amounts listed above.

Motion of:

Seconded by:

Consent Vote on items: L1

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

Certified to be true copies of resolutions adopted by the Elmwood Park Board of Education at its special meeting held on March 26, 2024.

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Mark S. Jacobus, Business Administrator/Board Secretary