

**FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES –REGULAR MEETING-APRIL 19, 2011**  
**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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Following are Final Summary Minutes of the Regular Meeting held by the Elmwood Park Board of Education on Tuesday, April 19, 2011. Official more detailed minutes, are maintained in the Office of the Board Secretary.

The Regular Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was opened at 8:05 p.m. in the Memorial High School Media Center. Present were: Claire Kalinowski, Lori Sproviero, Sandra Balistrieri, Michael Bufis, Keith Cannizzo, Douglas DeMatteo, Arlene Perna-Rudmann, and Jennifer Pellegrine. Louise Gerardi was absent for the meeting. Also present were Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, and Mrs. Patricia Otten, Confidential Executive Secretary, for the taking of minutes.

After the prayer and flag salute, the reading of the Statement of Compliance is hereby incorporated. “The April Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial High School Teachers Faculty Room. The Regular April action meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 8 p.m. in the Memorial High School Media Center.”

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:05 p.m. and closed to the public at 8:47 p.m.; reopened to the public at 9:05 p.m. and closed to the public at 9:21 p.m. The following individuals addressed the board during the public portions of the meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Daniel Golabek	74 Godwin Avenue	Inquires as to: Gifted & Talented; Elementary Librarians; Administrators Contract; Resignation of Positions; Plant Engineer Position; Rosetta Stone; Program Cutting; Substance Abuse Personnel; Director of curriculum vacancy; Vice-Principals at Elementary Schools; Superintendent’s Salary and term of contract; Custodian hired last school year.
Christine Liptak	6 Stone Avenue	Inquiries as to: Music/ Vocal/Instrumental Programs; Cuts in Athletic; Media Specialist; Educational offerings after grade school; Inquiries as

to Superintendent's contract length; Teacher reimbursement for courses.

Doris Wechtler	124 Philip Avenue	Inquiries as to: District buses; Maintenance positions; Plant Engineer qualifications and schooling; Cutting custodial positions; Job descriptions of Maintenance/Custodians.
Richard Rudmann	1 Paul Court	Commented how at past board meetings the public didn't get answers; commended superintendent for his progress so far; Encouraged public to vote positive on budget.
Alexia Romero	Student Congress	Updated board on current events of Student Congress.
Peter Caglio	103 Ackerman Avenue	Thank the board for letting baseball league use gym.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Mr. Richard d. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, congratulates the following teachers who were nominated by their peers as recipient honorees of the 2011 Bergen County Teacher Recognition Program:

Sherry Freyer	16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue School
Jillian Torrento	Gilbert Avenue School
Marisa Sabina	Gantner Avenue School
Pamela Longaker	Memorial Middle School
Veronica Alfonso	Memorial High School

Mr. Richard D. Tomko, 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 March, 2011.

Gilbert Avenue School

<u>STUDENT NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Sofia Gomez	Pre-K
Damian Berger	Pre-K
Karl Bryjak	K
Marco Carrillo	K
Tyler Minogue	K
Genesis Veras	1
Karol Konior	1
Shuchi Patel	2
George Luis II	2
Celine Trizzino	3
Camila Krejpowicz	3
Kayla Liptak	4
Isaac Conil	4
Alexandra Trochim	5
Leodiver Ramos	5
Patricia Wiesniak	5

Gantner Avenue School

<u>STUDENT NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Jason Leider	Pre-K
Jayden Rosa	K
Diya Patel	K
Collin Doyle	1
Dimitris Aspras	1
Konrad Zielinski	2
Kaitlyn Kida	2
Ruth Perez	3
Ali Suiafan	3
Yusra AlTarique	4
Carlos Richards	4
Patrycja Latawiec	5
Alyssa Arena	5
Dominic Merdita	1,2,3
Shaquon Duner	4,5

Sixteenth Avenue School

<u>STUDENT NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
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Owen Amadeo-DeSessa	Pre-K
Omar Asfour	Pre-K
Stefan Ivanoski	K-2
Sophia Mitreski	K
Bruno Cavero	K
Jose Miguel Lopez	K
Peter Biskup	1
Filip Grabowy	1
Angelina Markovski	1
Aizar Imran	2
Natalya Vergel	2
Sarah McKenna	2
Darren Kero	3
Edward Sosa	3
Elena Vivar	3
Mike Smith	4
Mansi Sanghvi	4
Brian Smith	5
Sara Abdelgader	5
Endely Gonzalez	5

Memorial Middle School

<u>STUDENT NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Samantha Zucker	6
Anjali Ruparel	7
Anita Michalak	8

Memorial High School

<u>STUDENT NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Giancarlo Cortez	9
Brittany Matsko	10
Caitlin Gilmore	11
Xin Chen	12

1. PERSONNEL
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A. EMPLOYMENT

Motion of Mrs. Sproviero, Seconded by Mr. DeMatteo, approving personnel action resolutions PA1 through PO3, with items **PA2**, **PD1**, and **PN1** as amended.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present with the exception that Mr. Bufis votes no on item PA2 and PN1. Mrs. Gerardi was absent from the meeting.

- 1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm the **appointment** of **Ms. Lisa Schiff**, 177 Elizabeth Court, New Milford, New Jersey, 07646, as a language arts literacy temporary replacement maternity leave teacher at the High School, per diem rate based on step 1 of the BA teacher salary for the 2010/2011 school year, effective April 6, 2011, through June 30, 2011, pending results of fingerprint check.
- 2) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the **reduction of the following full time equivalent (FTE) positions from district position control** for the 2011-2012 school year, as listed below:

Director of Curriculum and Instruction (1 position)  
Secretary (4 positions)  
Gifted and Talented (1 position)  
Elementary Vocal Music (2 positions)  
Middle School Italian (1 position)  
Elementary Foreign Language (1 position)  
Elementary Librarians (2 positions)  
Business (1 position)  
Bus Driver (2 positions)  
Fiscal Analyst (1 position)  
Maintenance (2 positions)  
Custodian (1 position)

#### B. RESIGNATION

- 1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education **accept** the letter of resignation from **Fina Thompson**, Lunch Aide at Gantner Avenue School, for the 2010/2011 school year, effective April 8, 2011.

#### C. RETIREMENT

- 1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education accept the letter of intent to **retire** from Ms. Sheila Kane, Library/Media Specialist, effective June 30, 2011.

D. COACHES/STIPEND

1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm the *extra-curricular activity*, student activity position for the 2010/2011 school year, as listed below:

Name	Position	UPC#	Salary	Location	Effective Date
Samantha Rodriguez	Girls Soccer Coach	036-10	Step 3 - \$5,751	Middle School	2010-2011 School Year
Mathias Andrade	Boys Soccer Coach	036-02	Step 2 - \$5, 168	Middle School	2010-2011 School Year

E. APPOINTMENT of AIDES

1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *appointment of Ms. Traci Wiesenber***g**, 121 Hillside Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey, 07110, as one-to-one aide at Sixteenth Avenue School, at a salary of \$13.50 per hour, for the 2010/2011 school year, effective April 25, 2011 through June 30, 2011, pending results of a fingerprint check.

2) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *appointment of Ms. Denise Ingui*, 333 Falmouth Avenue, Elmwood Park, New Jersey, 07407, as a one-to-one aide at Gantner Avenue School, at a salary of \$13.50 per hour, for the 2010/2011 school year, effective April 25, 2011 through June 30, 2011, pending results of a fingerprint check.

NOTE: These appointments do not include benefits, vacations, health benefits, sick leave, sabbatical leave, or any other benefits provided by contract between the Elmwood Park Education Association and the Elmwood Park Board of Education.

F. SUBSTITUTES

N/A

G. TRANSFER

1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the

board of education confirm the *transfer* of **Ms. Rachel Mina**, one to one aide from Sixteenth Avenue School to one to one aide at Gantner Avenue School, effective immediately.

- 2) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm the *transfer* of Ms. Kimberly Snow, one to one aide from Gantner Avenue School to a one to one aide at Sixteenth Avenue School, effective immediately.
- 3) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm the *transfer* of **Ms. Lisa Tommolillo**, one to one aide from Gilbert Avenue School to a one to one aide at Sixteenth Avenue School, effective immediately.

#### H. MOVEMENT ON GUIDE/SALARY ADJUSTMENT

- 1) The superintendent recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *movement on guide* for **Mary Montone**, Elementary Teacher at Sixteenth Avenue School, from BA + 15, Step 7 - \$53,432, to BA + 30, Step 7 - \$54,682, effective January 1, 2011.
- 2) The superintendent recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *movement on guide* for **Kevin Herget**, Special Education Teacher at Sixteenth Avenue School, from BA, Step 3 - \$46,182, to BA + 15, Step 3 \$47,682, effective January 1, 2011.
- 3) The superintendent recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *movement on guide* for **Erik Schwartz**, Elementary Physical Education Teacher, from BA, Step 4 - \$48,182, to BA +30, Step 4 - \$50,932, effective January 1, 2011.

#### I. VOLUNTEER

N/A

#### J. FMLA/MATERNITY LEAVE/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *amend* the resolution passed on January 25, 2011, granting **Ms. Teri Giumarra**, Middle School Teacher, *Maternity/Disability Leave* from June 6, 2011 through September 7, 2011 *to* May 19, 2011 through September 7, 2011.
- 2) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *approve* the remainder of *Maternity/Disability Leave* for **Ms. Jenn Surniak-Gruenler** from June 20, 2011 through October 3, 2011

(originally approved for full maternity/disability leave by the board of education on January 6, 2011).

**K. WORKSHOP/TRAINING**

- 1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education ***confirm/approve the following request*** from Mr. Anthony Grieco, Director of Special Services, for the 2010/2011 school year, for the following staff members to attend training:

Name	Position	Date	Substitute Required	Activity	Location
Rachel Kleinman	School Psychologist	May 13, 2011	NO	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Assessment Conference	Fordham University
Robyn Brody	School Psychologist	May 13, 2011	NO	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Assessment Conference	Fordham University

- 2) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education ***confirm/approve the following request*** from Mr. David Warner, Principal of Memorial High School, for the 2010/2011 school year, for the following staff member to attend training:

Name	Position	Date	Substitute Required	Activity	Location
David Warner	High School Principal	July 11, 12, 2011	NO	Leadership Conference, Performance, Evaluations and Accountability	New Jersey City University

**L. STUDENT TEACHING OBSERVATION/PRACTICUM**

- 1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the ***student teaching observations***, as listed below:

Name	School	Date	Teacher	Subject
Niechette Charles	High School	May 4, 2011	Caleb Rhodes	Leadership
Jessica Bonilla	High School	May 6, 2011	TBD	Classroom Observation
Thomas Mulligan	High School	TBD	TBD	History
Dalal Abuassi	Middle School	September 19, 2011 – December 5, 2011, Two days per week	TBD	Math
Kerri Nangle	Gilbert Avenue School	April 5, 2011	Alexis Hayton & Rachel Johnson	Elementary Education
Michelle Bober	Gilbert Avenue	September 19, 2011 –	TBD	Classroom

	School	December 5, 2011, Two days per week		Observation
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M. PARAPROFESSIONALS

N/A

N. EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *ratify* the *memorandum of agreement* between the Elmwood Park Board of Education and the Elmwood Park Administrators Association (EPAA), with regard to the 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014 school year contracts, as attached, pending ratification by majority of the EPAA membership. **Amended to authorize the board president and board secretary/business administrator to execute the final agreement consistent with the terms of the memo of agreement and in a form satisfactory to Board Counsel.**

O. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

- 1) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the proposed *job description* for *Custodian*, for the 2010/2011 school year.
- 2) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the proposed *job description* for *Maintenance*, for the 2010/2011 school year.
- 3) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the proposed *job description* for *Middle School Assistant Principal*, effective July 1, 2011 for the 2011/2012 school year.

2. PUPILS
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Motion of Mr. DeMatteo, Seconded by Mrs. Sproviero, approving pupil action resolution S1.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present. Mrs. Gerardi was absent from the meeting. Mrs. Gerardi was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *out of district placements* for district students as listed below in accordance with New Jersey Administrative code, title 6A, Chapter 14 and as recommended by the Child Study Team:

S1. Windsor Academy, Woodland Park New Jersey

Effective:	04/11/11 through 6/30/11
Estimated Cost:	\$46,114.17 (pro-rated)
Ref: 107118DD	Emotionally Disturbed

3. GENERAL

Motion of Mrs. Sproviero, Seconded y Mr. Cannizzo, approving general action resolutions G1 through G12. Item G1 and G4 amended.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present, with the exception that Mr. DeMatteo recused himself from the vote on item G11. Mrs. Gerardi was absent from the meeting.

G1. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *activity/events/fundraisers/etc.* request from Mr. David Warner, Memorial High School Principal, for the 2010-2011 school year as listed below:

“The Scarlet Letter” Field Trip  
Mayo Center, 100 South Street, Morristown, NJ  
May 11, 2011  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.  
LAL II Students  
Ms. Hevner, Ms. Shauger, Mr. Carlock

Hershey Park High School Band Field Trip  
**Grandview Heights Academy** and  
Hershey Park  
100 Hershey Park Drive, Hershey, PA  
June 10, 2011  
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
High School Band Grades 9-12  
Ms. Miller

High School Band Bake Sale Fundraiser  
HS Lobby  
May 16, 2011 / June 14, 2011  
2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
High School Band Members

Ms. Miller, Parents Ms. Gomez/Ms. Amato

Booster Club Car Wash Fundraiser  
Recreation Center  
May 7, 2011 (May 14, 2011 Rain Date)  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
All High School Athletes  
Mr. Colangelo, HS Coaches

McDonald's Night Fundraiser  
Rte 46W, Saddle Brook, NJ  
April 19, 2011  
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Open to the public  
Paige Vasquez (Project Graduation)

High School Spanish Club Bake Sale Fundraiser  
HS Lobby  
May 17, 2011 and May 23, 2011  
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Spanish Club Members  
Ms. David

- G2. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *activity/events/fundraisers/etc.* request from Mr. Lawrence DeSantis, Middle School Principal, for the 2010-2011 school year as listed below:

MS Students to read their books to elementary school students - Field Trip  
Gilbert Avenue School  
April 20, 2011  
8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.  
Grade 7 LAL Honors Students/1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students  
Ms. Samantha Rodriguez

Spring Basket Fundraiser  
MS Cafeteria  
May 16 – 20, 2011  
10:44 a.m. – 12:18 p.m.  
Student Congress Members/Middle School Students Grades 6-8  
Ms. Stanczak

Middle School Italian Club Dance  
Cafeteria  
May 20, 2011  
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Italian Club/ Middle School Students Grades 6-8  
Mr. Grillo

Elmwood Park Bombers Dance  
MS Gym  
April 15, 2011  
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Bomber Members, Grades 3-8  
Jessica Rosado/Bomber Parents

- G3. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *activity/events/fundraisers/etc.* request from Mr. Dominick Silla, Sixteenth Avenue School Principal, for the 2010-2011 school year as listed below:

“Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon” 3D Movie - Field Trip  
IMAX Theatre, Palisades Center, West Nyack, NY  
June 6, 2011  
9:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Grade 4  
Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cascetta

Liberty Science Center Field Trip  
222 Jersey City Boulevard, Jersey, City, NJ  
May 26, 2011  
9:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.  
Grade 5  
Ms. Buldo, Mrs. Freyer, Mr. Bacigalupo

Science Laser Spectacular (Part II) Program  
Gymnasium  
June 7, 2011  
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Grades PreK – 5  
Mr. Silla

The Longo Planetarium Field Trip  
Morris County College, Randolph, NJ  
June 9, 2011  
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Grade 3  
Mrs. Dransfield, Mrs. Montone, Ms. Zillitto

Van Saun Park Field Trip  
Paramus, NJ  
May 20, 2011  
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Grade 2  
Ms. Amato, Mrs. DiPasquale, Ms. Goregoitia

School Fundraiser for Japan Relief Fund  
(In school sale of student made items)  
Proceeds to be sent to Red Cross  
Week of May 23, 2011  
Grades PreK - 5  
Mary Montone and the 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Staff

Children's Museum Field Trip  
Florham Park, NJ  
June 16, 2011  
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Grade 1  
Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Adamo, Ms. Cassidy

Turtle Back Zoo  
560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ  
May 25, 2011  
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Kindergarten Students  
Ms. Gaita, Ms. Mileski, Ms. Sammarco

- G4. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *activity/events/fundraisers/etc.* request from Mrs. Allison Jackter, Gantner Avenue School Principal, for the 2010-2011 school year as listed below:

Liberty State Park/Ellis Island Field Trip  
Morris Pesin Drive, Jersey City, NJ  
June 9, 2011  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Grade 4  
Ms. Gatta, Ms. Pollack

Native-Lands Field Trip  
Green Meadows Cultural Event  
Lenni Lenapi Park, Parsippany, NJ  
June 1, 2011, Rain Date June 3, 2011  
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Grade 2  
Ms. Cusmano, Ms. DiScola

Student Orientation Field Trip  
Middle School  
June 1, 2011  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Grades 5 (All Schools)  
Mrs. Allison Jackter

\$1 Dress Down Day Fundraiser to benefit the Leider Family  
District Wide  
**May 27, 2011**  
District Wide Students and Staff  
Mrs. Allison Jackter, Ms. Kathleen Cash

- G5. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *activity/events/fundraisers/etc.* request from Mr. David Saper, Gilbert Avenue School Principal, for the 2010-2011 school year as listed below:

Native-Lands Field Trip  
Green Meadows Cultural Event  
Knoll County Club Park, Lake Hiawatha, NJ  
June 1, 2011, Rain Date June 3, 2011  
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Grade 2  
Ms. Kass, Ms. Johnson

- G6. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education accept the request from Mrs. Allison Jackter, Gantner Avenue School Principal, of a *donation* from *Ms. Rosemary Fedor* of classroom supplies from Aramark Corp., to Gantner Avenue School for the 2010-2011 school year.
- G7. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education accept the request from Mr. David Saper, Gilbert Avenue School Principal, of a *donation* from *Mrs. S. Vierling*, lunch monitor, of a television set for Gilbert Avenue School for the 2010-2011 school year.
- G8. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education accept the request from Mr. David Saper, Gilbert Avenue School Principal, of a *donation* from *Mrs. C. Liptak*, parent, of a television set for Gilbert Avenue School for the 2010-2011 school year.
- G9. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education accept the request from Mr. David Saper, Gilbert Avenue School Principal, of a *donation* from *Mr. and Mrs. Steven Zaccone*, Gilbert School Parents, of a VCR for Gilbert Avenue School for the 2010-2011 school year.
- G10. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *donation* of a three-drawer file cabinet from *Mrs. Kathie Karcz*.

G11. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the Board of Education confirm/approve the *Adolescent Life Scans* program for the 2011-2012 school year, as listed below:

In Memory of Drew De Matteo  
(Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students)  
September 26 – 30, 2011  
Cardiac Scan Imaging Services  
*in conjunction with*  
Hackensack University Medical Center

G12. Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *New Jersey Institute of Technology's Secondary Partnership Program* request from Mr. David Warner, High School Principal, for the 2011-2012 school year through the 2014-2015 school year.

EP students in the Academy of Mathematics and Medical Sciences  
College courses for college credits agreement with NJIT

#### 4. BUSINESS

Motion of Mrs. Sproviero, Seconded by Mr. DeMatteo, approving business action resolutions M through A2. Item A2 as amended.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present, with the exception that Mr. Cannizzo abstained from the vote on M1 and M2, and Mrs. Balistreri recused herself from the vote as to items 101498 and 101153 in F3 because she was related to a family member. Mrs. Gerardi was absent from the meeting.

#### **M. Approval of Minutes**

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

**Public Hearing      March 22, 2011**

**M2.** BE IT RESOLVED: that the minutes of the following meeting be approved:

**Regular Meeting      March 22, 2011**

#### **F. Financial**

**F1a.** BE IT RESOLVED: that the following 2010-2011 reports, attached, are accepted and approved for filing and audit:

**Board Secretary's Reports/March  
Transfer Report/March  
(FORTHCOMING)**

**F1b.** BE IT RESOLVED: that the following 2010-2011 reports, attached, are accepted and approved for filing and audit:

**Treasurer of School Monies  
Report/March  
(FORTHCOMING)**

**F2. Confirmation of Bills and Warrants**

BE IT RESOLVED: that, based upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the bills payable from Valley National Bank Board of Education General Account, which were reviewed by the Finance Committee be confirmed for payment.

**F3. Stipend and Overtime Payroll Confirmation**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education confirms the action of the board secretary/business administrator in issuing the stipend payroll for March 2011, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

that the Elmwood Park Board of Education confirms the action of the board secretary/business administrator and the superintendent in issuing overtime and per diem vouchers received and made payable for March 2011, as attached.

**F4. Acknowledgment of Student Activity Account Balances**

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the board secretary/business administrator, the board acknowledges student activity account balances for period ending March 2011, as attached.

**BG. Business General**

**BG1. Use of Facilities - Approvals**

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the board approves the requests for Use of School Facilities, per Board Policy#1330, as attached.

**BG2. Use of Facilities – Approvals – Outside Organizations – See Addendum 4.**

**BG3. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report/Gilbert Avenue School**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education hereby authorizes that the attached Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for Gilbert Avenue School be reflected in official board minutes of this meeting.

**BG4. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report/16<sup>th</sup> Avenue School**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Elmwood Park Board of Education hereby authorizes that the attached Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue School be reflected in official board minutes of this meeting.

**L. Legal**

**L1. Approve Entrance into Contracts with South Bergen Jointure Commission**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education does hereby approve entrance into Joint Transportation Agreement and Transportation Services Agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2011-2012 school year, as attached.

**A. Adoption of Policies and Regulations**

**A1. First Reading of Revised Policies**

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon recommendation of the superintendent and board secretary/business administrator, the board does hereby approve a first reading of revised policies as follows:

4125 Employment of Support Staff  
7510 Use of Facilities  
2440 Summer Session

**A2. Approval of Revised Regulation**

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon recommendation of the superintendent and board secretary/business administrator, the board does hereby approve the revised regulations as follows:

8220 School Closing  
2440 Summer Session  
2431 Eligibility and Program Restrictions

**Addendum 1**

Motion of Mrs. Sproviero, Seconded by Mr. DeMatteo, approving Addendum 1 personnel action resolutions PB2. And PC2.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present. Mrs. Gerardi was absent from the meeting.

**B. RESIGNATION**

- 2) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education **accept** the letter of resignation from Mr. Paul DePinto, Assistant Principal at Memorial Middle School, effective June 30, 2011.

C. RETIREMENT

- 2) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education accept the letter of intent to **retire** from Ms. Eleanor Tarnacki, Secretary for Sixteenth Avenue School, effective July 1, 2011.

Motion of Mrs. Sproviero, Seconded by Mr. Bufis, approving Addendum 1 personnel action Resolution PD2.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present with the exception that Mrs. Balistrieri recused herself from the vote. Mrs. Gerardi was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Tomko stated for the record: Thomas Balistrieri has been a substitute in district for five (5) years and a volunteer coach for the past three (3) years. He is currently an approved volunteer coach for the girls JV softball program in district. Our approved JV softball coach abruptly left district near mid-season on Friday April 8, 2011 and, as confirmed by the supervisor of human resources immediately prior to the April 19 meeting of the board, there have been no qualified applicants for this position, which has been posted. Further, due to the emergent need to hire a coach to supervise our students and have that individual coach approved by the board trustees and fingerprinted, this process could take several weeks with only 5-6 weeks of the softball season remaining. Therefore, since Mr. Balistrieri is already working with our students in the same capacity and has been previously approved by the board of education, it is in the best interest of our student population to appoint him as JV softball coach for the remainder of the 2010-2011 softball season, affording him all the expectations and duties of which that position will entail. This has been discussed and affirmed with both counsel and the county office of education. Again, it must be stressed that this is an emergent need that is in the best interest of the safety, supervision, and performance of our students, and in no way is intended to circumvent any and all pertinent nepotism policies and statutes.

D. COACHES/STIPEND

- 2) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm the extra-curricular activity, student activity position for the 2010-2011 school year, as listed below:

Name	Position	UPC#	Salary	Location	Effective Date
Thomas	Assistant	037-04	Step 1 - \$4,583	High School	2010-2011

Balistrieri	Softball Coach (JV)		(Pro-rated)		School Year
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4. BUSINESS

**L2. Approval of Settlement-Iarossi**

Motion of Mr. DeMatteo, Seconded by Mr. Bufis, approving Addendum 1 action resolution L2.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present. Mrs. Gerardi was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education approve the Settlement Agreement and Release in the matter of Robert Iarossi v. Elmwood park Board of Education and Joseph Casapulla, docketed as BER-L-9036-08, and authorizes William Moffitt, Business Administrator and Jennifer Pellegrine, Board President to take all necessary actions to effectuate its' terms on behalf of the Board.

**Addendum 2**

Motion of Mr. DeMatteo, Seconded by Mrs. Sproviero, approving Addendum 2 personnel action resolutions G4 and K3, as amended.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present. Mrs. Gerardi was absent from the meeting.

**G. TRANSFER**

- 4) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm the *transfer* of Ms. Christina Bridges, One to One Aide from Sixteenth Avenue School to a Classroom Aide at Sixteenth Avenue School, effective immediately.

**K. WORKSHOP/TRAINING**

- 3) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following request from Mr. Anthony Grieco, Director of Special Services, for the 2010/2011 school year, for the following staff member to attend training:

Name	Position	Date	Substitute Required	Cost	Activity	Location
Bonnie Murray	Preschool Disabled Teacher	May 5, 2011	YES	\$400/Grant Money	Physical Skills Training	Rocky Hill, CT

**Addendum 3**

Motion of Mr. Cannizzo, Seconded by Mr. Cannizzo, approving Addendum 3, Personnel action resolution PB3.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present. Mrs. Gerardi was absent from the meeting.

B. **RESIGNATION**

3) Mr. Richard D. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *accept* the letter of resignation from Ms. Jillian Glaser, Language Arts Teacher at the Memorial High School, effective June 30, 2011.

**Addendum 4**

Motion of Mr. DeMatteo, Seconded by Mrs. Sproviero, approving Business action resolution BG2.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present. Mrs. Gerardi was absent from the meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the board approves the requests for Use of Facilities by Outside Organizations, per Board Policy #1330, as attached.

**BG2. Use of Facilities - Approvals**

Motion of Mr. DeMatteo, Seconded by Mrs. Sproviero, approving addendum 4 action resolution BG2, Use of Facilities by outside organizations.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present. Mrs. Gerardi was absent from the meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the board approves the requests for Use of

School Facilities by outside organizations,  
per Board Policy#1330, as attached.

**L Legal**

**L3. Approval of Settlement – EDC**

Motion of Mr. DeMatteo, Seconded by Mr. Balistreri, approving Addendum 1 Business action resolution L2.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present. Mrs. Gerardi was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Richard d. Tomko, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of Education approve a settlement with Electrical Design and Construction Corp., (EDC) of its claim for additional compensation under its electrical prime contract for renovations to the Middle/High School, as attached.

After comments by board members and administration, by motion of Mrs. Sproviero, which was seconded by Mr. Cannizzo, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

I hereby certify these final summary minutes of the meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education in session on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 to be true and correct and in complete agreement with the official Minute Book of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

William P. Moffitt  
Board Secretary