

**FINAL MINUTES**  
**-SPECIAL MEETING-**  
**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**DECEMBER 11, 2017**

A Special Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Monday, December 11, 2017 and began at 6:05 p.m. in the High School/Middle School Media Center.

Present were: Mr. Doug DeMatteo, Mr. Keith Cannizzo, Mrs. Louise Gerardi, Mrs. Doris Wechtler, Mr. James Monaco, Mr. George Luke, Mrs. Kathleen Policano and Mrs. Jeanne Freitag. Also present were Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. John DiPaola, Business Administrator / Board Secretary, and members of the public.

Roll call was taken. 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."

The board conducted interviews of four candidates who had submitted letters and resumes who had expressed interest in the vacant board seat. Candidates were individually asked the same questions in public session.

At 6:36 p.m. the following motion was made by Mrs. Wechtler and Seconded by Mrs. Gerardi.

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

Motion passed all in favor.



The meeting was then opened to public comments at 7:10 p.m. No one approached the podium to speak and the public portion was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Luke

- Progress

Mrs. Policano

- All applicants interviewed for the board vacancy did a good job, not an easy choice.

Mrs. Wechtler

- Thanked the applicants for applying for the vacancy on the board and reminded everyone the board appointment is for one year and will expire January 1, 2019.

Mrs. Gerardi

- Thanked the applicants for applying for the vacancy on the board and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mr. DeMatteo

- Thanked the applicants for applying for the vacancy on the board.

Mr. Cannizzo

- Progress

Mr. Monaco

- Progress

Mrs. Freitag

- Thanked the applicants, it is difficult to choose one person, good luck to Mr. Fakhoury on his appointment.
- Announced the date and time for the next board meeting, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

At 7:12 p.m. a Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Wechtler, seconded by Mr. Luke and unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present.

I hereby certify these final summary minutes of the Special Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education in session on December 11, 2017 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**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
AGENDA  
December 11, 2017**

**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, 375 RIVER DRIVE, ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY.**

- A. OPENING: ROLL CALL, SUNSHINE STATEMENT, FLAG SALUTE
- B. INTERVIEW OF BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES
- C. CLOSED SESSION
- D. PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
- E. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS:
  - PERSONNEL
  - BUSINESS
- F. APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER
- G. PUBLIC COMMENTS - GENERAL
- H. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS - OLD AND NEW BUSINESS
- I. ADJOURNMENT

1. PERSONNEL
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A. EMPLOYMENT

1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, 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 2017/2018 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>UPC#</b>	<b>SALARY</b>	<b>LOCATIO N</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Aracelis Payano	Leave Replacement Spanish	TCH.05.FORLM.EL. 01 11-120-100-101-05- 004-00	Step 1 BA \$50,093 Pro-Rated Per-Diem	Elementary/ Middle School	Upon Completion of Background Check  through  2/2/18
Rebecca Balaskovits	Leave Replacement Mathematics	TCH.01.MATHM. HS.01 11-140-100-101-01- 008-00	Step 1 BA+30 \$53,593 Pro-Rated Per-Diem	Memorial High School	Pending Certification  through  4/25/18

D. COACHES /STIPEND

         1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the extra-curricular activity, student activity position for the 2017/2018 school year, as listed in the categories below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>UPC #</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Deanna Palmiere	Anti Bullying Specialist	\$500.00	11-000-218-104-05-000-00	Gilbert Avenue & Sixteenth Avenue	9/1/17

E. APPOINTMENT OF AIDES

- 1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *appointment* of the following aides pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:16-1 and Board Policy 4125, effective For the 2017/2018 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>UPC #</b>	<b>SALARY</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Emily Glover	One to One Aide	AIDE.04.1TO1.NA.12 11-000-217-100-04-909-00	\$13.50 (Hour)	Sixteenth Avenue	Upon Completion of Background Check
Iyana Alexander	Classroom Aide	AIDE.04.RRC.NA.01 11-213-100-106-04-000-00	\$13.50 (Hour)	Sixteenth Avenue	Upon Completion of Background Check

F. SUBSTITUTES

- 1) Mr. Anthony Grieco, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *appointment* of the following substitutes for the 2017/2018 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check:

Rebecca Balaskovits

Motion of: Mrs. Wechtler  
 Seconded by: Mrs. Gerardi  
 Consent Vote on items: PA1-PF1

	KC	DD	GL	JM	KP	DW	LG	JF
<b>AYE</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>NAY</b>								
<b>ABSENT</b>								
<b>ABSTAINED</b>								
<b>RECUSED</b>								

4. BUSINESS

**F. APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBER TO FILL OPEN POSITION**

1. THAT THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTS **CHAKIB FAKHOURY** TO FILL THE REMAINING PORTION OF VACANT BOARD SEAT UNTIL THE JANUARY 2019 RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING. NEW BOARD MEMBER TO BE SWORN IN UPON COMPLETION OF A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK.



Motion of: Mrs. Wechtler  
Seconded by: Mrs. Policano  
Consent Vote on items:

	<b>KC</b>	<b>DD</b>	<b>GL</b>	<b>JM</b>	<b>KP</b>	<b>DW</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>JF</b>
<b>AYE</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<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 December 11, 2017.



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John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary