

**FINAL MINUTES**  
**-SPECIAL MEETING-**  
**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**OCTOBER 29, 2019**

The Special Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 and began at 6:15 p.m. in the High School/Middle School Media Center.

Present were: Mr. Douglas DeMatteo, Mr. Keith Cannizzo, Mrs. Dorin Aspras, Ms. Karen Pena and Mrs. Louise Gerardi. Also present were Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Jillian Torrento, Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Mr. John DiPaola, Business Administrator / Board Secretary.

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 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."

At 6:16 p.m. the meeting was opened to the public on any topic.

Mr. Freitag - 35 Hillman Drive

Questioned why the training was scheduled for closed session and not done in public.

At the recommendation of NJSBA, the training was scheduled for closed session as it pertains to negotiations and certain issues on this topic should not be discussed publicly.

At 6:19 p.m. the following Motion to go into closed session was made by Mr. Cannizzo and Seconded by Mrs. Aspras.

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

At 7:28 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. DeMatteo, seconded by Mrs. Aspras, and unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present, to adjourn the meeting.

Certified to be true copies of resolutions adopted by the Elmwood Park Board of Education at its Special meeting held on October 29, 2019.

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



**Elmwood Park Board of Education  
ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
October 29, 2019**

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

A. OPENING: ROLL CALL, SUNSHINE STATEMENT

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. CLOSED SESSION

The following motion was made by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

D. ADJOURNMENT