

**FINAL MINUTES**  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**JANUARY 3, 2020**

The Reorganization meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 3, 2020 at 5:10 p.m. in the High School/Middle School Media Center.

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.” Everyone stood for the flag salute and a moment of silence.

Mr. DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, read the election results for the School Boards Election held on November 5, 2019.

THREE 3-YEAR TERMS:

Francesco Fasolo	1,113
Louise Gerardi	1,099
Daniel Zoltek	931

***Mr. DiPaola informed the public that Mr. Fasolo had sent a letter (copy is attached) in November, 2019 notifying the board of education that he would be serving as a member of the town council and as such would not be accepting the board of education position. He also stated that the board of education must now appoint someone to fill the vacant position.***

Mrs. Gerardi and Mr. Zoltek the re-elected members of the Elmwood Park Board of Education, were sworn in by the Honorable Mayor Robert Colletti.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken at 5:24 p.m.

Present were: Mrs. Dorin Aspras, Mr. Keith Cannizzo, Mr. Douglas DeMatteo, Mrs. Louise Gerardi, Mr. Jakub Golabek, Mr. George Luke, Ms. Karen Pena and Mr. Daniel Zoltek. Also present were Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. John DiPaola, Business Administrator / Board Secretary, Ms. Jillian Torrento, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Mrs. Darla Palmesino, Confidential Executive Secretary, for the taking of minutes, and members of the public.

Mr. DiPaola, Board Secretary, called for nominations for President.

Mr. George Luke was nominated as President by Motion of Mrs. Gerardi and Seconded by Mr. DeMatteo. There were no other nominations for President. Mr. Luke was approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

Mr. DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, yielded to Mr. Luke, Board President, who called for nominations for Vice-President.

Mrs. Dorin Aspras was nominated as Vice-President by Motion of Mr. DeMatteo and Seconded by Mrs. Gerardi. There were no other nominations for Vice-President. Mrs. Aspras was approved unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

All board members received two handouts, School Ethics and 10 Tips for New Board Members.

Item #9 Designation of Board Meeting dates, times and locations and Item #10 Annual Code of Ethics presentation and review, were voted on and approved.

The remainder of the agenda items and the addendum were voted on and at 5:30 p.m. the meeting was opened for public comments.

Doris Wechtler - 124 Philip Avenue

- Congratulated Dan and Louise on being re-elected to the board

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was opened for board comments.

Mr. DeMatteo

- Congratulated Dan and Louise
- Congratulated the new board president and vice-president

Ms. Pena

- Congratulated Dan and Louise and the new president and vice-president

- Looking forward to the year with the board

Mrs. Gerardi

- 5th election to the board - happy the community has faith in her
- Thanked the BOE team
- Thanked her husband, family and friends
- Loves working with the town and kids - looking forward to the next 3 years

Mr. Cannizzo

- Congratulated everyone
- Thanked Louise for her work in the past as the president
- Looking forward to the new year

Mr. Golabek

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year
- Congratulated everyone on the board
- District is progressing

Mr. Zoltek

- Congratulated George and Dorin for their appointments
- Congratulated Dan and Louise on being re-elected
- Thanked all the trustees for working together as a team

Mrs. Aspras

- Thanked everyone for voting her vice president
- Thanked the Mayor for attending the meeting
- Congratulated Dan and Louise
- Looking forward to the new year

Mr. Luk

- Thanked everyone for voting him president
- Congratulated Dan and Louise on being reappointed
- Will work toward filling board vacancy in the near future
- Congratulated the Mayor - hope to work closely with the council in the future

At 5:39 p.m. a Motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting was made by Mr. Cannizzo and Seconded by Mrs. Gerardi and unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present.

I hereby certify these final summary minutes of the meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education in session on January 3, 2020, to be true and correct and in complete agreement with the official Minute Book of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

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John DiPaola  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary



Elmwood Park Board of Education  
**ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY**

**AGENDA**

***REORGANIZATION MEETING***

**January 3, 2020**

THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING AT **5:00 P.M. IN THE MEDIA CENTER AT MEMORIAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 375 RIVER DRIVE, ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY.**

1. SUNSHINE STATEMENT, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

November 5, 2019

THREE 3-YEAR TERMS:

Francesco Fasolo	1113
Louise Gerardi	1099
Daniel Zoltek	931

3. ADMINISTERING OF OATHS OF OFFICE
  - Newly Elected Board Members - Two 3-year terms  
Louise Gerardi  
Daniel Zoltek
4. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD SECRETARY









10. ANNUAL CODE OF ETHICS PRESENTATION AND REVIEW

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elmwood Park Board of Education hereby adopts the Code of Ethics for School Board Members and authorizes the Board Secretary/Business Administrator to reflect in the minutes that a discussion transpired in regard to the school Ethics Act as required.

Motion of: Mr. Cannizzo  
Seconded By: Mr. DeMatteo

Vote on item #10 Code of Ethics:

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

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS- GENERAL

12. BOARD COMMENTS

13. CLOSED SESSION-AS MAY BE REQUIRED

14. ADJOURNMENT

Certified to be true copies of resolutions adopted by the Elmwood Park Board of Education at its meeting held on January 3, 2020.

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John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary