

FINAL MINUTES
-WORK MEETING-
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 26, 2021

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 and began at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the High School/Middle School Student Cafeteria. Present were: Mrs. Dorin Aspras, Mr. Keith Cannizzo, Mr. Douglas DeMatteo, Mrs. Gerardi, Mr. George Luke, Mrs. Elizabeth Mierzejewski, Ms. Carrie Paretto, and Mr. Daniel Zoltek. Also present were, Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Jillian Torrento, Assistant Superintendent Mr. John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Frances Febrese, Board Attorney and members of the public. Ms. Karen Pena arrived at the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

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.”

Mr. Luke reviewed the agenda with the board.

At 6:06 p.m. the meeting was opened to the public. No one from the public spoke.

At 6:07 a Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Gerardi and Seconded by Mrs. Aspras and unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present.

**FINAL MINUTES
-REGULAR MEETING-
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 26, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 and began at 7:00 p.m. in the High School/Middle School Media Center.

Present were: Mrs. Dorin Aspras, Mr. Keith Cannizzo, Mr. Douglas DeMatteo, Mrs. Gerardi, Mr. George Luke, Mrs. Elizabeth Mierzejewski, Ms. Carrie Paretti, Ms. Karen Pena and Mr. Daniel Zoltek. Also present were, Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Jillian Torrento, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Frances Febrese, Board Attorney and members of the public.

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Auditor’s Presentation - Mr. Jeffrey Bliss, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, June 30, 2020 Audit

- Went over the auditor’s role
- Our opinion is “unmodified” an absolute must, which is a clean opinion
- If you have something other than “unmodified” opinion it means material errors
- Opinion on State and Federal programs is also “unmodified”
- Financial Reporting - no non-compliance or any material weaknesses
- Discussed general fund balances as stated in general fund, Section C-1 of the audit
- Excellent year financially
- Reviewed Reserve account balances as of 6/30/20
- Summary of recommendations - there were no findings

Mr. Cannizzo thanked Mr. DiPaola and staff on the excellent audit.

Ms. Torrento, Assistant Superintendent presented a powerpoint on the Student Safety Data System Report (attached).

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Iachetti discussed the following items:

- Want to thank Mr. DiPaola for his hard work this is seen with the latest audit report.
- Though the district is Remote we continue to have the daily Attestation Reminders because of the different school activities that do take place and to maintain accurate contact tracing concerns.
- Want to thank the Curriculum Department in their effort to receive the 2020 Hess Toy Truck STEM Kit. This kit includes 12 of the 2020 Hess Ambulance and Rescue toy trucks that can be used in conjunction with this year's corresponding STEM curriculum guide entitled "STEM to the Rescue." Activities include investigations into inclined planes, forces, and motion, selection of rescue gear, measurement of cargo capacity, and handling emergencies.
- Today was the Girls basketball home opener vs Mary Help. Boys home opener vs Becton on January 27th has been postponed.
- Chromebook Distribution (K-2)
The distribution will be taking place at the Memorial High School River Drive/Old Main entrance.
- PSAT will be tentatively administered on March 9th
- After a discussion with the BCDOH it was recommended that the reopening be delayed again. This was part of the ever growing numbers in Elmwood Park itself and the various incidences in each school. To avoid situations of opening and closing and make it more reasonable for elementary parents we decided to extend to February 22nd. Again, please stay diligent in providing the district with information if the child is sick and not to send your child to school if they have any COVID-19 symptoms.
- Congratulations to the Students of the Month and All League Honors in athletics all of whom are recognized in tonight's agenda.

Thank you to the parents, students and staff for all of their hard work and effort during this time.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee - Mrs. Gerardi

- Finance committee met virtually on January 22nd
- Discussed bills and warrants
- Discussed preliminary plans for the 2021-22 budget

Curriculum Committee - Mrs. Mierzejewski

- Met on January 22nd
- Diversity mandate and inclusive instruction
- Professional Development
- Stem Curriculum and Hess Trucks

HIB Committee - Mrs. Aspras

- Met on January 22nd
- Discussed digital remote bullying which is at all time low

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Mr. DeMatteo

- Met on January 22nd
- A lot happening
- Bleacher project - very happy to get this going
- Port-a-Johns - possibly
- Restoring of the track
- Wrestling mats
- Baseball fence
- Live Streaming of athletic events
- Boiler Room - Gantner ceiling
- House is being purchased
- 2006 bus will be replaced, looking also at a small van possibly used
- 2004 pick up plow to be replaced

At 7:30 p.m. the meeting was opened to the public on agenda items only.

Mrs. Bobowicz - 24 Reihl Street

- Gantner Avenue parent
- Happy with teachers
- Why are we still closed (remote only)?

- Leave it open - parents and children are frustrated
- News - American Pediatric says

Nicole DiCanio - 9 Fournier Crescent

- Agrees with Ms. Bobowicz
- Depression anxiety, no socialization - kids are dealing with all this on regular basis
- Rigid programs
- School spirit lacking
- Touch screens for younger students for devices should be considered

At 7:40 p.m. the meeting was closed to the public and votes were taken on the agenda.

At 7:48 p.m. the meeting was opened to the public.

Mr. Freitag - 35 Hillman Drive

- Inclusion curriculum questions when approved?
 - * Mr. Iachetti responded - August
- Did the Curriculum Committee meet?
 - *Mr. Iachetti-yes
- Did EP staff attend the Bergen County Consortium Meeting?
 - *Mr. Iachetti-yes
- Ramsey did presentations in July - was that considered?
 - *Mr. Iachetti responded “Should’ve done them Bergen County Curriculum asked us to go K-12. It is mandated 5-12 by state.
- 70 districts, how many participating?
- Was there a date the curriculum had to be done?
 - *Ms. Torrento responded - Yes, September 5-12
- Did not give presentation in April - was it considered not to do it at this time?

At 7:55 p.m. the meeting was closed to the public and opened for board comments.

Mrs. Apras

- Congratulated Students of the month and athletes
- Thanked the Finance Department - Mr. Iachetti, Mr. DiPaolo, Ms. Torrento
- HIB - glad everything is going well
- Thanked parents for attending the meeting
- Teachers and administration are working to achieve make up gap

- Not easy to open and close
- Parents should not send kids to school
- Stay safe

Mr. Cannizzo

- Thanked the parents for attending the meeting
- We want schools open
- Congratulated Students of the Month and athletes
- Agreed with parents who spoke, people post on social media and do not attend meetings

Mrs. Mierzejewski

- Congratulated Students of the Month and athletes
- Thanked parents for attending the meeting
- Congratulated the Finance Department on the audit

Mr. Zoltek

- Thanked people for attending the meeting
- We want schools open
- Social Media - 2 way street, work together

Ms. Parette

- Congratulated Students of the Month and athletes
- Excellent audit
- Thanked parents for attending the meeting
- Reminded everyone that Mr. Iachetti stated leave kids at home when sick, otherwise several people get exposed
- Trying to do what is safe for everyone

Mr. DeMatteo

- Congratulated Students of the Month and athletes
- Nice to hear audit report - thanked Finance Department
- Nice HIB report
- Tough that schools aren't open

Mrs. Gerardi

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
- Congratulated Students of the Month and athletes
- Can two parents be in the building and livestream during athletics, maybe in the cafeteria? In case athletes get injured at an event the parents are in the building.

- Big on school spirit - grew up in town - has some ideas to go over with Mr. Iachetti and Ms. Torrento
- Sad for what students are going through
- We will keep trying, want kids back together
- Thanked Finance department on the audit
- Great to hear bleacher project is happening
- Touch screen for younger kids is a great idea
- 5-10 minute videos will be looked into, they should be done every day
- Thanked everyone for coming
- Progress

Mr. Luke

- Wished more parents would come
- Social media is tough and it's been a difficult year
- Need cooperation that everyone who comes to school is healthy
- One student with virus infected several staff members
- Congratulated Students of the Month, athletes
- Congratulated Finance Department
- Congratulated Dave Warner on getting his PHD

At 8:10 p.m. a Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Gerardi and Seconded by Mr. Cannizzo and unanimously approved by voice vote of the members present.

I hereby certify that these final summary minutes of the meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education in session on January 26, 2021 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John DiPaola
Business Administrator/Board Secretary



Elmwood Park Board of Education
ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY
AGENDA

WORK MEETING
January 26, 2021

A WORK MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE STUDENT CAFETERIA AT MEMORIAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 375 RIVER DRIVE, ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY.

A. OPENING: ROLL CALL, SUNSHINE STATEMENT

B. OPEN SESSION REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA

1. PERSONNEL
2. STUDENTS
3. GENERAL
4. BUSINESS

C. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS – OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. CLOSED SESSION

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.

F. ADJOURNMENT



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

**REGULAR MEETING
January 26, 2021**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD THIS EVENING AT **7:00 P.M. IN THE MEDIA CENTER AT MEMORIAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 375 RIVER DRIVE, ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY.**

A. OPENING: ROLL CALL, SUNSHINE STATEMENT, FLAG SALUTE

B. PRESENTATIONS:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 2019-2020 Audit Presentation-Lerch, Vinci & Higgins (Jeffrey Bliss)
- 2019-2020 HIB Self-Assessment Grades/ SSDS Presentation

C. COMMITTEE UPDATES

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

E. OPEN SESSION: REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA

1. PERSONNEL
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4. BUSINESS

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL

G. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS – OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

H. CLOSED SESSION – AS MAY BE REQUIRED

I. ADJOURNMENT

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GANTNER AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAME

GRADE

Justin Waters	K
Michael Kos	K
Aagna Patel	K
Gino Passarella	1
Brayden Hernandez	1
Adaree Morrobel	1
Ayaan Patel	1
Sophia Tejada	2
Adam Hoyuen	2
Declan Mellish	3
Mustafa Hamdeh	3
Somtobeolisa Egboka	3
David Parian	4
Emma Cabrera Silva	4
Ambla Velillari	4
Nikolay Wint	5
Bengisu Kiyakli	5
Ysabelle Balingit	5

SIXTEENTH AVENUE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAMEGRADE

Maxim Janevski	Pre-K
Valentino Salas	Pre-K
Atif Chowdhury	Pre-K
Ella Predmore	Pre-K
Rianna Santana	Pre-K
Milan Rosado	Pre-K
Fabiana Escobar	K
Aahil Saleh	K
Evan Pimentel	K
Fatima Kinikar	1
Michael Milevski	1
Gabriella Pressler	1
Dhanvi Patel	2
Ibrahim Yousaf	2
Julia Kalinowski	2
Wilson Wong	3
Antonio Buscio	3
DonJuan Gary	3
Nathaniel Plata	4

Alexander Astudillo	4
Varun Kamesh	4
Sarah Zak	5
Sophia Chavarria	5
Liliana Bronk	5

MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENT NAME

GRADE

Matthew Cisowski	6
Chelsea Willoe	7
Tiffany Balinget	8

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT NAME

GRADE

Carly Dow	9
Nicole Ramirez	10
Grace Zhao	11
Patryk Doroszkiewicz	12

Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, congratulates and recommends that the board of education acknowledge the **achievement(s) for the Fall 2020 All-League Honors Colonial Division:**

Football

Senior, Blake Cepeda - 1st Team all League

Senior, Vessel Sakir - 1st Team all League

Senior, Jason Vega- 1st Team all League

Junior, Rory DeSiervo- 1st Team all League
Junior, Tyler Kario- 1st Team all League
Freshman, Adriel Perez- 1st Team all League
Senior, Jason Castillo- 2nd Team all League
Junior, Genson Castillo- 2nd Team all League
Junior, Andres Rojas- 2nd Team all League
Junior, Derrick Romero- 2nd Team all League
Junior, Na'Quan Williams- 2nd Team all League
Sophomore, Alex Picinich- 2nd Team all League
Senior, Adrian Reynoso- Honorable mention

Boys Soccer

Senior, Mateusz Lico - 1st Team all League
Junior, Michael Parra Galindo - 1st Team all League
Sophomore, Alexander Hlawacz- 1st Team all League
Sophomore, Andrew Rosadio- 1st Team all League
Senior, Elian Ramasani- 2nd Team all League
Junior, Gabriel Bermudez- 2nd Team all League

Girls Soccer

Senior, Maria Taseva- 1st Team all League
Sophomore, Cali Terranova - 1st Team all League
Junior, Daniella Gonzalez - 2nd Team all League

Cross Country - Girls

Junior, Nyamari Duran - 2nd Team all League

Cross Country - Boys

Senior, William Penate - 2nd Team all League

1. PERSONNEL

A. EMPLOYMENT

- 1) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, 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 2020/2021 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check:

PA-1	Name	Position	UPC#	Salary	Location	Effective Date
A.	Sean Hubert	Leave Replacement	TCH.01.LAL. HS.03 11-140-100-101-01-003-00	BA Step 1 \$50,403 Per Diem	Memorial High School <i>Revised 7/21/2020 agenda</i>	2/24/2021 Through 6/23/2021
B.	Kristina Boele	Leave Replacement	TCH.05.GUIDL. EL.01 11-000-218-104-05-000-00	MA Step1 \$54,153 Per Diem	Sixteenth Avene Elementary	2/22/2021 Through 5/28/2021

B. RESIGNATION

1) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education accept the following employee resignations pursuant to N.J.S.A;18A:28-8; and Board of Education Policy 3141 for the 2020/2021 school year:

PB-1	Name	Position	UPC#	Location	Effective Date
A.	Mia Valente	Speech Language Specialist	TCH.05.SPCHL. NA.04 11-000-216-100-01-000-00	Sixteenth Avenue School	2/21/2021
B.	Iyana Alexander	One to One Aide	AIDE.04.RRRC. NA.01 11-213-100-106-04-000-00	Gantner Avenue Elementary School	1/8/2021
C.	Kimberly Marriott Holliday	Lunch Aide	AIDE.04.LNCH. NA.10 11-000-262-107-04-912-00	Sixteenth Avenue School	1/19/2021

C. RETIREMENT

N/A

D. COACHES /STIPEND

- 1) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education *confirm/approve the extra-curricular activity*, student activity position as listed in the categories below:

PD-1	Name	Position	Salary	UPC #	Location	Effective Date
A.	David Warner	Principal	\$2,500 EdD/PhD	ADM.01. PRIN.NA.01 11-000-240- 103-01-000-00	Memorial High School	1/4/2021
B.	Stephanie Vislosky	Mock Trial Club	\$907 (Prorated)	11-40-100- 100-01-064-00	Memorial High School	1/2/2021
C.	Philip Bloete	Tennis Club Advisor	\$907 (Prorated)	11-40-100- 100-01-064-00	Memorial High School	9/1/2020

E. APPOINTMENT OF AIDES

N/A

F. SUBSTITUTES

- 1) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *appointment* of the following substitutes for the 2020/2021 school year, pending the results of a criminal background check:

Brunilda Dhima

Sueanne Pace

NOTE: These appointments cannot exceed 29 hours per week and 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

G. TRANSFER

N/A

H. MOVEMENT ON GUIDE/SALARY ADJUSTMENT

1) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the ***movement on guide*** for the following school administrators, principals, teachers, custodians and other officers and employees pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:16-1 and 18A:29-13 and local contractual agreement:

PH-1	Name	Current Salary	Amended Salary	Location	Effective Date
A.	Elizabeth Planthaber	BA+15 Step 3A \$55,173	MA Step 3A \$57,673	Gilbert Avenue Elementary School	1/1/2021

I. VOLUNTEER

N/A

J. FMLA/MATERNITY LEAVE/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve ***Maternity/Disability/Leave of Absence***, for:

PJ-1	Name	School	Position	From	To
A.	Deanna Palmieri	Sixteenth Avenue Elementary School	Elementary School Teacher	2/22/2021 (Sick 2/22/2021 through 3/31/2021 Unpaid 4/1/2021 through May 31, 2021)	6/1/2021
B.	Veronica D’Ettorre	Memorial High School	LAL Teacher	2/23/2021 (Revised from 8/26/2020 Agenda)	6/23/2021

C.	Kristen Amado	Sixteenth Avenue Elementary School	Elementary School Teacher	3/15/2021 Sick 3/15/2021 through 5/3/2021 Unpaid 5/4/2021 through 6/23/2021	6/23/2021
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K. WORKSHOP/TRAINING

1) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following request for the 2020/2021 school year, for the following employees to attend workshops:

PK-1	Name	Position	Date	Sub Required	Cost	Activity	Location
A.	Desiree D'Agostino	Speech Teacher	2020-2021	No	\$89.00 funded through Title IIA	Annual CEU membership which will provide unlimited access to training and PD	Remotely
B.	Alexandra Soto	Speech Teacher	2020-2021	No	\$89.00 funded through Title IIA	Annual CEU membership which will provide unlimited access to training and PD	Remotely

L. STUDENT TEACHING OBSERVATION/PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP

N/A

M. PARAPROFESSIONALS

N/A

N. EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

N/A

O. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

N/A

P. GENERAL

N/A

Motion of: Mrs. Gerardi
 Seconded by: Ms. Pena
 Consent Vote on items: PA1- PK1

	DA	KC	DD	EM	CP	KP	DZ	LG	GL
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

2. STUDENTS

- 1) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the **tuition contracts with Garfield Public Schools** as per McKinney-Vento Act:

S1-	SID	Dates	Total Tuition
A.	112143	11/1/20 - 6/23/21	\$12,175.00 (Prorated)
B.	112155	11/1/20 - 6/23/21	\$11,551.00 (Prorated)

NOTE: ALL COSTS ARE ESTIMATES AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND VERIFICATION.

- 2) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve **professional service providers** as regulated by N.J.A.C. 6A:14 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18, Private/Public Schools for Students with Disabilities for the 2020/2021 school year as indicated:

S2-	Provider Name	Service/Evaluation	Dates	Cost
A.	BCSS, Educational Enterprises Division	Speech and Language Therapist	1/1/21-6/30/21	\$36,864.00

NOTE: ALL COSTS ARE ESTIMATES AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND VERIFICATION.

- 3) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *Thera-Pede* to provide physical therapy to district students for the 2020/2021 school year.

Motion of: Mr. Cannizzo

Seconded By: Mrs. Gerardi

Consent Vote on items: S1-S3

	DA	KC	DD	EM	CP	KP	DZ	LG	GL
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

3. GENERAL

- G1. Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *Revised School District Calendar* for the 2020/2021 school year, as attached.
- G2. Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *School District Calendar* for the 2021/2022 school year, as attached.

- G3. Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *12-Month Holiday Calendar* for the 2021/2022 school year.
- G4. Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *Summer School Program(s)* for the summer of 2021.
- G5. Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *Extended School Year Programs (ESY)* for in-district students for the summer of 2021, pursuant to Individualized Education Programs.
- G6. Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *Student Safety Data System (SSDS) ITP Report for September- December 2020*.
- G7. Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *Elmwood Park Reopening Plan* for the 2020/2021 school year, *as attached*.
- G8. Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following 2020/2021 school year **Kindergarten Registration Dates:**
- | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| February 8-12, 2021 | March 1, 2021 | April 12, 2021 |
| April 14, 2021 (5pm-8pm) | May 10, 2021 | June 7, 2021 |
- G9. Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the following resolution to recognize January 2021 as *School Board Recognition Month* and urge all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

**School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey
January 2021**

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2021 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can

acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members;
and

WHEREAS, The Elmwood Park Board of Education is one of more than 580 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Elmwood Park Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Elmwood Park Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2021 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Elmwood Park Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staff toward the improvement of our children’s education.

G10. Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *Donation(s)* for the 2020/2021 school year, as listed below:

G10-	Donation	Donators	Location
A.	2 New HP Laptops	Donors Choose	Gantner Avenue School

G11. Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the award of a 2020 Hess Toy Truck STEM Kit. The kit includes 12 of the 2020 Hess Ambulance and Rescue toy trucks that can be used in conjunction with this year’s corresponding STEM curriculum guide entitled “STEM to the Rescue.” It is sponsored by the STEM Educational Outreach program, sponsored by Hess Corp and Baylor College of Medicine.

Motion of: Mrs. Gerardi

Second by: Ms.Pena

Consent Vote on item: G1-G11

	DA	KC	DD	EM	CP	KP	DZ	LG	GL
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

4. BUSINESS

M. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

M1. BE IT RESOLVED: that the minutes of the following meeting(s) be accepted:

Regular Meeting
Reorganization Meeting

December 15, 2020
January 5, 2021

Motion of: Ms. Pena

Seconded by: Mrs. Gerardi

Consent Vote on items: M1

	DA	KC	DD	EM	CP	KP	DZ	LG	GL
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED							X		

F. FINANCIAL

F1. FINANCIAL REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education accepts the December 2020, financial report, as submitted, which include the monthly Board Secretary's Report, Transfer Report, and the Treasurer of School Moneys Report for the respective month endings. The Board notes that the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports are in balance for the cash receipts and disbursements for the respective month endings. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, the board of education secretary certifies that as of December 2020, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, the board of education secretary certifies that as of December 2020, after review of the District's monthly financial reports no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

F2. CONFIRMATION OF BILLS AND WARRANTS

BE IT RESOLVED: that, based upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the bills payable by check numbers 31690 through 31854 totaling \$1,578,486.44 and wire transfers totaling \$1,345,253.91 from Spencer Savings Bank Board of Education General Account, check numbers 1486 through 1487 totaling \$55,239.45 from board of

education Food Service Account, which were reviewed by the Finance Committee, be confirmed for payment.

F3. PAYROLL CONFIRMATION

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education confirms the action of the board secretary/business administrator in issuing the payroll for December 23, 2020 in the total amount of \$998,285.10.

F4. PAYROLL CONFIRMATION

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education confirms the action of the board secretary/business administrator in issuing the payroll for January 15, 2021 in the total amount of \$968,693.66.

Motion of: Mr. Cannizzo

Seconded by: Ms. Pena

Consent Vote on items: F1-F4

	DA	KC	DD	EM	CP	KP	DZ	LG	GL
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY			F2 #31794						
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									F3 #185786 F4 #186147

B. BUSINESS

BG1. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETINGS FOR FEB. 16 AND MARCH 1, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED: that, the board of education does hereby approve two *Special Virtual Board Meetings* to be held on **February 16, 2021 and March 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** these meetings will be held *virtually*, these *Special Meetings* will be for NJSBA training. The board *may* also take formal action on any other matters regarding Personnel, Students, General, Business, and any other Board Business as needed, this meeting may include an Executive Session (if needed).

BG2. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FOR MARCH 16, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED: that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business administrator, the board of education does hereby approve a **Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **High School/Middle School Media Center** to approve the submission of the 2021-2022 preliminary budget to the County Office. The board *may* also take formal action on any other matters regarding Personnel, Students, General, Business and any other Board Business as needed, this meeting may include an Executive Session (if needed).

Motion of: Mrs. Gerardi

Seconded by: Ms. Pena

Consent Vote on items: BG1-BG2

	DA	KC	DD	EM	CP	KP	DZ	LG	GL
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

H. HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING

N/A

L. LEGAL

**L1. CARES ACT EDUCATION STABILIZATION GRANT (CARES)-
Acceptance of Reallocated Funding and Amended Application**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education hereby approves the acceptance of the additional allocated federal CARES Act Education Stabilization funds and approves the submission of the amended application and amendment as required, to the NJDOE for the purposes described in the grant and that such additional funds in the amount of

\$59,972.00 be added to the current year CARES 2020/2021 application and that the board further approves any other revisions required to the grant when completing the amendment so as to use the funds in the current school year grant as outlined in the amendment, pending NJDOE approval.

L2. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 30, 2020 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education does hereby acknowledge the receipt, review and evaluation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2020.

L3. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF 395 RIVER DRIVE, ELMWOOD PARK, NJ

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education does hereby authorize final approval of the purchase of 395 River Drive, Elmwood Park, NJ, identified as Block 408, Lot 14 and the building and improvements contained therein, as all state and local approvals have been received on the project listed as NJDOE Project #1345-X01-20-100 *and* that the board hereby authorizes the release of funds in the amount of \$553,615.00 for such purchase; *and* authorizes the board attorney, architect, school administration and such other officers and agents of the board as are necessary, to perform such other acts, to execute, prepare and submit any and all documents and to do such other things as are necessary to finalize the purchase of said property.

L4. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF ATHLETIC FIELD HOUSE/BLEACHER PROJECT TO NJDOE

BE IT RESOLVED: that in accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the board of education hereby approves the preparation of Schematic Plans to be prepared in connection with the **HS Athletic Field House/Bleacher Project** and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval;

AND that the board of education hereby authorizes (if needed) the amendment of its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project;

AND The district requests no State EFCFA funding for the project;

AND that the school administration and such other officers and agents of the board as are necessary, including the board attorney and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the board set forth in this resolution.

Motion of: Mrs. Aspras

Seconded by: Ms. Pena

Consent Vote on items: L1-L4

	DA	KC	DD	EM	CP	KP	DZ	LG	GL
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

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John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary



ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
 ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY
AGENDA
ADDENDUM
REGULAR MEETING
January 26, 2021

1. PERSONNEL

RESIGNATION

2) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education accept the following employee resignations pursuant to N.J.S.A;18A:28-8; and Board of Education Policy 3141 for the 2020/2021 school year:

PB-2	Name	Position	UPC#	Location	Effective Date
A.	Ariella Latino	Basic Skills Teacher	TCH.02.BISK. BS.01 11-230-100-101- 02-000-00-	Gantner Avenue	1/29/2021

G. TRANSFER

1) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve the *transfer* of the following school administrators, principals, teachers, custodians and other officers and employees pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:16-1, for the 2020/2021 school year:

PG-1	NAME	POSITION	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE DATE
A.	Kevin Jackson	Evening Custodian 16th Avenue	Evening Custodian Step 7 \$51,932.58	Daytime Custodian Step 7 \$48,993	1/26/2021

Motion of: Mrs. Gerardi

Second by: Ms. Pena

Consent Vote on item: PB-2-PG-1

	DA	KC	DD	EM	CP	KP	DZ	LG	GL
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

STUDENTS

- 4) Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, recommends that the board of education confirm/approve *Homecare Therapies dbs/ Horizon Healthcare Staffing* to provide nursing services to district students for the 2020/2021 school year.

Motion of: Mr. Cannizzo

Second by: Ms. Pena

Consent Vote on item: S4

	DA	KC	DD	EM	CP	KP	DZ	LG	GL
AYE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NAY									
ABSENT									
ABSTAINED									
RECUSED									

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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.

John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary