

FINAL MINUTES
-SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING-
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 1, 2021

A Special Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held remotely on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 5:04 p.m. to conduct Board Member Training.

The meeting took place remotely via “Zoom” conferencing a remote video conferencing system that is routinely used to conduct such meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Present via “Zoom” were: Mrs. Dorin Aspras, Mr. Keith Cannizzo, Mr. Douglas DeMatteo, Mrs. Louise Gerardi , Mrs. Elizabeth Mierzejewski, Ms. Carrie Paretto, Ms. Karen Pena (arrived at 5:11 p.m.), and Mr. George Luke. Also present were, Mr. Anthony Iachetti, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Jillian Torrento, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Mr. Matt Lee of New Jersey School Boards Association was also participating remotely to conduct the training.

The Board Secretary read the following statement :

“This meeting is being held remotely due to the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic. Specific instructions for accessing the meeting have been posted to the Board’s website: www.elmwoodparkschools.org along with a link on how to download “Zoom” a remote video conferencing system that is routinely used to conduct such meetings. Members of the public may remotely access to observe and provide comments at this meeting through Zoom, a remote video conferencing system. Members of the public are advised that they will be muted by the meeting host except during the public comments section of the meeting. Members of the public were also advised via advertised notices and notices posted on the district web site that they may send via regular mail or email comments to the Board Secretary by 3pm today to be read at this meeting.”

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. 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.”

Open for Public Comments on any item, agenda and non-agenda at 5:06 p.m.

There were no comments.

Public portion was closed at 5:07 p.m.

Mr. Luke then immediately turned the meeting over to Mr. Matt Lee from NJSBA who began his presentation.

Mr. Lee gave an overview of the training for the evening. Short videos were shown of certain scenarios board members could possibly be exposed to regarding comments and conduct by other board members and members of the public. After each video Mr. Lee asked board members questions about the video and led the board in discussion on the content of each video.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:16 p.m. by Mrs. Gerardi and seconded by Mrs. Aspras and passed by all members present.

I hereby certify these final summary minutes of the Special Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education held on March 1, 2021 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
SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2021**

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BEING HELD **REMOTELY** THIS EVENING, MARCH 1, 2021 AT 5:00 PM.

This Special Board Meeting is being held virtually via video conference. Specific instructions for accessing the meeting will be posted to the Board's website: www.elmwoodparkschools.org.

Members of the public may remotely access, view and provide verbal or written public comments at this Board Meeting through Zoom, a remote video conferencing system or by email. Members of the public may email a comment which will be read at the meeting by sending an email to jdipaola@epps.org no later than 3:00 pm of the day of the meeting, March 1st. All public email comments must include the sender's full name and address.

Members of the public will be "muted" by the meeting host except during the public comments section.

- A. OPENING: ROLL CALL, SUNSHINE STATEMENT
- B. PUBLIC COMMENTS –General and Agenda Items
- C. OPEN SESSION REVIEW OF AGENDA
- D. NJSBA VIRTUAL TRAINING SESSION
- E. CLOSED SESSION-AS NEEDED
- F. ADJOURNMENT

Certified to be true copies of resolutions adopted by the Elmwood Park Board of Education at its special meeting held on March 1, 2021.

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John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary