

FINAL MINUTES
-SPECIAL MEETING-
ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 20, 2020

A Special Meeting of the Elmwood Park Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 and began at 6:00 p.m. in the High School/Middle School Media Center.

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

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 expressed interest in the vacant board seat. Candidates were individually asked the same questions in the public session and then the board asked questions on their own.

At 6:45 p.m. the following motion was made by Mr. DeMatteo 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 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.

Mr. Luke announced the board would return to Public Session to take action on the agenda item at the conclusion of the Executive Session. The board left the Media Center to conduct an Executive Session in the Student Cafeteria.

At 7:21 p.m. the Board returned to Public Session. Mr. Luke announced there would be only one public comment session this evening for both agenda and non-agenda items.

Mr. Luke read the agenda item publicly stating Ms. Elizabeth Mierzejewski was being proposed for the vacant Board position.

The Board took action on the agenda item.

At 7:22 p.m. the meeting was opened for public comments no one spoke, the public portion was then closed.

At 7:23 p.m. a Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Gerardi seconded by Mrs. Aspras 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 October 20, 2020 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', written in a cursive style.

John DiPaola
Business Administrator/Board Secretary



Elmwood Park Board of Education
ELMWOOD PARK, NEW JERSEY

**SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA**

October 20, 2020

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

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D. PUBLIC COMMENTS -AGENDA ITEM

E. VOTE ON APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS - GENERAL

G. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

H. ADJOURNMENT

E. Appointment of Board Member

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBER TO FILL OPEN POSITION

1. THAT THE ELMWOOD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTS ***ELIZABETH MIERZEJEWSKI*** TO FILL THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE VACANT BOARD SEAT UNTIL THE JANUARY 2021 REORGANIZATION MEETING. NEW BOARD MEMBER TO BE SWORN IN UPON BOARD RECEIPT OF CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

Motion of: Mr. Cannizzo

Seconded by: Mrs. Aspras

Consent Vote on item E1:

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

Certified to be true copies of resolutions adopted by the Elmwood Park Board of Education at its Special Meeting held on October 20, 2020.



John DiPaola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary