

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ELMWOOD PARK COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #401
HELD WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2009
ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 146 AND LGI ROOM**

Volume 08-09 #17

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| CALL TO ORDER | Board President Marzullo called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. |
| CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION | <p>Purpose: To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, teacher contracts, and/or student disciplinary cases.</p> <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Bruscato and seconded by Mr. Parisi to call to order the Executive Session at 6:11 p.m.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Marzullo, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p><i>Other guests present:</i> Dr. Rudig, Patti Faldani and Megan Covey</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |
| ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION | <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mr. Fang to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Marzullo, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |
| OPEN SESSION IN ROOM 146 | Mr. Rudig updated the Board Members regarding three policies that had minor changes. These policies were on the agenda for upcoming approval. |
| RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | <p>President Marzullo reconvened to Open Session in the LGI room at 7:17 p.m.</p> <p>The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> |
| EPHS BAND TRIP - ELMHURST COLLEGE | Mr. Popplewell, music teacher presented details about the trip to the Board. The Band's annual field trip is scheduled to attend Elmhurst College and Niles North High School. Students will attend a clinic at the College and some will stay overnight. Other teachers and parents will be chaperoning the students. Mr. Popplewell shared with the Board details of the trip. |

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| PRESIDENT/ SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS | President Marzullo congratulated the John Mills Handwriting Award Winner and the newly elected Board members: Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary and Mr. Parisi. On April 7, the three Board members were re-elected. |
| COMMUNICATIONS | None |
| STUDENT RECOGNITION | Triton Art Award Winners, Metro Suburban Art Conferences Participants, and West 40 SCOTY Award Winners were recognized and given certificates by the Board of Education. |
| COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS | Ann Piggott, addressed the Board Members. Ms. Piggott is an Elmwood Park School District staff member and a parent of a current Elmwood Park Band Member and has other children who are former band members. She expressed her concerns about the staffing plans for Megan Covey returning to Elmwood Park and inquired why she wouldn't be returning as the Band Director. |
| VIETNAM TRAVELING WALL | Representatives from the Elmwood Park 4 th of July Festival and City of River Grove presented the choices of plants and bushes to add to the presentation of the Vietnam Traveling Wall which will be in the front of the Elmwood Park High School during the Elmwood Park 4 th of July Freedom Festival. Information regarding the "traveling wall" and reasoning for the removal of existing trees and planting new landscaping was discussed. |
| STUDENT LIAISON REPORTS | See attached |
| BOARD MINUTES | Motion was made by Mr. Fang and seconded by Mrs. Cleary to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on March 18, 2009. Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Seven Nay: None Absent: None The President declared the motion carried. |
| BOARD MINUTES | Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mr. Parisi to approve the minutes for the special meeting held on March 25, 2009. Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Seven Nay: None Absent: None The President declared the motion carried. |
| EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES | Motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on March 18, 2009. Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Seven Nay: None Absent: None The President declared the motion carried. |
| EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES | Motion was made by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mr. Fang to approve the minutes for the special meeting held on March 25, 2009. Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Seven Nay: None Absent: None The President declared the motion carried. |

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| <p>REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION</p> | <p>Report #1701 Facilities Update Mr. Zelek provided an update regarding the completion of the drain tile work at Elm Middle School and the High School Auditorium. The auditorium replacement doors were installed and stained. Quotes for the entryway display case will be reviewed. Drywall work was done at Elm Middle School and there is no sign of mold. Drains will be installed soon.</p> <p>Report #1702 School District Library Program Grant Jean Fillipitch, the District's media specialist assigned to the high school (also coordinates district initiatives), presented information regarding the District Library Program Grant and the areas of support for funding. The District received 75 cents per pupil from the state-funded Library Grant. Books were ordered for the District's schools.</p> <p>Report #1703 Summer Staff Development Dr. Hlavacek presented an overview of the summer staff development options. Some offerings will span throughout the summer and part of the school year and participants will be able to register online. Most of the sessions will offer CPDU's.</p> <p>Report #1704 Preliminary Technology Lease Presentation Mrs. Ziemann, director of technology, presented the Board of Education the preliminary details to date, regarding the new technology lease which will provide additional computers for students.</p> |
| <p>REPORT #1705 NEW/REVISED POLICIES PRESENTATION - SECOND READING</p> | <p>Motion was made by Mr. Fang and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to approve the recommended New and Revised Board Policies as presented.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Seven Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |
| <p>REPORT #1706 THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLD ECC PRESCHOOL PROGRAM</p> | <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to approve the reconfigured Three and Four Year Old ECC Program as presented.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Seven Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |
| <p>REPORT #1707 2009-2010 PRESCHOOL TUITION RECOMMENDATION</p> | <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to approve the new tuition structure for the Reconfigured Three and Four Year Old ECC Preschool Program as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Marzullo, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |

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| REPORT #1708 IHSA MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL | <p>Motion was made by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mrs. Cleary to approve the IHSA Membership as presented.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Seven Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |
| REPORT #1709 FINANCIAL REPORTS (A,B,C) | <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mrs. Cleary to approve the Financial Reports as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Marzullo, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |
| REPORT #1710 SPECIAL BILLS LIST | <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to approve the Special Bills List as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Present: Mr. Fang and Mr. Marzullo</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |
| REPORT #1711 PERSONNEL REPORT REVISED | <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mr. Parisi to approve the Personnel Report as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Marzullo, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |

New Hires - Certified

| Name | Position* | School | Effective | Salary |
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| Felix, David | Spanish Substitute Teacher for FMLA | EPHS | 5/11/09-6/12/09 | \$110 per day |
| Heuer, Bridget | Math Substitute Teacher for FMLA | Elm Middle | 4/2/09-5/1/09 | \$110 per day |
| Rhoades, Kyle | Band Teacher | EPHS/Elm | 8/17/09 | Bachelor's, step 3 |

Re-Hire - Classified

| Name | Position* | School | Effective | Salary |
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| Scheiwe, John | Library Aide | Elmwood | 8/17/09 | \$15 per hour |

New Hires - Classified

| Name | Position* | School | Effective | Salary |
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| Nikols, Efi | Special Education One-on-One Aide | Elmwood School | 4/14/09 | \$13.89 per hour |

Change of Position

| Name | Position | School | Effective | Salary |
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| Kaminski, Kimberly | District Registrar | EPHS/District | 6/8/09 | \$35,100 |

LOA Return Certified - School Year 2009-10

| Name | Position* | School* |
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| Whalen, Michael | Physical Education | EPHS |

*Subject to change due to verification of NCLB highly qualified approval, experience, credits, education, hours worked, background check and other conditions of employment established by Board Policy.

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| REPORT #1712 SUSPENSION REPORT | <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to accept the Suspension Report as presented.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Seven Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |
| FOIA REQUEST | None |
| ADJOURNMENT | <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mrs. Capraro to adjourn the General Session at 8:48 p.m.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Seven Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |
| APPROVED: | Respectfully submitted and Certified, |
| Michael Marzullo Board President | Susan Capraro Board Secretary |

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

April 2009

COMMUNICATION/ CLIMATE/ COMMUNITY

The week of reading and writing called Write On! was a lot of fun at the ECC. We enjoyed having Dr. Hlavacek read to us and Dr. Rudig draw pictures for us. The fourth grades from John Mills came to our school and read their young author books to us and we read our book to them. Chris Fascione, a storyteller, was so funny when he came and told us stories. He made us really laugh! We ended the special week of fun by Mrs. Cunningham's students coming over from the high school to read stories to us.

Last April 1 and 2, we had kindergarten and preschool registration. We received about 100 Kindergarten registrations and 45 Preschool registrations. We were very happy with the turnout.

On April 3, we had our annual Spring Hat Day at the ECC. All of the children decorated hats and caps with signs of spring. Once again the weather cooperated and we paraded around the circle as we officially welcomed springtime. We ended the fun day with a special visit from the Easter Bunny at school before leaving for Spring break.

Elmwood School
SCHOOL BOARD REPORT April, 2009
Elmwood Park High School
LGI Room---7 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

The fourth and fifth grade students would like to thank Dr. Rudig for the time he spent with them discussing his love of art and writing. The seven classes enjoyed seeing his pieces of art and the books and stories he had written. It was a great kickoff to Write On Week!

Congratulations to Elmwood School's SCOTY Award winner, 5th grader Alyssa Barratta. Alyssa was nominated by Mrs. Kanas and Mrs. Lester. Thanks for being a great example of Panther Pride, Alyssa.

CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/STAFF DEVELOPMENT

We created some exciting and interesting stories and artwork during our activities for Write On Week. It was really cool to see our stories turned into books. The displays are still up in the halls and classrooms; come check them out.

COMMUNICATION/CLIMATE/COMMUNITY

The Panthers would like to thank our PATT for the 2 wonderful assemblies they provided for us last month. We heard some fantastic stories and learned some great lessons from Chris Fascione, Storyteller, and listened to The Amazing Adventures of Lewis & Clark where they reenacted the story of their exploration of the West. They were very funny and taught us things at the same time.

Our Student Council did a really great thing by leading our school in the "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser to help fight cancer. We raised over \$1000!

Mr. Uhler and Mrs. Scimeca are organizing our annual Jump Rope for Hearts and Hoops for Hearts fundraiser set for next Friday. Be sure to stop by school on the 24th to see the Panther student body teach the faculty a thing or two on the basketball court in our annual basketball showdown!

We again would like to thank our Parents, for purchasing headphones for us to use with the computers in our classrooms and in the tech lab. We have been putting them to good use ever since they arrived.

We hope you enjoyed our Elmwood School news.

**School Board Report
John Mills School
April 18, 2009**

Reporters: Abigail Bitterman and Allison Luciano

Organization:

- Our third quarter awards assembly was held on Tuesday, March 31st. Students were recognized for perfect attendance, zero tardies, and sixth grade honor roll. Mr. Herbert also presented our SCOTY Award winner Allison Luciano, our Zaner Bloser Illinois State Winner Alyssa Pankey, and our 1st place Speech Team, who also presented their award winning performance.
- To add to our Young Author's "Write On" week, Dr. Rudig presented to the fourth and fifth graders, his "Read with Me" book and his book buddy packets. Then on Friday, Chris Fascione told us tales from around the world. He did the best voices and his stories were really awesome.

Curriculum/Instruction/Staff Development:

- April is turning out to be a busy month for students. We kicked off the month with our 3rd graders going to the Marriott Lincolnshire Theater to see "High School Musical", our Safety Patrol and Student Council went to the Cubs game this afternoon and our 6th grade will be visiting the Brookfield and Lincoln Park Zoos next week, comparing and contrasting the two zoos.

Communication/Climate/Community:

- Students have been very busy practicing for the Variety Show in May. And let's not forget our Spring Musical on May 26th. We have been spending lots of time singing, dancing and memorizing. We would like to congratulate Michal Stankiewicz for winning the T-shirt design. Be on the lookout for Michal's Pac-man hot pink and royal blue shirts worn by students and staff at Mills.

**School Board Notes
ELM MIDDLE SCHOOL
April 15, 2009**

ORGANIZATION

The SEL grant has been received by the ISBE. While in the process of receiving a final approval, teams from the high school and Elm attended the first of three PBIS training days on March 31st. Many staff members have joined together to make this program a successful venture for both schools.

CURRICULUM/ INSTRUCTION/ STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The 7th grade students participated in an Interdisciplinary Unit centered around a "Chicago" theme. Presenters from various locations and disciplines brought the city to life with their presentations.

The ELL Language Arts classes presented a "Readers Theatre" story for other 7th grade classes and Ms. Patton. It was a wonderful performance. Way to go Mrs. Ritter!

COMMUNICATION/ CLIMATE/ COMMUNITY

Lock-in was a huge success. We had a total of 139 students in attendance from both grade levels. Mr. Koselke and Mrs. Lucas worked very hard to make this an exciting event. Thank you also to several student council members and parents who helped make this a successful evening.

Coming up at Elm Middle School:

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| April 20: | Boys Volleyball | @ Home vs. Union Ridge |
| April 21 | Boys Volleyball | @ Home vs. Mannheim |
| | Soccer | @ Home vs. Lincoln |
| April 24-25 | Adventure Education Trip to Springfield, IL | |
| April 27 | Soccer | @ Home vs. Hester |
| April 30 | Boys Volleyball | @ Home vs. Giles |
| | Soccer | @ Home vs. Mannheim |

**April, 2009 School Board Notes
Elmwood Park High School**

Organization

- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be May 7 from 3:30 – 7pm

Curriculum/Instruction

- ACT Testing at EPHS was April 4
- PSAT Testing will take place April 22 and 23
- AP Testing will be May 5 - 11

Community/Climate/Communication

- Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast will be May 2 from 7 am to noon
- College Night at the high school will be May 7 at 7 pm, immediately following conferences
- Key Club Blood Drive is May 12 and will be in the EPHS gym from 9 am – 4 pm
- Spring Athletic Awards will be May 29 at 7 pm
- EPHS Honors Breakfast will be at Elmcrest at 8 am
- Varsity Athletic Banquet will be June 1 at Elmcrest beginning at 6 pm
- Honors Breakfast will also be at Elmcrest on June 2 at 8 am
- High School graduation will be June 3 in the high school gym at 7 pm

High School Highlights

NHS

- NHS Easter Egg Hunt was held Sunday, April 5
- Plans are underway for the NHS Induction to be held May 13 at 7 pm

DECA

- DECA is selling ad space for the Mr. Tiger contest program to be held April 23 at 7 pm in the auditorium
- DECA Nationals will be April 29 through May 2

Student Council

- Spring Spirit Week will be May 11-15
- The Prom is May 16 from 7 to 11 pm at Brookfield Zoo
- Spring Sports Assembly will be May 28 at 7 pm

Music Department

- The Concert Band performed well at IHSA Organizational Contest on Saturday, March 28
- Spring Band Concert will be May 14 at 7 pm and the Spring Choir Concert will be May 19 at 7 pm, both in the high school auditorium

Art Department

- The High School Art Department is proud to announce there were 11 participants and winners for the Metro Suburban Art Conference that took place at Riverside-Brookfield High School on March 18

Key Club

- Key Club raised over \$500 for Spastic Paralysis in February
- Food was being collected for the local food pantry during March
- Key Club assisted in the Easter Festivities which was held Saturday, April 4, at EP Civic Center
- Pancake Breakfast is May 2 from 7 am – noon

Varsity Club

- Varsity Club will sponsor its Homeless Night at the end of April to raise money and awareness about homelessness. Club members will sleep in cardboard boxes for a night.