

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ELMWOOD PARK COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #401
HELD WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2008
ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 146 AND LGI ROOM**

Volume 08-09 #02

CALL TO ORDER	<p>Board President Marzullo called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.</p> <p>The following Board Members were present when the roll was called:</p> <p>Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Parisi, Mr. Marzullo, Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Absent: None</p>
CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION	<p>Purpose: To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and student disciplinary cases, or probable litigation.</p> <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to call to order the Executive Session at 6:03 p.m.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Parisi, Mr. Marzullo and Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p><i>Other District staff present:</i> Dr. Rudig, Mr. Zelek, Jim Jennings</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Fang and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:36 p.m.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Parisi, Mr. Marzullo and Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>

<p>CONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IN ROOM 146</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Rudig shared that high school students have a concern about a possible change in the mid-term and final testing practice. In the past, students would be tested in the morning and they would be dismissed in the afternoon. (10 half-days off). The possible change would have students stay at school for four afternoons and have test preparation instruction. • President Marzullo wished to solicit the views of Board Members regarding the idea of moving the calendar start date up two weeks. Discussion occurred regarding the pluses and minuses for the consideration: helping the high school testing schedule, two more weeks to prepare for ISAT, the difficulty for students who enter school late, the heat factor, staff with school-age children, having the high school and elementary start time the same or different times. After items were discussed, Mr. Marzullo polled the Board as to their opinions. All agreed with the idea of starting the high school two weeks early. Five members felt it was not necessary to have the elementary and middle schools start at the same time, two members felt it would be better to start them at the same time. • It was agreed to hold a special meeting on September 24, 2008, at 7 p.m. to further discuss the calendar and solidify the Superintendent's evaluation. <p><i>President Marzullo left the meeting.</i></p>
<p>RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>	<p>President <i>pro tem</i> Stranges reconvened to open session in the LGI room at 7:20 p.m.</p> <p>The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
<p>PRESIDENT/ SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<p>President <i>pro tem</i> Stranges welcomed the audience and announced that she will be sitting in as president because President Marzullo was ill.</p>
<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p>	<p>Secretary Capraro read a thank you card from the family of James White.</p>
<p>STUDENT LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS</p>	<p>See attached.</p>
<p>COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS</p>	<p>Student Council President Chris Remele and Secretary Teresa Bernard addressed the Board of Education regarding the change from half-day to full-day attendance for the mid-term and final exams schedule. The Board of Education was given paperwork objecting the new schedule and petitioning to allow the high school to return to the original exam scheduling from previous years.</p>
<p>PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2008-09 BUDGET</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. President <i>pro tem</i> Stranges called the Public Hearing for the 2008-09 Budget to order on September 17, 2008, at 7:44 p.m. b. Comments or Questions - Tom Zelek: None c. The President <i>pro tem</i> declared the Public Hearing for the 2008-09 Budget closed at 7:50 p.m.
<p>BOARD MINUTES</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Capraro to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 13, 2008.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Six Nay: None Absent: One</p> <p>The President <i>pro tem</i> declared the motion carried.</p>

<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Fang and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to approve the minutes for the executive session held on August 13, 2008.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Six Nay: None Absent: One</p> <p>The President pro tem declared the motion carried.</p>																					
<p>REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Report #0201 Summer Facilities and Auditorium Update Mr. Zelek shared information regarding the summer facility work and updates regarding the high school auditorium project were discussed.</p> <p>Report #0202 Summer Academy Program Update AmyLynn Degel and Yatin Brahmhatt provided a report of the District's Summer Academy for 2008.</p> <p>Report #0203 Enrollment Update Dr. Rudig provided information regarding the enrollment figures for the beginning of the 2008 school year and informed the Board about the District working with National Investigations, Inc. to verify student residencies.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enrollment as of September 9, 2008</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="496 898 1084 1150"> <thead> <tr> <th>School</th> <th>2007-2008</th> <th>2008-09</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ECC*</td> <td>227</td> <td>276</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elmwood</td> <td>483</td> <td>470</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Mills</td> <td>607</td> <td>608</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elm Middle</td> <td>467</td> <td>446</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EPHS</td> <td>1031</td> <td>993</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>2815</td> <td>2793</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*ECC includes Kindergarten, E.C.P., State-PreK and Preschool numbers.</p> <p>Report #0204 Crisis Plan Update Dr. Rudig shared information regarding the newly revised, Crisis Management Plan and discussed the new traffic pattern for student drop-off and pick-up at the high school.</p> <p>Report #0205 Assessment Data - ECC, John Mills and Elmwood Schools The administrators of the Early Childhood Center, Elmwood School and John Mills Schools shared assessment data from ISEL, AIMSWeb and ISAT.</p>	School	2007-2008	2008-09	ECC*	227	276	Elmwood	483	470	John Mills	607	608	Elm Middle	467	446	EPHS	1031	993	TOTAL	2815	2793
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<p>REPORT #0206 FINAL BUDGET 2008-09</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mrs. Cleary to approve the 2008-09 Final Budget as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: Mr. Marzullo</p> <p>The President pro tem declared the motion carried.</p>																					

<p>REPORT #0207 RESOLUTION TO NAME DISTRICT DEPOSITORIES</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to establish District Depositories for the 2008-09 school year and approve the resolution to name the District Depositories as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Absent: Mr. Marzullo</p> <p>The President pro tem declared the motion carried.</p>
<p>REPORT #0208 APPLICATION FOR THE RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mr. Fang to accept the Recognition of School Applications for all District 401 schools as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Absent: Mr. Marzullo</p> <p>The President pro tem declared the motion carried.</p>
<p>REPORT #0209 AGREEMENT FOR PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP - METRO SUBURBAN CONFERENCE</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Fang and seconded by Mrs. Cleary to approve the Provisional Membership Agreement for the Metro Suburban Conference as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Absent: Mr. Marzullo</p> <p>The President pro tem declared the motion carried.</p>
<p>REPORT #0210 DECLARATION OF LAW FIRM REPRESENTATION</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mrs. Cleary to accept Sraga Hauser, LLC as a District Law Firm.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Absent: Mr. Marzullo</p> <p>The President pro tem declared the motion carried.</p>

REPORT #0211 FINANCIAL REPORTS (A,B,C)	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Capraro 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. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: Mr. Marzullo</p> <p>The President pro tem declared the motion carried.</p>
REPORT #0212 SPECIAL BILLS LIST	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Bruscato and seconded by Mr. Parisi 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</p> <p>Absent: Mr. Marzullo</p> <p>The President pro tem declared the motion carried.</p>
REPORT #0213 CHANGE ORDER PROPOSALS - ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AND ELM MIDDLE SCHOOL	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Capraro to approve the Change Order Proposals as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: Mr. Marzullo</p> <p>The President pro tem declared the motion carried.</p>
REPORT #0214 PERSONNEL REPORT <u>REVISED</u>	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Fang and seconded by Mrs. Capraro to approve the Personnel List as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: Mr. Marzullo</p> <p>The President pro tem declared the motion carried.</p>

New Hires Certified

Name	Position*	School*	Effective	Salary*
Pachowicz, Susan	Special Education Teacher	Elmwood Park High	August 25, 2008	\$52,447, which includes TRS
Randle, Kathryn	Social Worker for FMLA	Elm Middle	Approx. August 25, 2008 to November 24,	\$130 per day

			2008	
Udell, Ann	.3 4-Year Old Program Teacher & .2 Toddler Teacher Early Childhood Grant	Early Childhood Center	August 25, 2008 October 1, 2008	\$17,550 which includes TRS (preschool) Per Grant Stipend (toddler)

New Hires Non-Certified

Name	Position*	School*	Effective	Salary*
Kekatos, Elena	Special Education LLP Aide	John Mills	August 25, 2008	\$15.38 per hour
Zelek, Carolyn	Childcare Provider	Elmwood	August 18, 2008	\$8.50 per hour

New Hires Coaches

Name	Position*	School*	Effective	Salary*
Codilis, Kristen	Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach	Elmwood Park High	August to November 2008	per contract
Grigolo, Nick	Middle School Soccer Coach	Elm Middle	August to October 2008	per contract

Resignations Certified

Name	Position	School	Effective
Walsh, Jennifer	Childcare Provider	John Mills	9/6/08

BASEC Employee Raises

**BASEC 2008-2009 SALARIES
HOURLY RATE**

Name Last	First	07-08	3.85%	08-09
Boydston	Sarah	\$15.49	\$0.60	\$16.09
DeLuna	Salma	\$9.85	\$0.38	\$10.23
Iliopoulos	Dina	\$10.23	\$0.39	\$10.62
Kenny	Mona	\$10.23	\$0.39	\$10.62
Lule	Lorena	\$9.85	\$0.38	\$10.23
Lutzow	Cheryl			\$8.50
Martinez	Anna	\$8.50	\$0.33	\$8.83
Meco	Mirela	\$8.50	\$0.33	\$8.83
Perkins	Kristen	\$9.38	\$0.36	\$9.74
Rubion	Joan	\$10.23	\$0.39	\$10.62
Swatek	Meagan			\$8.50
Sylvano	Collin	\$15.49	\$0.60	\$16.09
Walsh	Jennifer	\$8.50	\$0.33	\$8.83

REPORT #0215 SUSPENSION REPORT	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mr. Fang to accept the Suspension Report as presented.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Six Nay: None Absent: One</p> <p>The President pro tem declared the motion carried.</p>
REPORT #0216 SNOW PLOW CONTRACT	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Bruscato and seconded by Mrs. Capraro to approve the Snow and Ice Management Contract from Pacocha Landscaping as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: Mr. Marzullo</p> <p>The President pro tem declared the motion carried.</p>
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS	<p>-Laborers' District Council regarding Seal Coating Contracts -Illinois Policy Institute requesting Outside Contract Services</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Fang and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to adjourn the General Session at 9:11 p.m.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Six Nay: None Absent: One</p> <p>The President pro tem declared the motion carried.</p>
<p>APPROVED:</p> <p>Michael Marzullo Board President</p> <p>Angela Stranges Board President <i>pro tem</i></p>	<p>Respectfully submitted and Certified,</p> <p>Sue Capraro Board Secretary</p>



Student Liaison Reports

September 2008

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
September 2008

COMMUNICATION/ CLIMATE/ COMMUNITY

The Reading department just finished testing the kindergarteners with the ISEL Tests and the AIMSWeb Tests. These tests will help us see what we need to learn in kindergarten. Now we are busy learning our alphabet and it's sounds. Tomorrow is our First Family Reading Night and on Friday, we will have our pictures taken.

We are really looking forward to our Open House and Book Fair on September 23. All of us are very proud to show our parents the school and so we are busy painting, coloring and writing for our displays. It is also very exciting to come to school at night! Please come and join us!

**School Board Report
John Mills School
September 17, 2008**

Reporters: Abigail Bitterman and Kyle Gyselinck

Organization:

- Our PTA will kick off their one and only fundraiser from QSP on Thursday, September 25th, during our intermediate curriculum night. The monies from the sale will support all the year long activities including our Ice Cream Social, Birthday Books and our assemblies. Our first scheduled assembly is Friday, October 10th and will focus on Global Warming.
- We gave our Student Council speeches on September 12th. Officers for this school year are: President ~ Brittany Williford, Vice President ~ Valerie Perrilli, Secretary ~ Allison Luciano and Treasurer ~ Yours Truly...Abigail Bitterman.

Curriculum/Instruction/Staff Development:

- Our teachers are continuing their Curriculum Mapping of Math and this year will also begin mapping in the areas of Science and Social Studies.
- Our first teacher Institute Day will take place on Friday, September 26th. Robert Brooks, a motivational speaker will address staff at EPHS. Teachers will be in school all day, but students will have a three day weekend...Yippee!

Communication/Climate/Community:

- Curriculum night for grades 1 through 3 was held on September 11th; ours will be on Thursday, September 25th, same time. Parents were shown a video clip of their children participating in gym, music, art, library, technology and the lunchroom. Then, Mr. Herbert shared our "Going Green" plan for the year and parents were encouraged to "Go Green" at home also. Parents then went into the classrooms to hear about grade level curriculum and expectations.
- Concordia University began a 14 week after school reading program at John Mills on Tuesday, September 9th. Sixty-seven students in grades 1, 2 and 3 are participating.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT
September 19, 2007
Elmwood Park High School
LGI Room—7 p.m.
Liaisons: Jonathan Gramata & Alexandra Fosco

ORGANIZATION

It was great to see old friends and new faces on the first day of school this year. Our last year at Elmwood should be an exciting one. Mrs. Murphy and our Reading Department met with our new first grade parents on that day to give them information on all aspects of reading and how they could help their student at home become a better reader. Mrs. Murphy reported that all of the parents attending this informative meeting thought it was a great idea for the first day of school.

Elmwood's three day Book Fair will end tomorrow. Last year, we excitedly bought enough books to raise nearly \$3000 for our school. Mrs. Kaminski is already ordering new books for our library. We can't wait until they arrive!

We have noticed new posters around our building this year. They talk about students' Rights and Responsibilities. We have heard that there will be a new one each month and that they will give us information on how to be a better student that can help make our school even better.

CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The parents of our fourth through sixth grade students were invited to our school last night to attend our Curriculum Night. A large number of parents were seen moving through our halls and talking to our teachers. Our first through third grade parents will be invited to do the same thing on September 25th.

Our first Progress Reports will be sent home in eight days. We look forward to showing our parents how much smarter we've gotten since last year.

COMMUNICATION/CLIMATE/COMMUNITY

Mrs. Howard and our PATT kicked off the Fall Fundraiser event last Friday. Elmwood Panthers will have 2 weeks to help raise money for the parents club. There are some awesome prizes for the hardest working students.

Elmwood School's GO GREEN Club is already in full swing this year. Mrs. Kanas; one of our 4th grade teachers, is in charge of our club. With over 30 members in the club, they have wasted no time in getting busy. On the 16th of this month they met before school to celebrate "Clean Up the World Week" and picked up the garbage that was around our school. We will keep you posted about the results of their efforts when they have completed their study of the materials found. GO GREEN ELMWOOD PARK!

We hope you enjoyed our Elmwood School news.

**School Board Notes
ELM MIDDLE SCHOOL
September 17, 2008**

ORGANIZATION

The entire staff and student body welcomes our new principal, Ms. Patton. She comes to us from University High School in Champaign, IL.

CURRICULUM/ INSTRUCTION/ STAFF DEVELOPMENT

We started the year testing our skills in Reading and Math with the Aimsweb and Think Link tests. Our results look really good and the teachers are working hard to identify where our focus should be to help all students succeed.

COMMUNICATION/ CLIMATE/ COMMUNITY

Today our 7th grade students were involved in Snowflake. This program offers us the opportunity to learn how to take care of each other as members of a larger community. Our 8th graders will have the same opportunity coming up on October 8th.

On Wednesday, September 10, we opened our doors to parents for an Open House program. Our parents were given the opportunity to meet with their child's team of teachers and learn about the programs offered at Elm.

In addition, we have the following activities coming up in the next month:

- September 26: Institute Day (No School)
- October 4: Adventure Education going to Six Flags
- October 8: 7th Grade IMAX / 8th Grade Snowflake
- October 12: Columbus Day (No School)

**Elmwood Park High School
Board Notes
September 2008**

**School Board Notes
Elmwood Park High School
September 2008**

Community/Climate/Communication

- Open House September 11. Mr. Jennings spoke of the many offerings at EPHS and the importance of getting involved. Then parents followed an abbreviated version of their child's schedule. Each class period was 10 minutes in length and gave parents the opportunity to hear the curriculum goals and expectations for each course. K12planet codes were also available in the office and will be mailed home to each parent with progress reports.
- Kiwanis Peanut Days will be September 25 and 26
- Financial Aide Night October 9 HS auditorium
- EPHS Snowball group will be sponsoring a parent meeting regarding drug education on November 12 at 7:00 pm

High School Highlights

- Progress reports are due September 22.
- Booster Club meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the LGI.

Student Council

- Homecoming spirit week is Sept 29 - October 3
- Hallway decorating will be Tuesday night, Sept 30
- The homecoming dance is from 7 – 10 pm on October 4

Snowball

- Elmwood Park Snowball students will be facilitating the seventh grade Snowflake on September 17 and eighth grade on October 8.

Music Department

- Band and Choir will have their concert on October 16 at 7 pm

DECA

- DECA members are currently selling TigerWear, and popcorn will be sold in October.