

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ELMWOOD PARK COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #401
HELD WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2009
ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 146 AND LGI**

Volume 09-10, #06

CALL TO ORDER	Board President Marzullo called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION	<p>Purpose: To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, contracts, student disciplinary cases and possible litigation.</p> <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato 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>Others present:</i> Dr. Rudig, Mr. Zelek, Mr. Jennings, Mrs. Katolick, student and mother.</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mr. Fang to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:03 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>
RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	<p>President Marzullo reconvened to Open Session in the LGI room at 7:18 p.m.</p> <p>The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>

PRESIDENT/ SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	President Marzullo and Superintendent Rudig welcomed the new teaching staff and thanked them for attending the board meeting.																					
COMMUNICATIONS	Mrs. Capraro read a letter from IASB regarding Mary Bruscato's <i>Master School Board Member</i> status and a certificate recognizing Dr. Rudig's participation in the Legislative Committee.																					
STUDENT LIAISON REPORTS	SEE ATTACHED																					
PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2009-10 FINAL BUDGET	<p>a. Call to Order: 7:45 p.m.</p> <p>b. Comments or Questions - Tom Zelek reviewed changes to the preliminary budget that were made for the final budget. There were no questions or comments from the community or the Board Members.</p> <p>c. Adjournment: 7:48 p.m.</p>																					
BOARD MINUTES	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 19, 2009.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Seven Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>																					
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REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION	<p>Report #0601 Facilities Update Mr. Zelek shared updated information regarding facility updates for the Mills tuck pointing project, Elm Middle School Masonry and soil testing for water and at the High School, repairs for the Football Field are underway. Updated security system at the schools that will possibly tie into the Police Department system were discussed.</p> <p>Report #0602 Band and Choral Students Disney Trip Proposal Mr. Popplewell and Mr. Rhoades shared information regarding their proposal to have the High School students perform at Disney World during spring break. The trip will be open to all music classes. Three quotes were reviewed and one was recommended.</p> <p>Report #0604 Enrollment Update The District as a whole is doing well, but we have certain grades that are up in population.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enrollment as of September 18, 2009</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>School</th> <th>2008-09</th> <th>2009-10</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ECC*</td> <td>276</td> <td>260</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elmwood</td> <td>470</td> <td>523</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Mills</td> <td>608</td> <td>634</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elm Middle</td> <td>446</td> <td>419</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EPHS</td> <td>993</td> <td>1008</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>2793</td> <td>2844</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">*ECC includes Kindergarten, E.C.P., State-PreK and Preschool numbers.</p>	School	2008-09	2009-10	ECC*	276	260	Elmwood	470	523	John Mills	608	634	Elm Middle	446	419	EPHS	993	1008	TOTAL	2793	2844
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	<p>Report #0603 United We Read Presentation Dr. Rudig presented information regarding our, <i>all community read</i>, that we are promoting this year, entitled United We Read – Elmwood Park. The book(s), we have chosen is “Three Cups of Tea.”</p> <p>Report #0605 New Board Policy 7:180 Preventing Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment Prevention- First Reading ISBE recommends this policy which emphasizes prevention initiatives, other than simply consequences.</p> <p>Report #0606 Revision of Board Policy 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves – First Reading Based on the fact that benefits change periodically, this new policy refers to the classified staff documentation citing benefits rather than stating them in the policy.</p> <p>Report #0607 Revision of Board Policy 7:310 Restrictions on Publications and Written or Electronic Materials – First Reading This revised policy includes references to electronic materials.</p>
<p>REPORT #0608 FINAL BUDGET 2009-10</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to approve the 2009-10 Final Budget 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>
<p>REPORT #0609 EXPULSION HEARING #0910001</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mr. Parisi to approve the recommendation from the Expulsion Hearing #0910001 as discussed in executive session.</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>

<p>REPORT #0610 RESOLUTION TO NAME DISTRICT DEPOSITORIES</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to approve the named District Depositories and Investment Advisors for the 2009-10 school year 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>
<p>REPORT #0611 APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to approve 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. Marzullo, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
<p>REPORT #0612 DECLARATION OF LAW FIRM REPRESENTATION</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mrs. Cleary to accept Sraga Hauser, LLC and Franczek Radelet as District Law Firms.</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>
<p>REPORT #0613 RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE THE CURRENT 125 PLAN</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mr. Fang to approve the Resolution to Dissolve the Current 125 Plan.</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 #0614 FINANCIAL REPORTS (A,B,C)	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mr. Parisi 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 #0615 SPECIAL BILLS LISTS	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to approve the Special Bills Lists 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 #0616 PERSONNEL REPORT -Administration and Classified Staff 2009-10 Salaries -Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Contracts	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Fang and seconded by Mrs. Cleary to approve the Personnel Report as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Marzullo, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Present Mrs. Bruscato</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>

New Hires - Certified Staff

Name	Assignment*	School*	Effective Date*	Base Salary*
Anderson, Lisa	First Grade Teacher	Elmwood	August 26, 2009	\$45,378.00
Pitassi, Christina	Substitute for .5 English Teacher FMLA	EPHS	September 14, 2009 - December 22, 2009	\$59.15 sub pay per day

Change of FTE - Classified

Name	Assignment*	FTE	Effective*
Klockenkemper, Kristen	Extended Day Aide at the ECC	From: .5 To .38 FTE NEW WORK HOURS 12:00 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.	August 25, 2009

Grant Stipends 2009-10 School Year

Name	Assignment*	School	Effective*	Base Salary*
Higgins, Elizabeth	Title I Reading Teacher	St. Celestine School	August 24, 2009	\$26,327.13

*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.

Other Leave Request

Name	Assignment	School	Anticipated Date	Anticipated Return Date
Koertege, Samantha	Sixth Grade Teacher	Elmwood	11/30/2009	January 29, 2010. Sick days may be used based on Doctor's note (to be received).
Clef-Holic, Amy	Nurse	Elm	9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/21, 10/29, 11/5, 11/19	intern classes - days off without pay

FMLA

Name	Assignment	School	Anticipated Date	Anticipated Return Date
Morris, Candy	Reading Paraprofessional	John Mills	September 9, 2009	September 17, 2009

Resignations

Name	Assignment	School	Effective
Carli, Tom	Freshman Baseball Coach	EPHS	September 1, 2009
Kristin Perkins	BASEC Childcare Provider	Elmwood	August 11, 2009

Retirement

Name	Assignment	School	Effective
Kingsmill, John	Physical Education	EPHS	June 2013

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- Administration 2009-10 Compensation 2.5 percent
- Classified and BASEC Staff 2009-10 Compensation: 3 percent

- Superintendent Contract 2009-2013
- Assistant Superintendent Contract 2009-2012

REPORT #0617 SUSPENSION REPORTS	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mr. Fang to accept the suspension list 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>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mr. Fang to adjourn the General Session at 8:36 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

September ECC Board Report

ORGANIZATION

FIRE, EMERGENCY, and BUS EVACUATION DRILL

This month, the ECC students have participated in a Fire Drill, an Emergency Lock-Down Drill and a Bus Evacuation drill. Classroom teachers have reviewed safety guidelines to ensure a happy and safe year for all the staff and students at the ECC.

CURRICULUM INSTRUCTION / STAFF DEVELOPMENT

ISEL and AIMSWEB

The Reading Specialists visited the ECC and screened all 157 Kindergarteners with the ISEL (Illinois Snapshot of Early Learning) and with the AIMSWEB, to assess the literacy skills of our kindergarteners entering school. Based upon these results, our reading intervention specialists will provide literacy support to students in need.

ELL Screening

The families of over 95 Kindergarteners indicated on the Home Language Survey that a language other than English is spoken in their homes. These students have been given the English Language Proficiency Screening, WIDA Model. According to their performance, 40 kindergarteners will be receiving ESL support. For the first time, the Illinois State Board of Education is also mandating screening Preschoolers for English language proficiency. Forty-three preschoolers will be given the Pre-IPT® Oral English Language Proficiency Test, and that screening is ongoing.

COMMUNICATION / CLIMATE / COMMUNITY

PTO – BOOKFAIR

The ECC PTO, headed by Lisa McManus, had their first meeting which was very well attended. Parents signed up to volunteer for the many activities the PTO has planned. The PTO Book Fair, held on September 15th, was a very successful fundraiser for our school.

OPEN HOUSE

The ECC Open House was held September 15th and parents were very happy to meet with their child's teachers and learn about the kindergarten curriculum. We plan on having many events this year for our parents to attend and partner with us in the development of our students.

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day Was held on Thursday, September 17th. It is always delightful to see our beautiful young children especially well groomed for their school pictures.

**School Board Report
John Mills School
September 23, 2009**

Reporters: Michael Dynakowski and Bobby Jacobs from Mrs. Rippe's room

Organization:

- Our PTA kicked off our one and only fundraiser from QSP on Friday, September 11th. The monies from the sale will support PTA sponsored activities including their Ice Cream Social, Birthday Books and assemblies. Speaking of assemblies, our first scheduled assembly was held on September 10th entitled "Health & Happiness".
- We gave our Student Council speeches on September 17th. Officers for this school year are: President ~ Elizabeth Szymonik, Vice President ~ Jennifer Carvajal, Secretary ~ Kayla Estrada and Treasurer ~ George Wiebe.

Curriculum/Instruction/Staff Development:

- Our teacher's first Institute Day will take place on Friday, September 25th. Teachers at the elementary will learn about their new language arts series "Journeys".
- Our summer reading incentive assembly "Creature Feature" will take place on Tuesday, September 29th. Please join us at 8:45 am or 9:45 am.
- During the month of August and September, we were busy taking the Aimsweb and Think Link Tests.

Communication/Climate/Community:

- Curriculum night for grades 1 through 3 was held on September 3rd and 4th through 6th was held on the 10th. Our parents were shown a power point that included information on projects that took place over the summer, our breakfast and lunch programs and safety, both in school and out. Parents then went into the classrooms to hear about grade level curriculum and expectations.
- Our new breakfast program started the second week of school. We get to choose from 4 items. We have an average of 40 students per day.

School Board Report
Elmwood School
September 23, 2009
Elmwood Park High School
LGI Room—7 p.m.
Presenters: Alissa Hagen & Marcos Araque

ORGANIZATION

Alissa: We would like to welcome all our new teachers this year to Elmwood School: Ms. Dean-1st grade, Mrs. Anderson-1st grade, Ms. Tardella-5th grade, Mrs. Koertge-6th grade, Mrs. Hoffmeister-Special Education, Mrs. Sroka-Reading Specialist, Mrs. Kaltakis-BLL, Mrs. Powers—Gifted, and Ms. Fuller—PE. Welcome to our school community!

Marcos: Our PATT organization has kicked off a wonderful start to the school year. Our first assembly, on September 10th with Fax Gilbert, was an entertaining learning experience that taught us about building character through positive behaviors. Our school book store is up and running and we are seeing more parents in our school helping our teachers prepare things for our classrooms. We'd like to thank all our parents for everything they do for us.

CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Alissa: Elmwood's two Curriculum Night open houses were well attended by our families. New and returning families learned about our vision, mission and goals for all students and were introduced to the new data system, Power School and how they can access their child's information through the Internet. The nights each concluded with an opportunity to see their child's classroom and spend time with their child's teacher.

COMMUNICATION/CLIMATE/COMMUNITY

Marcos: We had our first safety drill of the school year during the first part of this month. Even with 60 additional students in our building, we matched our best time from last year when we exited the building. Mrs. Ponzio congratulated the whole school on our excellent conduct during this drill.

Alissa: The Summer Reading program came to a conclusion on Monday as students turned in their reading logs of what they read over the summer and the start of the school year. Primary students who read 5 hours or more and intermediate students who read 10 hours or more received an invitation to the "Wild About Reading" assembly that will be held on September 29th. The celebration will have nearly 100% of Elmwood Panthers in attendance! Keep reading Elmwood!

Marcos: We hope you have enjoyed our Elmwood news.

ELM MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Board Meeting - September 23rd, 2009

Organization:

Staff, students and community members welcome our new Assistant Principal, Adam Parisi. Mr. Parisi has spent his entire teaching and coaching career at the middle school level in the suburbs of Naperville, Evanston and Schaumburg before coming to Elmwood Park.

Curriculum / Instruction:

Last Wednesday, our 8th grade students traveled to Brookfield Zoo. This is a unique field experience where students will go beyond what they learn in the classroom. The trip ties in well with the Environmental Expo which happens later in the year.

Our 7th graders participated in Snowflake that same day. This program focuses on making positive lifestyle choices for teens. Many high school students come over to Elm and lead small groups through many exciting activities. The 8th graders will experience Snowflake in October.

Communication / Climate / Community:

On Wednesday, September 9th, Elm held an open house. This night allowed parents and students to meet with teachers and learn a little more about the curriculum. Also, Director of Technology, Irina Ziemann, presented information to parents about PowerSchool. Parents were given their logins and passwords so they can monitor their student's progress from home at their convenience. It was a great evening with one of our highest attendance rates ever.

Upcoming Events at Elm:

Wednesday, September 30 th	Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, October 7 th	7 th Grade Field Trip to IMAX / 8 th Grade Snowflake
Friday, October 16 th	End of the 1 st Quarter

**Elmwood Park High School
Board Notes
September 2009**

**School Board Notes
Elmwood Park High School
September 2009**

Organization

- Open House was September 2. 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. PowerSchool codes were mailed home previously and parents were able to practice on computers that were set up in the hallways at Open House.
- Parent Conferences were held today from 3:30-7:00 pm

Curriculum/Instruction

- PSAT/NMSQT Testing will take place on October 14
- Triton College Future Focus Fair will be October 15

Community/Climate/Communication

- Kiwanis Peanut Days will be September 24 and 25
- Financial Aide Night will be October 7 in the high school auditorium
- EPHS Snowball group worked with Elm Middle School seventh graders on September 16 regarding drug awareness and leadership skills
- Elmwood Park High School students may now get an Elmwood Park Public Library card in the high school library.

High School Highlights

- The senior class went to Great America for meeting and exceeding on the PSAE. The seniors have the highest PSAE and ACT scores in school history.
- Progress reports were mailed home September 16.
- Booster Club meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the LGI.

Student Council

- Homecoming spirit week was Sept 14-18
- Hallway decorating was Monday night, September 14
- The homecoming dance was from 7 – 10 pm on September 19

Snowball

- Elmwood Park Snowball students will be facilitating the seventh grade Snowflake on September 16 and eighth grade on October 7.

Music Department

- Band and Choir will have their Kaleidoscope concert on October 15 at 7 pm in the high school auditorium
- The fall play is "Chicago" and will be held November 13, 14, and 15
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DECA

- DECA members are currently selling Tiger Wear