

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELMWOOD PARK COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #401
HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008
ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 146**

Volume 08-09 #05

CALL TO ORDER	<p>Board President Marzullo called the meeting to order at 6:10 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, student disciplinary cases and possible litigation.</p> <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mr. Fang 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. Parisi, Mr. Marzullo and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p><i>Other District staff present:</i> Dr. Rudig and Mr. Zelek</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mrs. Cleary to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:52 p.m.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Parisi and Mr. Marzullo 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 7:20 p.m.</p> <p>The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>

PRESIDENT/ SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	President Marzullo welcomed the audience and announced that he was awarded the designation of IASB "Master School Board Member" along with Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Capraro, Mr. Albert Fang, Mrs. Stranges. Also, Dr. Rudig received an acknowledgement appreciation certificate for serving on the 2008-09 IASA Legislative Committee. Dr. Rudig shared information about both the IASA and IASB programs.
COMMUNICATIONS	Secretary Capraro acknowledged that the School Board received cards and emails from all the principals and assistant principals thanking the Board of Education and District Office administration for the wonderful cheese and cracker baskets they received in honor of Illinois Principals Appreciation Day.
STUDENT LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS	See attached.
BOARD MINUTES	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on September 17, 2008.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Seven Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
BOARD MINUTES	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to approve the minutes for the special meeting held on September 24, 2008.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Seven Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Bruscato and seconded by Mrs. Cleary to approve the minutes for the executive session held on September 17, 2008.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Seven Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION	<p>Report #0501 Facilities Update -Elmwood Park High School Auditorium Update/Other Mr. Zelek and Dr. Rudig provided an update regarding the high school auditorium air conditioning stage lights sound system and doors. Elm Middle School's water/seepage in the lower level and Mills School's moisture in the office, off the stage was discussed.</p> <p>Report #0502 State Testing Presentation - Middle School and High School Presentations were provided regarding ISAT and PSAT assessments: Elm Middle School (Kathleen Patton) and EPHS (Jim Jennings).</p> <p>Report #0503 Crisis Plan Update Dr. Rudig shared information regarding the finalization of the Crisis Plan and the dissemination of materials to Elmwood Park and River Grove Fire and Police Departments, ROE and district schools.</p> <p>Report #0504 Legislative Information/Constitutional Convention Dr. Rudig shared information regarding the recent meeting he attended in Springfield regarding legislation and the "pros and cons" information regarding the State's Constitutional Convention.</p>

	<p>Report #0505 Waiver Request Mr. Zelek and Dr. Rudig discussed the requirements for the State's School Breakfast Program and our District's connections.</p>
<p>REPORT #0506 FINANCIAL REPORTS (A,B,C)</p>	<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. Parisi, Mr. Marzullo and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
<p>REPORT #0507 SPECIAL BILLS LIST</p>	<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. Fang, Mr. Parisi, and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Present: Mr. Marzullo Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
<p>REPORT #0508 PERSONNEL REPORT</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Parisi 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, Mr. Marzullo and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>

New Hires Certified

Name	Position*	School*	Effective	Salary*
Krebs, Patricia	Substitute Teacher for Technology FMLA	Elmwood	11/20 to 12/19/08	\$130 per day, which includes TRS

New Hires Non-Certified

Name	Position*	School*	Effective	Salary*
Knaus, Kate	BASBC Childcare Provider	John Mills	10/14/08	\$8.50 per hour

Coach Stipends (see attached)

REPORT #0509 SUSPENSION REPORT	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Stranges 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>
COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS	<p>None</p>
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS	<p>-BidTool.net regarding who was awarded the Elm Middle School Masonry Restoration Bid Project</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mrs. Cleary to adjourn the General Session at 8:53 p.m.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Seven Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
<p>APPROVED:</p> <p>Michael Marzullo Board President</p>	<p>Respectfully submitted and Certified,</p> <p>Sue Capraro Board Secretary</p>

Coach Stipends Inside 08-09

Coach	Sport 2008-09	Stipend
Anichini, Debbie	Asst CC	\$4,148.57
Arroyo, Luis	Head Football	8,223.71
Blake, Martin	Head Boys Soccer, Head Boys Tennis	13,510.38
Boston, Bill	Head Girls Tennis	5,433.52
Brahmbhatt, Yatin	Athletic Trainer	21,483.00
Cannici, Sam	Elm Girls Soccer	1,798.94
Carl, Tom	Fr Baseball	2,459.77
Cesarz, Paul	Asst Girls Track	3,194.03
Chruch, Jodi	Asst Girls Tennis	2,459.77
Collins, Alison	Fr Girls Basketball	3,634.59
Codilis, Kristen	Asst Volleyball	2,109.22
Crispo, Nicole	Soph Softball Coach	5,470.24
Curtin, Charlie	Soph Boys Basketball	5,323.39
Digrino, Zander	Asst Varsity Football Coach	3,634.59
Dutton, Sue	Head Volleyball, Asst Softball	12,225.47
Fiorito, Mario	Asst Freshmen Football Coach	2,386.35
Freeman, John	Asst Football, Elm Basketball	\$6,534.91
Grigolo, Nick	Elm Boys Soccer	1,211.53
Hanrahan, Erica	Head Softball	6,755.19
Heinen, Josh	Soph Girls Basketball	2,753.48
Kearns, Ryan	Asst Boys Soccer, Head Girls Soccer	7,085.61
Keizer, Dennis	Head Boys Basketball	7,783.17
Kingsmill, John	Head CC, Head Girls Track	14,244.64
Koselke, Tim	Elm Boys Softball, Elm Athletic Supervisor	3,451.02
Kraft, Joseph	Winter Tkt Manager, Asst Boys Track	8,018.14
Lewis, Paige	Head Golf	2,386.35
Lite, Michelle	Elm Cheer	1,505.23
Lucas, Gina	Elm B/G Volleyball 8th gr	4,478.94
Melich, Jim	Fall Tkt Manager, Asst Wrestling	4,875.14
Mesi, Tiffany	Elm Pom Poms	1,064.68
Miller, Dave	Soph Baseball	5,470.28
Parolin, Dave	Elm Boys Basketball 7th	1,174.82
Richter, Greg	Elm B/G Volleyball 7th gr	3,377.60
Rodriguez, Rosemary	Elm Girls Softball	1,505.23
Sheridan, Patrick	Asst Boys Track	4,881.62
Sohl, Michelle	Elm Girls Basketball 7th gr	1,321.67
Stone, Lane	Head Wrestling	7,489.52
Sylvester, Tony	Asst Football, Fr Boys Basketball	6,902.05
Till, Dallas	Soph Football, Head Girls Basketball, Head Baseball	18,613.50
Walsh, Meg	Elm Girls Basketball 8th gr	2,386.45
Wasz, Noreen	Elm Athletic Supv	1,615.37
Weldon, Matt	Head Fr Football, Head Boys Track	12,445.68
White, Maggie	Asst Volleyball	3,708.01

Submitted by Doug Noyes
Athletic Director



Student Liaison Reports

October 2008

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
October 2008

COMMUNICATION/ CLIMATE/ COMMUNITY

Last week was Fire Prevention Week. We started it off by having our first Real Fire Drill with the fire department. Then we walked across the street to see the firemen and where they eat, sleep and watch T.V. We saw the big fire trucks and all of the equipment. We also went on our first field trip to a pumpkin farm. We saw movie about planting pumpkins and we got to take a tractor ride. There were many animals there and we got to pick our own pumpkin to take home. We were happy but very tired!

Next week, we are having a magiclan come to school and show us some Magic tricks and on Friday we are wearing our favorite Team's colors for Spirit Day! On Halloween, we will come to school in our costumes. We are also having a costume parade at 8:45 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. We can't wait and we hope to see you there!

**School Board Report
John Mills School
October 15, 2008**

Reporters: Karina Arroyo and Melissa Fahey

Organization:

- PTA's fundraiser ended on the 2nd of October. Students from Ms. Serpico's class sold the most and received an individual Freddie the Frog and a Dip and Dots ice cream party.
- On Monday the 23rd, John Mills will hold an all school pep rally to kick off Red Ribbon Week. We will sing our school song, take the drug-free pledge and then, by classrooms put red ribbons around our trees.

Curriculum/Instruction/Staff Development:

- All of the students at Mills registered to vote one month before the elections so that we could participate in the Presidential Mock Election. The voting, on November 4th, will be electronic and will be held in the library. To become educated voters, we are learning about the candidates and issues in our technology classes and in our classrooms.
- In honor of John Mills' 80th Birthday, Mr. Siegel, our Art teacher, has challenged us to design a banner that will be flown on the light posts on 76th Avenue and 76th Court. Six banners will be chosen.

Communication/Climate/Community:

- Thanks to our Library aide, Mrs. Catalano, John Mills School received a set of Monarch Books from the Illinois School Library Media Association Grant. Over four hundred libraries applied to receive one of the 160 grants given this year, and we are very fortunate to have received this award. This collection will enhance our library and also promote reading.
- Because the month of October is dedicated to safety, we participated in a bus safety presentation, fire drills and a fire prevention awareness and prevention day with the Elmwood Park Fire Department.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

October 15, 2008

Elmwood Park High School

LGI Room—7 p.m.

Liaisons: Jeremy Ildefonso & Mathew Ziuzia

ORGANIZATION

Jeremy: Mrs. Kaminski in our library was very busy last week cataloging and displaying all the new books that arrived at Elmwood. Using the Spring Book Fair money and her yearly budget; Mrs. Kaminski has added more than \$5600 of books to our library. The History/Geography section, the Arts section and Technology sections received the most new books. Our Rebecca Caudill collection has been updated and many new DVD's for use in the classroom are also now available.

Mathew: The results are in! Our Go Green Club has tabulated the data from our Clean Up the School garbage pick up. One thousand ninety-seven pieces of litter were picked up by club members for a total of 15 pounds of garbage found. Members continue to give weekly "Go Green" tips during our morning announcements that can help us help the environment.

Jeremy: Our Student Council speeches and election were held on October 3rd. Elmwood School would like to congratulate the following students who will make up our student leadership group:

Jeremy Ildefonso—President

Mathew Ziuzia—Vice President

Barbara Galinska—Secretary

Jozelyn Gonzalez—Treasury

CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Mathew: Last Friday, Dr. Exhaustus, came to our school for a Global Warming assembly. He taught us that although the threats of Global Warming are serious, a positive can-do approach has a good chance of solving the problem. Thanks to our PATT for sponsoring this informative assembly.

Jeremy: All second grade students took the Cognitive Abilities Test, called the CogAT, the week of October 6. The CogAT assesses students' aptitude in reasoning and problem solving. These tests provide one of the many pieces of student data for teachers as they plan lessons. Results will be sent home to parents with the semester report cards.

COMMUNICATION/CLIMATE/COMMUNITY

Mathew: The Elmwood Park Fire department helped Elmwood School celebrate Fire Prevention Week on October 7th. Students had question & answer sessions with firefighters about fire safety in their homes and had an opportunity to see the fire trucks up close. A special thanks to Fire Chief Mike Marino and his firefighters for coming to our school and sharing this important safety information with us.

Jeremy: This month some of our 1st through 4th grade students will be working on decorating cardboard ornaments for the Harlem-Irving Mall Christmas displays. We thank our enthusiastic and artistic Panthers for their Holiday spirit.

Mathew: We would like to invite you all to be a part of our Halloween parade on October 31st at 1:45 P.M. Come in your scariest costume and join our afternoon of fun!

Jeremy & Mathew: We hope you enjoyed our Elmwood School news.

**School Board Notes
ELM MIDDLE SCHOOL
October 15, 2008**

ORGANIZATION

Our Social/Emotional learning program has been off to a good start with Red Ribbon activities from October 10 – Oct 17. The kick off assembly was Lloyd Bachrach, a motivational speaker. His powerful messages and amazing triumph over life's obstacles helped us understand the bigger world around us.

CURRICULUM/ INSTRUCTION/ STAFF DEVELOPMENT

A mock election is scheduled for both grade levels on Monday, November 3rd. This will give students the opportunity to learn about voter registration and choosing a candidate that best articulates their values.

COMMUNICATION/ CLIMATE/ COMMUNITY

On October 8, our 8th 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. While they were involved in Snowflake, our 7th grade students took a fieldtrip to the IMAX theatre at Navy Pier and spent some additional time at the field museum to kick off the Multicultural awareness IDU.

On Thursday, Nov 6 and Friday, Nov 7, we will host Parent/Teacher conferences from 3:30-7:00pm. Teams will be sending out specific requests but parents are more than welcome to call and request a time.

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

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| October 31: | Multicultural Awareness Day (7 th Grade)
20's & 30's Day (8 th Grade) |
| Nov 3: | Mock Election '08 |
| Nov 6-7: | Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Nov 8 & 10: | No School |
| Nov 13: | Awards Assembly |

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

Curriculum

- October 8 Consumer Ed Proficiency Test
- October 15 PSAE retake test for seniors begins at 7:30 am
- October 24 end of quarter one

Community/Climate/Communication

- October 8 - Booster Club Meeting beginning at 7 pm in the LGI
- October 9 - counselors are hosting our annual College Night at 7 pm in the auditorium
- The October 10 football game is being dedicated to Jim White. Mr. White's family is being honored by our athletic department, the River Grove Police Department, and EPHS will be donating a check to the Toys for Tots organization in his name.
- October 16 - high school choir concert at 7 pm
- October 20-25 - Elmwood Park High School will be hosting the state regional boys' soccer tournament
- November 6 - Fall Sports Awards night beginning at 7:00 pm
- November 12 - EPHS Snowball group will be sponsoring a parent meeting regarding drug education awareness at 7:00 pm in the auditorium
- November 13 - Winter Sport Parent meeting at 7 pm
- Fall Play, Night of One Act Plays, will be held November 13-14 at 7 pm and November 15 at 2 pm

Organization

- Booster Club meetings will now be held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the LGI
- DECA is working on Operation Christmas Child with shoe boxes with goodies for kids in Africa, as well as selling cookies for Sweetest Day
- The Art Club plans to decorate a room with their original artwork. The Art Club also sponsored face-painting during home football games for a small fee, which also increases school spirit.
- Varsity Club has plans underway to sponsor soup kitchens for the homeless
- EPIC meets every 2 weeks on Mondays at 7 am
- Key Club is collecting for UNICEF for Halloween