

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ELMWOOD PARK COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #401
HELD TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2009
ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 146 AND LGI**

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| CALL TO ORDER | Board President Marzullo called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. |
| 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 Mr. Fang and seconded by Mrs. Stranges 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. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Marzullo, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Absent: Mrs. Capraro</p> <p><i>Mr. Parisi was appointed as secretary pro tem.</i></p> <p><i>Others present: Dr. Rudig, Mr. Zelek and Tim Cole</i></p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |
| ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION | <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Bruscato and seconded by Mrs. Cleary to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Marzullo, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Absent: Mrs. Capraro</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 7:22 p.m.</p> <p>The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> |
| PRESIDENT/SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS | <p>President Marzullo congratulated the Cross Country team that won their conference downstate. He also commended the student's performance and the production staff from the High School's play, <i>Chicago</i>.</p> <p>Dr. Rudig announced that in recognition of School Board Members Day on November 15, the District will be donating <i>Listen to the Wind</i> books to the Elmwood Park Schools in their honor.</p> |

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| COMMUNICATIONS | Mr. Parisi read a thank you letter from the Ridgewood High School administration regarding the proclamation Elmwood Park sent to them in celebration of their 50 th anniversary. |
| STUDENT LIAISON REPORTS | SEE ATTACHED John Mills and Elmwood Schools' students presented an electronic presentation. |
| BOARD MINUTES | <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mr. Fang to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on October 21, 2009.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Six Nay: None Absent: One</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |
| EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES | <p>Motion was made by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to approve the minutes for the executive session held on October 21, 2009.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Six Nay: None Absent: One</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |
| REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION | <p>Report #0801 Responsible Bidder Qualifications Mr. Barry and Mr. Stoyhoff from Labor Management Cooperation Committee (LMCC), defined lowest responsible bidder qualifications, needed procedures, evidence and compliance to meet the laws of contractors. The District's architect (STR) supports this procedure and Mike Henderson, was also at the meeting to share their support.</p> <p>Report #0802 Facilities Update Mr. Zelek shared information that the John Mills School roof was completed, Elm Middle School's sewer repair is done, security system software in admin computer and connected to the police very soon.</p> <p>Report #0808 Presentation of Security Camera System/I.D. Scanner Mr. Zelek shared information regarding the new security cameras (in all buildings) and the new I.D. System at the High School that will be in all the schools in the future. The system is web-based. Every camera records when they sense movement. Police will have access to the video. An ID Scanner is being used in the High School and in all buildings in the future. A Drivers license scanner reads barcode and makes a picture ID name badge. A text message will be sent to the administrators and the River Grove Police if someone dangerous attempts to enter the building.</p> <p>Report #0803 Preliminary Tax Levy Mr. Zelek shared "first draft" information with the Board. The District will be posting a hearing notice in the paper (new text has been produced to include the newspaper notice). The Board asked to review different versions of the tax levy recommendation before the next board meeting.</p> <p>Report #0804 Cook County Department of Public Health Fall 2009 H1N1 Vaccination Update Dr. Rudig provided the Board with the most recent information regarding the H1N1 vaccination campaign with regard to our School District. He still in contact with Cook County Department of Public Health and we are still a possible site. Grade Levels: PreK-8 are the main grade level students to receive the vaccination. We will get an 8-14 days notice before the day of the</p> |

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| | <p>vaccination visit. We don't have a date yet. Parents will sign off on a form for the child to <i>receive</i> the vaccination as well as a second notice <i>releasing</i> liability on the School District. We are researching the effects the vaccination can have on pregnant people if they are around the students who take the vaccination.</p> <p>Report #0805 Revised Board Policy 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board - First Reading We received notification from ISBE that these policies had been revised (updated). Please refer to the previous policies vs. the revised versions.</p> <p>Report #0806 Revised Board Policy 2:40 Board Member Qualifications - First Reading We received notification from ISBE that these policies had been revised (updated). Please refer to the previous policies vs. the revised versions.</p> <p>Report #0807 Revised Board Policy 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers - First Reading We received notification from ISBE that these policies had been revised (updated). Please refer to the previous policies vs. the revised versions.</p> <p>Report #0809 Assessment Demographics Dr. Hlavacek presented the Board with the District's demographic trends over the last few years, in comparison to the "solid" test scores that the students are producing.</p> <p>Report #0810 State Testing Presentation: John Mills School, Elmwood School and Early Childhood Center The principals (Mrs. Mourikes, Mrs. Ponzio and Mr. Herbert) shared assessment data with the Board from the 2008-2009 School year.</p> |
| <p>REPORT #0811 LASEC POLICY AND PROCEDURES SUMMARY OF CHANGES</p> | <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mrs. Fang to approve the LASEC Policy and Procedures Summary of Changes as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Marzullo, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Absent: Mrs. Capraro</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |
| <p>REPORT #0812 FINANCIAL REPORTS (A,B,C)</p> | <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to approve the Financial Reports (A,B,C) as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Marzullo, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Absent: Mrs. Capraro</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |

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| REPORT #0813 SPECIAL BILLS LIST | <p>Motion was made by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to approve the Special Bills List as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Marzullo, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Present: Mr. Fang Absent: Mrs. Capraro</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |
| REPORT #0814 PERSONNEL REPORT | <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to approve the Personnel Report as presented.</p> <p>Roll Call was as follows:</p> <p>Aye: Mrs. Bruscato, Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Fang, Mr. Marzullo, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges Nay: None Absent: Mrs. Capraro</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |

New Hires – Certified Staff

| Name | Assignment* | School* | Effective Date* | Base Salary* |
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| Sassetti, Alyssa | Early Childhood Special Education .5 FTE Teacher – Afternoon session | Early Childhood Center | November 9, 2009 | Bachelor's, Step 1 |
| Dagostino, Stephanie | Third Grade Teacher | Elmwood School | November 2, 2009 | Bachelor's, Step 1 |

*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.

Resignations

| Name | Assignment | School | Effective |
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| Orr, Beth | Bookstore Manager | EPHS | Tentative November 5, 2009 |

Grant Stipends

| Name | Assignment | Base Salary |
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| Bocka, Barbara | ECP Grant Coordinator | \$1,800 |

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| REPORT #0815 SUSPENSION REPORTS | <p>Motion was made by Mr. Fang and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to accept the suspension reports as presented.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Six Nay: None Absent: One</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p> |
| ADJOURNMENT | <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to adjourn the General Session at 9:10 p.m.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Six Nay: None Absent: One</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>Frank Parisi Board Secretary <i>pro tem</i></p> |



Student Liaison Reports

November 2009

November ECC Report

Organization

The Berwyn Fire Department will be conducting a Fire Drill at the ECC on Monday, November 23rd in the morning and in the afternoon to prepare our students to evacuate the building safely in case of an actual fire.

Curriculum Instruction / Staff Development

On November 11th, the ECC staff participated in a late start staff meeting where our School Improvement Plan was examined and areas for continued focus for improvement were discussed.

The ECC has opened an additional classroom for Early Childhood Special Education. Our newly hired half time preschool teacher, Alyssa Sassetti is now working full time at the ECC, in the morning with a general education tuition Preschool, and in the afternoon with a Special Education Preschool class.

Communication/Climate/Community

Parent Teacher Conferences at the ECC were well attended. Both parents and teachers commented that they appreciated the opportunity to dialogue about the strengths of our students, and areas where continued practice would be beneficial.

Ann Udell has started the "Parents as Educators" portion of the At-Risk Preschool program. As part of the \$120,000 Early Childhood Block Grant, parents of the children in this Preschool program are required to attend parent training. For four Mondays in November, Ann Udell will be hosting two hour meetings where parents will learn about child development. The first meeting on November 9th discussed "Keys to Enhancing Brain Development in Young Children."

On November 12th, the ECC hosted a Parent Education Night. Our topic this month was "Health News with Nurse Nitti." These parent evening programs are open to all the parents of our students, and parents were particularly interested in keeping their children healthy during flu season.

John Mills School Board Report November 17, 2009

Reporters: Cindy Garbo and Ernest DeAngelo



Organization

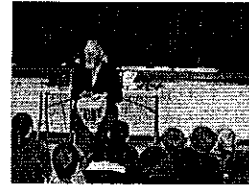
- Student Council had a very busy month. They began by passing out and then collecting the UNICEF "Trick or Treat" boxes. John Mills students collected \$882.66
- Student Council then began their next event, one of our favorites, taffy apple sale. 2736 taffy apples were sold in all!



Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development



PTA provided us with a great storyteller, today, Jim May. He told us scary stories and stories that he learned in other countries. He also taught us an African song using drums.



"6th Grade Simply Amazing Shoes"



Communication, Climate, Community

■ On Veteran's Day, we honored veteran's with an all school celebration. Mr. Herbert and Mrs. Kutrubis shared information about The Pledge of Allegiance, the flag and past wars.

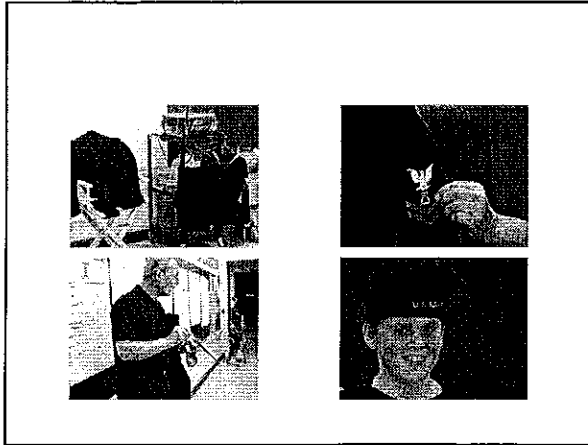


We would like to thank Harry Gambala,
Walter Gambala and Jim Ashby!

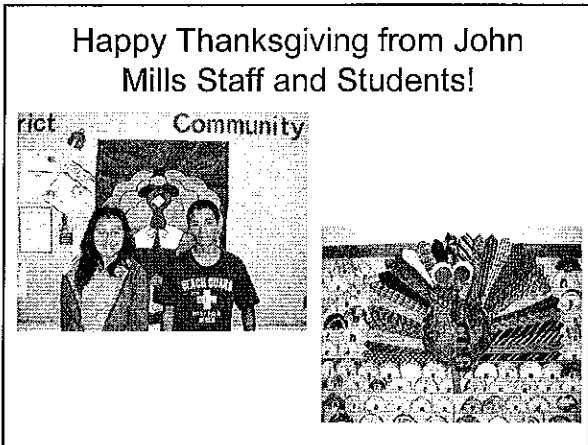


■ Mr. Ashby went into all 4th, 5th and 6th grade classrooms and shared his experience when he was in the Korean War. It was very interesting. He showed us his medals and his actual coat and hat.





Locks of Love: 32 ½ inches of hair was donated by Ewa Kiluk, Sarai Camacho, Hailey Starnes



Elmwood School Board Meeting for November Online Voice Thread

Honor roll

On October 29th we had our first honors breakfast and honors assembly. The sixth graders along with their parents enjoyed a tasty breakfast. This year we had the most kids for the first quarter ever. There were 53 sixth graders that made honor roll this quarter.

Fall Fundraiser

Our fall fundraiser wrapped up Monday November 2nd. We sold a lot of items this year to raise money for our school. We sold a lot more than last year.

Red Ribbon Week

For red ribbon week, students got to do fun activities. On Monday we received red wristbands. Tuesday every class received a red ribbon to hang on the fence. Wednesday was wear red to school day. Thursday students wore a shirt with a picture of their hero on their shirt. Friday the students received pencils to wrap up the week.

Go Green

Two weeks ago we held a go green assembly. It featured Ricky Recycle who taught the students fun ways and reasons to recycle. For the week of conferences go green members stayed after school for something called "e-Recycling". A recycling program that collects old electronics and recycles them. The go green club also started a new recycling program. Every Tuesday and Thursday students in the go green club go to assigned classes and pick up the recycling bin.

New teacher

On Wednesday November 4th we got a new third grade teacher at Elmwood. Her name is Ms. Dagostino. Ms. Dagostino has been in education for two years and was a coach for dance and basketball.. The third grade teachers were really happy to meet their new teacher.

Veterans Day

Next week we will be celebrating Veterans Day. There will be a special assembly. Students and teachers will be asked to wear red, white, and or blue.

ELM MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Board Meeting - November 17th, 2009

Organization:

The National Junior Honor Society has taken a leadership role in the "Tap and Stack" program. NJHS students organize the "Tap and Stack" every day in the cafeteria. This program focuses on recycling aluminum cans, plastic bottles and separating containers from other garbage in order to cut down on waste in our landfills.

Curriculum / Instruction:

Ms. Barbaric has been working on expanding gifted education at Elm. She has been co-teaching in language arts classes to expand all of our students' knowledge. Also, some students are working in small groups on special projects to reach a higher level of achievement.

Communication / Climate / Community:

Many of our teams will be using a new format with Parent Conferences this month. The conferences will be led by the students. The students will be setting goals, reflecting on what they did well in addition to areas they can improve on. Parents and teachers will still play a role in this process, but the students will take a larger ownership role in their learning.

Upcoming Events at Elm

2nd Quarter Progress Reports

November 18

EPHS School Board Notes
November 2009

Organization

- EPHS Fall Play was 'CHICAGO' November 13-14 at 7:00 pm and November 15 at 2:00 pm
- EPHS will be having a Teacher Variety Show on Thursday, December 3, at 7:00 pm in the auditorium
- Elmwood Park High School will be hold its 8th Grade Curriculum Night on December 8 beginning at 6 pm in the gymnasium

Curriculum/Instruction

- PSAE review classes in English and Math have begun. Classes will meet during the 2nd and 3rd term.
- EPHS began its after-school program. The program focuses on developing the reading and math skills of low achieving students and will be aimed at helping them become more successful both in the classroom and on state tests.
- Seniors have been encouraged to visit colleges. Additionally, college visits at EPHS continue to take place during academic lab.

Community/Climate/Communication

- Key Club raised over \$3000 for needy children in the community selling peanuts for Kiwanis Peanut Day
- Key Club collected for UNICEF on Halloween, and also helped decorate and work the haunted house at the Parks and Recreation Building.
- The Key Club is sponsoring their annual canned food drive now through Monday, November 23. Donations will be collected weekly. The high school office also has a container from Leyden Township for collecting both food and toys.

Music

- The Holiday Band Concert will be on December 15 and the Holiday Choir Concert will take place on December 17. Both events are at 7 pm in the high school auditorium

DECA

- DECA is working on market research projects and business plans which will be presented at a competition in March.

National Honor Society

- Members of the National Honor Society are once again beginning their Adopt-A-Kid program. Children's names are selected and people are instructed to buy two gifts for a child, one practical and one fun, totaling \$20. Donations of wrapping paper, generic new toys, mittens, scarves, books and blankets are also needed

Athletics

- 46 students were named fall All-Conference Academic award winners. This award is presented in recognition of academic excellence which is the equivalent of 3.5 grade point average at the end of term one.