

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION
 ELMWOOD PARK COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #401
 HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2008
 ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 146

Volume 08-09 #09

<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>	<p>Board President Marzullo called the meeting to order at 6:12 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. Marzullo, Mr. Parisi and Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Absent: None</p>
<p>CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION</p>	<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. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to call to order the Executive Session at 6:14 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>District staff present:</i> Dr. Rudig, Mr. Zelek and Dr. Hlavacek</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Fang and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:48 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>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
<p>RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>	<p>President Marzullo reconvened to open session in the LGI room.</p> <p>The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
<p>PRESIDENT/SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<p>President Marzullo thanked the community members participating in the "Coats for Kids" project. They donated hats, gloves and coats to approximately 40 kids this year. Dr. Rudig added that the District will be replacing our foam lunch plates with recyclable plates used in the student lunch areas.</p>

STUDENT RECOGNITION	A slide show presenting EPHS art students selected to exhibit their work at the Chicago Center for Green Technology was displayed and students received certificates from the Board of Education.
COMMUNICATIONS	Secretary Capraro read a thank you card from John Mills School staff thanking the Board for the food provided to them celebrating the holidays.
STUDENT LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS	See attached.
PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2008 TAX LEVY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. President Marzullo called the Public Hearing for the 2008 Tax Levy to order on December 17, 2008 at 7:41 p.m. b. Comments or Questions – Tom Zelek: None c. The President declared the Public Hearing for the 2008 Tax Levy closed at 7:46 p.m.
PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM WAIVER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. President Marzullo called the Public Hearing for the 2009-10 through 2013-14 Driver Education Program Waiver to order on December 17, 2008 at 7:47 p.m. b. Number of People in Attendance: 11 c. Comments or Questions – Doug Noyes: None d. The President declared the Public Hearing for the Driver Education Program Waiver closed at 7:49 p.m.
BOARD MINUTES	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mrs. Cleary to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on November 19, 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 Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mr. Parisi to approve the minutes for the special meeting held on November 25, 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 Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mrs. Cleary to approve the minutes for the executive session held on November 19, 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. Stranges to approve the minutes for the executive session held on November 25, 2008.</p> <p>Voice Vote was as follows: Aye: Seven Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>

<p>REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Report #0901 Facilities Update -Elmwood Park High School Auditorium Update/Other Mr. Zelek provided an update on the District's construction work. At the HS, the auditorium doors will be installed and the A/C is installed for the auditorium. When it gets warm outside, the A/C will be checked to be sure it is working properly. At Elm Middle School, the workers started the Drain Tile work.</p> <p>Report #0902 Energy Savings Presentation Mr. Bruscato shared the latest energy saving figures from Energy Education.</p> <p>Report #0903 2009-10 District Calendar Proposal - First Reading Mr. Schuth, chairman of the Calendar Committee and Dr. Rudig presented two versions of the 2009-10 District calendar. More information was requested to provide beginning of the year enrollment clarifications.</p> <p>Report #0904 National Environmental Health Conference - Report Dr. Rudig provided the Board with highlights of the recent convention he attended which was sponsored by the National Environmental Health Association and the EPA.</p> <p>Report #0905 Revised Use of Facility Policy 8:20 AR-1 - First Reading The revised Use of Facility Policy was reviewed.</p> <p>Report #0906 READ 180 Assessment Report Mrs. McCall shared assessment data from the READ 180 program. The presentation provided success rate data of regular education students and those with IEP's.</p>
<p>REPORT #0907 PROPOSED 2008 TAX LEVY RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Bruscato and seconded by Mr. Parisi to approve the Proposed 2008 Tax Levy Recommendation 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 #0908 DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM WAIVER</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mrs. Stranges to approve the Driver Education Program Waiver 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 #0909 REVISED HEALTH IMMUNIZATION POLICY 7:100 SECOND READING</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to approve the Revised Health Immunization Policy 7:100 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 #0910 WASTE MANAGEMENT/RECY CLING CONTRACT</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Bruscato and seconded by Mr. Parisi to approve the Waste Management Agreement with Bosman Disposal 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</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
<p>REPORT #0911 BID APPROVAL FOR DRAIN TILE RENOVATIONS AT ELM MIDDLE SCHOOL</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary and seconded by Mrs. Capraro to approve the Bid for the Drain Tile Renovations at Elm Middle School from Construction Solutions, Inc. 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</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
<p>REPORT #0912 DISTRICT/SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Stranges and seconded by Mr. Fang to approve the District Improvement Plan and School Improvement Plan 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 #0913 FINANCIAL REPORTS (A,B,C)</p>	<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. Parisi, Mr. Marzullo and Mrs. Stranges</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>

REPORT #0914 SPECIAL BILLS LIST	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Cleary 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 Nay: None Present: Mr. Fang and Mr. Marzullo Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
REPORT #0915 PERSONNEL REPORT	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Stranges 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*
Fiorito, Mario	Social Studies Teacher for FMLA	Elm Middle	1/20/09	Bachelors, Step 1

New Hires Non-Certified

Name	Position*	School*	Effective	Salary*
Flanagan, Theresa	Instructional Aide in Reading	EPHS	12/15/08 - 4/24/09	\$15.38 per hour

*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.

REPORT #0916 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: Seven Nay: None Absent: None</p> <p>The President declared the motion carried.</p>
REPORT #0917 STUDENT SUSPENSION DISCIPLINE HEARING	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Fang and seconded by Mrs. Bruscato to uphold the suspension for student #153637.</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>

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS	None
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS	<p>Guidance Recover Services LLC ➤ Request for a Copy of the Payment Bond for the Auditorium Addition and Renovation Project at the High School</p> <p>Bid Ocean ➤ Request for the Bid Tabulation for the Drain Tile Renovations at Elm Middle School</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Motion was made by Mrs. Bruscato and seconded by Mrs. Cleary to adjourn the General Session at 9:03 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>

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

December 2008

COMMUNICATION/ CLIMATE/ COMMUNITY

Last month the Early Childhood Center collected over 340 items of food for the needy families of Leyden Township. They made food baskets and delivered them just in time for Thanksgiving. Now we are collecting hats, scarves and mittens for needy children. Before we leave for winter break, we will call the Hephzibah organization of Oak Park and they will collect our items so some other boys and girls will have a nice warm winter, too.

Last week was our 7th Annual Holiday Show. All of us from the ECC participated. The moms, dads and grandparents loved all of the singing and dancing! We also took pictures with Santa at school sponsored by our P.T.O. Now, we are just waiting for the real Santa to come and visit us at Christmas. Happy Holidays!

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

Reporters: Jasmine Cartagena and Connor Pilman

Organization:

- Student Council once again, decorated the trees in Central Park for the annual Holiday Stroll and also organized and collected 730 canned goods for the Leyden Township Needy Fund.

Curriculum/Instruction/Staff Development:

- On, Tuesday November 25th, all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders took a written qualifying test for this year's Spelling Bee. The top 15 students qualified and will represent John Mills School on January 30th.
- 2nd graders celebrated Thanksgiving by reading about the lives of pilgrim children and the chores they did. The history and traditions came to life through literature, poetry, song, food, costumes and art. They even had a real Thanksgiving dinner, turkey and all!

Communication/Climate/Community:

- Our first musical event of the year, **Winter Wonderland**, will be held on Tuesday, December 9th with Band, Choir and Drama Club presentations. Our second performance, **Winter Dude**, our holiday program, is scheduled for Thursday, December 18th. Both events will take place at 1:00 and 7:00 pm.
- The Infant Welfare of Elmwood Park, that has closed their doors, has generously donated a check for \$268.00 that will be used to bring some holiday cheer to needy Mills families.
- Don't forget to check out our ornaments that are now hanging at the Harlem-Irving Mall.
- We wish all of you "Happy Holidays" and invite you to attend all of our performances.

Elmwood School
SCHOOL BOARD REPORT
December 17, 2008
Elmwood Park High School
LGI Room—7 p.m.
Liaisons: TBD

ORGANIZATION

Santa made a special delivery to Elmwood School during the first week in December. Helped by his newest elves, which looked a lot like our PATT volunteers; Santa set up his workshop in the band room. Elmwood students were given the opportunity to look over the inexpensive items to make gift purchases for parents, siblings and special friends. Some great bargains were found throughout the week. Thanks to our PATT mothers who ran the workshop!

The Holiday Spirit is in full swing at Elmwood School! On December 8th, our 5th grade beginning band and our 6th grade concert band gave their first performance of the year to a full house. Their Holiday show was fantastic! A special congratulation to Mr. Hawk, our band director, and our classmates for their hard work in putting together a great show!

On December 15th, Mrs. Degel and our 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders put on their Holiday vocal performance. We would like to thank all the parents and friends that supported our Holiday shows and the artistic abilities of our classmates. Everyone left the gym full of the Holiday Spirit after their great performance. Well done Panthers!

CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/STAFF DEVELOPMENT

On Tuesday, November 27 all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students took a written qualifying test for the Elmwood Park Annual Spelling Bee. The top 15 scores will take part in the Spelling Bee on January 30th at John Mills School. The students are working with their coach, Mrs. Bilotti, to prepare for the event. We look forward to regaining the Elmwood Park Spelling Bee Champion that our north side friends now hold. Good luck to all students in our January showdown.

Elmwood School's Go Green Club has continued to give our school and community great weekly tips for doing our part in helping the environment. On December 4th, they kicked off the first fundraiser assembly. The student-lead assembly featured skits, cheers, green tips and two new programs. The assembly introduced our Glue Recycling program that will run all year long, and the "Pledge to Go Green for the Holidays" fundraiser. For a donation of 50 cents, ornaments will be added to the grade level holiday trees in our front hallway. The money will be used to purchase books and DVD's that focus on environmental topics to add to our library's book collection. The classroom that earns the most money will earn green prizes!

COMMUNICATION/CLIMATE/COMMUNITY

Our Student Council has been extremely busy during this Holiday season! The November Canned Food Drive they sponsored which benefited the Knight's of Columbus organization gathered over 1300 food items for Thanksgiving meals and helped to stock their food pantry. Some classrooms, students from our after-school BASEC program and council members gave their time to create ornaments for the trees in Central Park which were decorated the first week in December. Their newest project, which started on Monday, Dec 1st; along with Aramark, will be sponsoring Toys for Tots. Every student who brings in a toy will receive a free cookie courtesy of Aramark our food service.

Elmwood teachers and students would like to wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable Holiday break. We'll see you next year!

We hope you enjoyed our Elmwood School news.

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

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Barbaric has been working with volunteers from each grade level to develop a web-based newspaper dedicated to bringing the news of Elm Middle School and the community at large.

The social and emotional learning team has been working to identify the needs of the building and how to move forward with a positive behavior intervention.

CURRICULUM/ INSTRUCTION/ STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Teachers have been working on strategies to use for students who need strong interventions. The use of the AIMSWeb program has helped us focus on monitoring individual student progress.

COMMUNICATION/ CLIMATE/ COMMUNITY

Our winter band and choral concert was a resounding success. Both Mr. Popplewell and Mr. Rhoades helped our students prepare a joyful evening of music to help put Elmwood Park in the holiday mood.

Coming up at Elm Middle School:

December 18:	Boys Basketball vs. Rhoades (Home)
December 19:	Annual Holiday Activity
January 12:	Boys Basketball vs. Rosemont (Home)
January 16:	End of 2 nd Quarter
January 19:	Martin Luther King Jr. B-Day (No School)
January 20:	District Institute Day

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

Organization

- Eighth Grade Open House was held December 9 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. The evening began with a social gathering in the cafeteria, which afforded students and parents the opportunity to speak directly with the coaches and sponsors of our sports, activities and clubs. Then at 6:30 pm, Mr. Jennings welcomed everyone in the auditorium and gave a brief overview of the high school and the opportunities available to our students. Following his presentation students from the National Honor Society led tours highlighting each academic area and the course offerings available.

Curriculum/Instruction

- Parent Teacher Conference were held December 4 from 3:30 – 7 pm

Community/Climate/Communication

DECA

- DECA/NHS finalized ADOPT-A-KID with gifts for 200 needy children.
- DECA is busy studying and creating marketing plans, business plans, advertising promotional plans and fashion merchandising plans in preparation for their state competition.

NHS

- The members of NHS are collecting used and old cell phones once again.

Key Club and Varsity Club

- Key Club and Varsity Club recently decorated the Elmwood Park Home for Autistic Children.
- Additionally, the Varsity Club sponsored their annual TURKEY TROT, raising \$450 for the Anti Hunger Federation.
- Varsity Club sold poinsettia plants for \$12

Band

- Our holiday band concert was on December 11.
- The holiday choir concert for the high school was held last night at 7:00 pm.