

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION  
ELMWOOD PARK COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #401  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015  
**LOCATION CHANGE:** ELMWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
GENERAL SESSION - 7:00 P.M. IN THE CAFETERIA  
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**Call to Order** Board President Bruscato called the open meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

	Present	Absent
<b>Roll Call</b>		
Mary Bruscato, President	x	
Frank Parisi, Vice President	x	
Susan Capraro, Secretary	x	
Michael Scheidt	x	
Jason Shipinski		x
Cindi Stazzone	x	
Peter Volpe	x	

**Pledge of Allegiance** The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

<b>President and Superintendent's Announcements</b>	Representative Camille Lilly addressed the audience and congratulated the Board on the opening of the new cafeteria and classrooms at Elmwood School.  The Board recognized 19 EPHS Illinois State Scholars and the Virtual Enterprises International Team. Dr. Anderson displayed the new freshman baseball uniforms and discussed the uniform cycle.
<b>Student Liaison Reports</b>	Students from all five schools presented information to the Board. Dr. Anderson introduced the new Director of Buildings and Grounds Alejandro Zamora
<b>Communications to the Board</b>	None

**Superintendent Reports**

**For Discussion:**

**Report #1101**      **DSEB Increase Resolution Presentation**  
A new law allows school districts to increase their Debt Service Extension Base equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index to approximately \$3-\$5 per home. Our Financial Advisor Firm (PMA) has written the resolution that is required by law to take advantage of these changes.

**Report #1102**      **Building and Grounds Update** (Board Goal 1)  
Dr. Anderson and the Building and Grounds Committee presented current information about the construction projects and other topics covered at the most recent committee

meeting. An update regarding the Elmwood School gym floor and bleachers was presented.

**Report #1103**

**Discussion of the Board Policy Updates from IASB Process**

Dr. Anderson and the Policy Committee led a discussion about the process for reviewing the new PRESS PLUS policies being developed and revised. The Board agreed to review the policies recommended by the committee a section at a time.

**Report #1104**

**2015-2016 District Calendar Proposal– First Reading** (Board Goal #3)

Mrs. Ponzio-Pappas shared the work of the District Calendar Committee in preparation for the approval of the 2015-2016 school calendar. The start date for the beginning of the year and winter break was discussed. The Board asked for further review and discussion at the next Board Meeting.

**Report #1105**

**Web/Media Content Editor Position Discussion** (Board Goal #3a.2)

Dr. Anderson and Mr. Kinane presented information about the addition of a new position in the Technology Department. This new position has been endorsed by the District Tech Committee and would provide support for a consistent web and communication presence across the district. The position would also provide tech support. The Board asked for further review of the job description, possible contracted position and discussion at the next Board Meeting.

**Report #1106**

**Student Growth Data Modeling Contract Discussion** (Board Goal #2)

Dr. Hlavacek reviewed the proposed new data modeling program that has been selected for use in maintaining student growth data. Student growth data must be incorporated into teacher evaluations beginning in 2016 and this company will provide the important background information from District assessments.

**For Action:**

**Report #1107 Change Order Approval RFP 017 Amphitheater Open Ceiling** (Board Goal #1)

The motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mr. Scheidt to approve the Change Order Approval RFP 017 Amphitheater Open Ceiling to Provide Metal Ceiling in the Amphitheater.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Name	Aye	Nay	Present	Absent
Susan Capraro	X			
Frank Parisi	X			
Michael Scheidt	X			
Jason Shipinski				X
Cindi Stazzone	X			
Peter Volpe	X			
Mary Bruscato	X			

The President declared the motion carried.

**Report #1108 Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Property Tax Levy to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Outstanding Limited Bonds of the District**

The motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mrs. Stazzone to approve the Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Property Tax Levy to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Outstanding Limited Bonds of the District.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Name	Aye	Nay	Present	Absent
Susan Capraro	X			
Frank Parisi	X			
Michael Scheidt	X			
Jason Shipinski				X
Cindi Stazzone	X			
Peter Volpe	X			
Mary Bruscato	X			

The President declared the motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

*Consent items may be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion prior to taking any action.*

<u>Special Meeting</u>	December 10, 2014
<u>Regular Meeting</u>	December 17, 2014
<u>Executive Session Minutes</u>	December 10, 2014 and December 17, 2014
Report #1109	Approval of Financial Reports (A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J)- <i>additional information was requested</i>
Report #1110	Approval of Personnel Report
Report #1111	Approval of the Suspension Reports

**NEW HIRE TEACHER\***

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	SALARY	STARTING DATE
Ames, Toni	Reading Specialist (Title I)	John Mills	\$30,502.08	January 12, 2015
Kolek, Magdalena	Math Substitute Teacher for FMLA and Other Leave	Elm Middle	\$130.00	January 5, 2015

**NEW HIRE PARAPROFESSIONAL\***

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	SALARY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Cynthia Viruet	Special Education One-on-One Aide .5 FTE, mornings	Early Childhood Center	\$13.89 per hour	January 5, 2015

*This new assignment will change your FTE to total 1.00.*

**NEW HIRE COACHES - SALARY PER CONTRACT\***

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	STARTING DATE
Ankrom, Caleb	Head Golf Coach	Elmwood Park High	August 2015
Crane, Kendra	Assistant Softball Coach	Elmwood Park High	March 2015
Sheridan, Patrick	Head Cross Country Coach	Elmwood Park High	August 2015

\*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.

**RESIGNATION-COACH**

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE
Cesarz, Paul	Assistant Track Coach	Elmwood Park High	January 11, 2015

**Other Leave Request**

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	TENATIVE EFFECTIVE DATES
Ritter, Lisa	ELL Teacher .5 FTE	Elm Middle	December 8, 2014-end of the School Year (102 unpaid ½ days unless additional emergency days are used)
Walaszek, Dana	Math Teacher	Elmwood Park High	April 13-28, 2015 12.5 paid days April 29, 2015-end of the School Year (20 unpaid days unless additional emergency days are used)

**FMLA FYI only**

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATES
Broering, Tera	Science Teacher	Elmwood Park High	December 4-19, 2014 (12 paid days)

The motion was made by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mr. Volpe to approve the Consent agenda as presented.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Name	Aye	Nay	Present	Absent
Susan Capraro	X			
Frank Parisi	X			
Michael Scheidt	X			
Jason Shipinski				X
Cindi Stazzone	X			
Peter Volpe	X			
Mary Bruscato	X			

The President declared the motion carried.

**Communications from Visitors-None**

**Freedom of Information Requests**

Information regarding the compensation for union officials while performing union-related activities ♦ Scott Reeder

District copier and printer lease & service agreements ♦ Image Systems & Business Solutions

**Board Comments & Board Committee Reports**

Mr. Volpe presented information about the Elmwood Park Economic Development Committee and acquiring the True Value store property. He reviewed the developments on North and Harlem Avenues and the Staples vacant property.

**Adjournment Time:** 8:44 p.m.

The motion was made by Mr. Scheidt and seconded by Mr. Parisi to adjourn the open session.

Voice Vote: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Present: 0 Absent: 1

The President declared the motion carried.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted and Certified,

Mary Bruscato  
Board President

Susan Capraro  
Board Secretary