

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION  
ELMWOOD PARK COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #401  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014  
GENERAL SESSION – 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 128  
VOLUME 14-15  
#02

**Call to Order  
in Room 128**

Board President Bruscato called the open meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

	Present	Absent
Roll Call		
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.

**Superintendent Reports**

**For Discussion:**

**Report #0201**

**Discussion of Proposed Construction Projects**

1. John Mills windows in the gym area damaged by fire: Information was presented by Steve Wright concerning the damaged windows on the back gym wall. To replace the same level of windows across the back of the gym will cost approximately \$47,000 (\$40,000 covered by insurance). The discussion continued as to whether to replace just those windows or all the windows on the wall on that side of the school. The estimated costs to do the remaining windows in the west parking lot is \$210,800 (\$217,800 was originally planned to be covered by Life Safety). The decision was to bid both the smaller section and the entire wall of replacement windows. Approval of the process will be at the Sept. 17 meeting.
2. Elmwood gym floor and update: Steve Wright reported that the gym floor has tipped about 4 inches away from level over the years and has slid down the wall on the south wall. The recommendation discussed was for the floor substructure to be replaced, along with a new surface, bleachers,

and general update for \$757,600. Approval of the process will be at the Sept. 17 meeting.

3. John Mills secure front office and basement option: Steve Wright went through the proposed drawings for the new office spaces, classrooms, and elevator/bathroom accommodations. Discussion was held about the aesthetics of the front entrance, so DLA will send out some sample front entrance drawings. The estimated cost of the entire project is \$2,460,500 (\$1,476,300 covered by Tort). The elevator project will cost about \$731,200 (covered by Tort). This brings the total project to about \$3.2 million, with \$2.2 million covered under Tort funds. The process has been approved by the Board previously, with final drawings and bids to come next.
4. Elm secure front office: Steve Wright went through the proposed drawings for the new secure front office area. Questions arose about the scope of the project and whether a reduced project should be undertaken or whether a totally new front office could be incorporated into a possible addition for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. The proposed cost of the original proposed project is \$1,047,000 (\$628,200 covered by Tort). It was decided to put this project on hold for the time being.
5. Elementary space study; Elm expansion planning: Following a space study report by Elm assistant principal Cody Huisman, it was decided that the entire issue of adding on to Elm and moving or expanding kindergarten would be put on hold for the time being. No definite date was set for bringing this back to the Board.

#### **Report #0202**

#### **RUSH Football Use of Facility Request**

RUSH EP Football would like to host portions of the league playoffs in our stadium on October 25, November 1 and 8. They are offering to split some of the admissions fees with the District in return for using the field on two weekends with about six games per day. He stated that the league also sets the match-ups, so it would be very hard to split out only those games involving EP teams. They will also help pay for security.

Following discussion, the Board decided to offer RUSH the dates listed above and to charge \$250 per day for the additional security guards. This approval is for just this year.

**Adjournment Time: 9:41 p.m.**

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

Voice Vote: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 Present: 0 Absent: 0

The President declared the motion carried.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted and Certified,

Mary Bruscato  
Board President

Susan Capraro  
Board Secretary