

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
ELMWOOD PARK COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #401
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015
EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:00 P.M. IN ROOM 128, GENERAL SESSION - 7:00 P.M. IN THE LGI
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Call to Order Board President Bruscato called the open meeting to order at 6:11 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	

Executive Session

Purpose:

To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and student discipline issues.

Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

The motion was made by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mr. Scheidt to convene to Executive Session at 6:12 p.m.

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.

Visitors Dr. Anderson and Mr. Zelek

**Adjournment of
Executive Session**

The motion was made by Mr. Volpe and seconded by Mr. Parisi to adjourn the Executive Session and Convene to Open Session at 6:56 p.m.

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.

Reconvene to Open Session in the LGI Room at 7:05 p.m.

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

President and Superintendent's Announcements	Middle School Boys' Basketball Players and High School Cheerleaders Recognition
Student Liaison Reports	Students from all five schools presented information to the Board.
Communications to the Board	None

Superintendent Reports

For Discussion:

Report #1201 **High School Textbook Adoptions-AP Chemistry, AP Government and Civics** (Board Goal 2)
Mr. Jennings and faculty from EPHS discussed the proposed new course materials for civics and AP courses in chemistry and government. This is the first review by the Board, so materials will be available for review until the March Board meeting.

- Report #1202 Building and Grounds Update (Board Goal 1)**
Dr. Anderson and members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee shared the latest information on the high school projects, the Elmwood gym floor, and the front office project at John Mills. In addition, the Board discussed the request from the Village for the use of the south fields at the high school for the annual July 4th celebration.
- Report #1203 2015-2016 District Calendar Proposal– Second Reading (Board Goal #3)**
Mrs. Ponzio reviewed the process of evaluating suggestions and comments about the calendar from the previous Board meeting. She also shared the committee’s final recommendation for the 2015–2016 calendar.
- Report #1204 Web/Media Content Editor Position Follow-up Discussion (Board Goal #3a.2)**
Mr. Kinane will share information gathered in response to questions from the Board at the January Board meeting concerning other options for handling the proposed duties of this position.
- Report #1205 Facilities Manager Position Discussion**
Dr. Anderson and Mr. Zelek presented information about the proposed addition of a Facilities Manager position to handle scheduling and field supervision for the outdoor portion of the high school field use calendar.
- Report #1206 Student Fees for 2015 - 2016**
Mr. Zelek provided information about the proposed student fees for the 2015–2016 school-year.

For Action:

Report #1207 Approval of the 2015-16 Student Fees (Board Goal #3)

The motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mr. Parisi to approve the 2015-16 Student Fees 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.

Report #1208 Approval of the 2015-2016 District Calendar Proposal– Second Reading (Board Goal #3)

The motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mr. Scheidt to approve the 2015-2016 District Calendar Proposal 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.

Consent Agenda

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

Regular Meeting January 21, 2015
Executive Session Minutes January 21, 2015
Report #1209 Approval of Financial Reports (A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)
Report #1210 Approval of Personnel Report-**REVISED**
Report #1211 Approval of the Suspension Reports

NEW HIRES*

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	SALARY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Jimenez, Diana	Childcare Assistant for Before and After Care	Elmwood School	\$8.50 per hour	February 3, 2015

NEW HIRE COACHES - SALARY PER CONTRACT*

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	STARTING DATE
Leonette, Jessica	Girls' Assistant Track Coach	Elmwood Park High	February 16, 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.

FMLA FYI only

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SCHOOL	TENTATIVE EFFECTIVE DATES
Chaudhari, Shradha	Head Accountant	District Office	March 5-May 28, 2015 (7 paid+51 unpaid + 2 paid holidays=60 FMLA days)
DiFrisco, Marianne	Third Grade Teacher	Elmwood	January 15, 2015-January 29, 2015 (paid FMLA days)
Kosek, Liliana	Polish Bilingual Teacher	John Mills	April 17, 2015 - until the end of SY (14 paid days+15 unpaid+1 non-work FMLA day=30 FMLA days)

Schwarz, John-Substitute for Head Accountant FMLA-District Office—Start Date: TBD

The motion was made by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Mrs. Stazzone 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 – Elvis Hernandez RE: transparency of District information and procedure for Board communications to visitors.

Freedom of Information Requests

District copier and printer lease & service agreements ♦ COTG *a XeroxCompany*

Board Comments & Board Committee Reports – Peter Volpe reported that the True Value store is torn down and the committee is looking for economic development opportunities.

Adjournment Time: 9:00 p.m.

The motion was made by Mrs. Capraro and seconded by Mr. Parisi 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