

**ENGLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES**

**January 26, 2026**

Call to Order 7:33 pm

**Roll Call**

<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Nina Nanasi, President	X	
Debra Trachtenberg, Vice President	X (7:55)	
Devry Pazant, Treasurer	X	
Stacey Rosenzweig, Secretary	X	
Mark Schwartz	X	
Karen Maas	X	
Flor Ramirez	X	
Stacey Rosenzweig	X	
Michele Bowman, School Superintendent's Alternate	X	

**Minutes**

Mr. Pazant made a motion to approve the Minutes from the December Board of Trustee Meetings, seconded by Ms. Maas. Approved.

Dr. Rosenzweig made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January Reorganization Board of Trustee Meetings, seconded by Ms. Maas. Approved.

**Reports**

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports and the bill list for December, seconded by Ms. Maas. Approved.

**Personnel Actions**

None.

## **Directors Report**

Ms. Senedzuk shared; December was a quick month! The cold weather and holiday preparations made for a quiet month at the library, which we were actually grateful for as we prepared for our closure for one week to have electrical work and new flooring installed as part of our renovations. Staff was excellent in assisting patrons during our ever pivoting space. All of it is worthwhile for what is to come when all is complete.

Our monthly Department Head meeting was held and we covered a lot of ground. Staff meeting dates were discussed for 2026, winter reading programs were planned, and addressed concerns and suggestions. Ending with a task to remind staff to remain on top of the pick list, displays, and to encourage patrons to check out more with read-a-likes and recommendations.

The Englewood Public Library participated in the Englewood BPA holiday toy drive. We hope the recipients had a wonderful holiday experience and are pleased with our generous donations.

Our operating and capital budget requests were submitted to the city. Mrs. Nanasi and I had a meeting with the City Manager to discuss both. A formal budget hearing is expected sometime in early 2026, date to be determined.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Buildings and Grounds**

Ms. Senedzuk and Dr. Rosenzweig shared; during our week long closure, the following has happened;

- Circulation Desk removed
- Electrical Panels replaced
- Flooring removed
- New carpeting and flooring installed
- Painting, patching, and mending of walls
- Bathrooms complete, awaiting inspection

Make shift working stations have been set up for the time being until the new furniture arrives in the coming weeks and months.

### **School Report**

Mrs. Bowman shared; The “My Brother’s Keeper” program welcomed Daniel Ratchford, Founder and President of “Broreavement”. This organization provides help for boys and men to navigate the emotional and psychological impact of losing a loved one, while creating a community to help them heal. He also discussed the various forms of grief, not just related to death. The boys had lots of good questions and enjoyed the information session.

Dr. John Grieco Elementary and Dr. Leroy McCloud Elementary schools performed a special holiday concert at Raymour & Flanigan in Paramus, New Jersey. The showroom was filled with families and our festive students under the direction of Lucia Welch, Linda Garcia and Travis Salim. Each school rendered 3 selections, and they joined together for the finale, Feliz Navidad by Jose Feliciano.

Dr. Leroy McCloud Elementary School received a surprise visit from the New Jersey State Troopers, with a delivery of 10 turkeys and meal kits for the Thanksgiving holiday from the International Stop the Violence Alliance. These items were distributed through the food pantry at DMHS on 12/22/25.

December Food Pantry - December 10, 2025, food distribution.

December 22, 2025 we held a special pantry, where we distributed toys, new coats, hats, scarves and gloves in addition to the food distribution. Our volunteer elves served hot chocolate with marshmallows and cookies to our families. We gave extra groceries to tie everyone over through the long winter break.

We continue to support our district families by providing complete meals, including breakfast, lunch and dinner items, household items and health and welfare items.

### **Old Business**

Ms. Maas made a motion to approve the increase from \$16.61 to \$17.04 for all non-union desk workers, seconded by Mrs. Nanasi. Approved.

Appointments and Committees - Please email Ms. Senedzuk with your committees of interest, she will send a reminder.

**New Business**

None.

**Adjournment**

At 8:03 pm, Mr. Pazant made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. Approved.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 23, 2026, 7:30pm, Meeting Room 2 (Lower Level)