ENGLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2026

Call to Order 7:36 pm

Roll Call

Trustees	Present	Absent
Nina Nanasi, President	X	
Debra Trachtenberg, Vice President	X	
Devry Pazant, Treasurer	X (7:39)	
Stacey Rosenzweig, Secretary	X	
Mark Schwartz		X
Karen Maas	X	
Flor Ramirez	X	
Michele Bowman, School Superintendent's Alternate	X	

Minutes

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

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Trachtenberg made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports and the bill list for January, seconded by Dr. Rosenzweig. Approved.

Personnel Actions

Ms. Maas made a motion to approve the Personnel Action Forms, seconded by Dr. Rosenzweig. Approved.

Directors Report

Ms. Senedzuk shared; whereas circulation numbers were down for 2025 due to the renovations starting in May, we were only down around 5,000 items, which is incredible considering the renovations, partial collections in storage, and the bankruptcy of Baker & Taylor delaying our books deliveries.

We were closed the first week of 2026 due to our renovations. A lot of headway was made by our contractor and the changes and upgrades are now visible to patrons and staff alike. Staff had been busy during this time, attending webinars, completing reports,and making carts of reviewed books for upcoming purchases. Administration and theDepartment heads have been in daily, checking in, completing payroll and the boardpacket as well as emptying the book drop. We all came together on the Sunday evening prior to our reopening and made a makeshift circulation desk to greet our patrons comeMonday morning. It must be noted how truly patient and accommodating staff has been throughout this entire process.

The quarterly elevator inspection was completed. As the renovation concludes, we are going to have the elevator company update the laminate flooring in the elevator.

The New Jersey State aid survey was emailed. Greta and I have started working on the segments of the tedious report, whose outcome is well worth it. It is due March 16,2026.

We began promoting and scheduling patrons for the AARP tax aide. This is a wonderful service that we are pleased to be bringing to Englewood. Taxes are done for people of all ages, for free and need not be a member of AARP.

A preliminary budget has been released from the City. We have started ordering books and supplies. The budget hearing will be sometime in March, the exact date to be announced and I will keep the Board informed.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Ms. Senedzuk and Dr. Rosenzweig shared; Renovations have been moving forward, the focus being on flooring, carpeting in the Mackay room, the entire upper level, and the small meeting room on the garden level.We met with our architect and general contractor to discuss a wish list of items to see if there is anything else we would like to add to the project while they are still on site.

Proposals are being drafted, once received, will review and decide what would be best for us.

Ms. Senedzuk submitted the required quarterly report and monthly expenditure reports.

School Report

Mrs.Bowman shared; Janis E. Dismus Middle School held their winter concert at the Dwight Morrow High School Dizzy Gillespie auditorium. The concert was well attended and the students did a phenomenal job.

Students from Ulsan Foreign Language High School visited Dwight Morrow High School. The presentation was for our DMHS students, and DMHS had a band and dance performance before the students visited classrooms and the Cyber Café.

Dwight Morrow High School held a Black History Month Poetry Contest. The winner, Brandon Seetahal was announced on 1/16/26. His poem was entitled "Unbroken Spirit" and will be presented for the Black History Month Program on 2/5/26 and printed in the souvenir journal.

January SOAR winners from Dr. John Grieco Elementary School, Dr. LeRoy McCloud Elementary School and Janis E. Dismus Middle schools spent a full day at the Cyber Café at DMHS. Students arrived first thing in the morning and worked through a series of projects in small groups.Everyone enjoyed a nice lunch of pizza, salad and fruit, and ended with ice cream with lots of toppings! After lunch, the groups returned to the Cyber Café and continued working on projects until 2:00 p.m., at which time they returned to their schools for dismissal.

The "My Brother's Keeper" program welcomed Dr. Jason Baynes, Orthopedic Surgeon out of Englewood, N.J. The boys had lots of good questions and enjoyed the information session. As Dr. Baynes deals with a lot of sports injuries, they found this particularly informative as many of our students play high school sports and plan to continue on after graduation.

January Food Pantry; January 13, 2026, food distribution. We continue to support our district families by providing complete meals,

Old Business

None.

New Business

Dr. Rosenzweig made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-11, which authorizes specific grant purchases from qualified NJ purchasing co-ops and that there is adequate funding to do so, seconded by Ms. Maas. Roll Call. Approved. Absent; Mr. Schwartz.

Mr. Pazant made a motion to approve a 2% wage increases for the Library Director and the Administration / Bookkeeper retroactively to January 1, 2026, seconded by Ms. Maas.

Adjournment

At 8:04 pm, Mr. Pazant made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Maas. Approved.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2026, 7:30pm, Meeting Room 2 (Lower Level)