ENGLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2026

Call to Order 7:30 pm

Roll Call

Trustees	Present	Absent
Nina Nanasi, President	X	
Debra Trachtenberg, Vice President	X (7:34)	
Devry Pazant, Treasurer		X
Stacey Rosenzweig, Secretary	X	
Mark Schwartz	X	
Karen Maas	X	
Flor Ramirez	X	
Michele Bowman, School Superintendent's Alternate	X	

Public Guests

Anna Abdon-Grady

Patricia Malarcher

Minutes

Dr. Rosenzweig made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February Board of Trustee Meetings, seconded by Ms. Maas. Abstentions; Mr. Schwartz Approved.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Rosenzweig made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports and the bill list for February, seconded by Ms. Maas. Approved.

Personnel Actions

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

Directors Report

Ms. Senedzuk shared; February started tax season here at the Englewood Public Library! AARP has been providing tax aid for anyone who needs it. In February, they assisted 40 people to file their taxes. Every Thursday through April 9, 2026, they will be here to help regardless of age and AARP membership.

Greta and I have been diligently working on the State Aid report, as it is cumbersome to complete, the outcome is well worth it.

Successfully presented and defended the 2026 budget request to the Mayor, Council and City officials. The budget is hoping to be adopted come April 2026.

Met with the city manager, Robert Hoffmann and city engineer Frantz Volcy and Frantz to discuss the Library roof. In their opinion, they would like an architect to look at the roof and then take the specs from the architect to a roofer. It is currently in their hands, and will let me know what, if anything they need from us. I was sure to ask if it is being done this year, Robert is hopeful it will be completed in August or September.

Lastly, we received the next grant payment, the funds were successfully transferred.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Rosenzweig shared; Renovations have been moving forward, the library is really starting to show the changes, and encourages everyone to visit and see.

We are still weeks away from furniture being delivered and installed, but staff are managing just fine.

Today there was bad news regarding the resurfacing of the walkway “bridge” entrance that we are having resurfaced. There are portions that were patched in the past and rusted rebar is coming through. The architects and general contractor are looking into what can be done to remedy the matter.

The policy committee will be meeting to create policies for the new quiet study spaces, they will then be brought to the board for review.

School Report

Mrs.Bowman shared; We held our annual Black History Month Program which highlighted our very talented students from each district school. In addition, we honored several community members who continue to make an impact in a positive way. (listed below) Award recipients also received commendations from the Bergen County Sheriff's office and Senator Gordon Johnson's office. Guest speakers included Dr. Marnie Hazelton, EPSD Superintendent, School Board President, David Matthews, Englewood Mayor Michael Wildes and Councilwoman Angela David. Dinner was served prior to the event, and guests had the opportunity to enter a free raffle drawing and also sign up to receive a free desk for their students that were donated by "Embrace Relief" and "DCVYP".

Dionisio "Chef Dion" Cucuta, DCVYP, CEO/Founder
Reverend Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr., Community Baptist Church of Englewood
John Cash, Educator, Dwight Morrow High School, EPSD
Rhona Vega, Founder of Parent Matterz
Kevin A. Wilson, Ward IV Councilman
Carolyn Kendrick, Englewood Public School District Attendance Coordinator

A grant was received from the Dwight Morrow High School Alumni Educational Alliance in the amount of $4,239.00 to purchase prizes for our SOAR Program, which benefits students from Donald A. Quarles Early Childhood Center, Dr. John Grieco Elementary School, Dr. Leroy McCloud Elementary School and Janis E. Dismus Middle School. Prizes range from books, science kits, arts and crafts, scooters, bikes, helmets and much more

A workshop was held in the Cyber Café in partnership with NVE Bank, A Division of Ion Bank, and N The Meantime. Students participated during their lunch periods, engaging in practical, real-world discussions about building credit, managing personal finances, and planning for long term success. The session highlighted the role of community-focused banking while encouraging thoughtful questions about entrepreneurship and financial responsibility. Additional sessions will be held on March 4 and March 18 for DMHS and Academy students.
Dr. John Grieco Elementary School held a Black History Month Interactive Museum, where students brought history to life through engaging presentations and powerful storytelling. Dressed as notable African Americans, students created an immersive learning experience by sharing facts and embodying influential figures. Highlights included Grayson Petty as Matthew Henson, Adrien Segura as John Lewis, Britney Jorge as Ruby Bridges, Laniyah Lindsay as Simone Biles, Rylee Williams as Alice Walker, Benjamin Asunsion as Benjamin O. Davis Jr., Victoria Guevara as Serena

Williams, London Murray as Harriet Tubman — and many more! This meaningful event celebrated Black History Month while showcasing student voice, creativity, and pride in learning.

Ms. Senedzuk also shared that the library is still collecting toiletry items for the pantry, donations may be made until the end of the month.

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Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

At 8:01 pm, Ms. Maas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Ramirez. Approved.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2026, 7:30pm, Meeting Room 2 (Lower Level)