ENGLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2026

Call to Order 7:33 pm

Roll Call

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

Minutes

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

Reports

Treasurer's Report

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

Directors Report

Ms. Senedzuk shared; The AARP Tax Aide continues to be a successful program, assisting 98 people file their taxes in the month of March. The program lasts through April 9, fully booked, with no available appointments. We are pleased the program has had such a great turn out and are hopeful to continue it for years to come.

The Library was closed for the weekend of March 13 - 14, for the contractors to install the flooring in the side entrance vestibule as well as to complete the sanding and staining of the wooden handrails on the interior stairs and around the rotunda.

Additionally, the side entrance walkway/bridge refurbishment has brought to light larger issues with the walkway/bridge. Previously patched portions are showing exposed and rusted rebar. Our general contractor made our architects aware and spoke with Frantz Volcy, Englewood's engineer. This is out of the scope of work for our general contractor,but he will clean it up and make it safe to walk upon. Our architects are speaking withFrantz regarding possible fixes, noting this will be something the city will need to address.

Met with Mark to discuss quiet room policies and what we are looking to offer our patrons as we move closer to opening these new spaces to the public. The policy committee will meet and present proposed policies to the board in weeks to come.

Ingram, our new book jobber has been able to ship books to us in a more timely manner, we are pleased with their services. Patrons have noticed and have expressed how pleased they are with the volume of new materials on our shelves.

A PSE&G pole spontaneously fell in our parking lot, hitting and damaging two cars. Thankful, no one was in the vicinity and there were no injuries. The pole falling also took down an electrical wire with it, which kept patrons at the library longer than anticipated while we waited for PSE&G to remove the live wire and remove the downed pole. It will take 4-6 weeks to replace the pole and lights, they were also made aware of other light outages in our parking lot and will be reminded as well.

Finally, the Library was a collection site for donations of toiletries for the school pantry. We collected a lot of items and would like to collaborate again in the future to assist those in need.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Rosenzweig, along with Ms. Senedzuk shared; There are no updates regarding the roof being fixed, but the city passed the capital budget, so we are hoping for news soon.

Our contractor has made the pathway bridge to the side entrance safe and walkable, will give it a coating to protect it and due to the damage being out of his scope of work, we leave it to the city for further investigation.

The new blinds will be installed this week.

School Report

Mrs.Bowman shared; EPSD held a drive for the month of March collecting non-food items to support the food pantry. This was highly successful, with major support from the Englewood Public Library and Metro Community Church assisting as collection sites in addition to each school building. We collected diapers, cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, soap and much more.

The My Brother's Keeper Program welcomed Barber, Bernard Collier of My Salon Suite, Totowa, New Jersey. Mr. Collier spoke candidly about mistakes made in his earlier life, and the importance of making a better life for himself and his family by doing his absolute best in learning a craft and perfecting it to become a licensed professional. The students were very interested in his journey and asked lots of good questions.

Seven DMHS Students (4 boys and 3 girls) participated in a Macy's Prom Event which was held at the Garden State Plaza in Paramus, N.J. Each student modeled clothing from this season's Prom collection. There was a DJ, a photo booth, a station to make friendship bracelets and fresh cookies and specialty crafted drinks from Starbucks. The students had a great time and received many compliments.

Superintendent Dr. Marnie Hazelton took a group of My Brother's Keeper students on a special field trip. The MBK boys had the honor of a special audience with Erik Ullenhag, Consul General of Sweden at the Swedish Consulate in New York. MBK mentees engaged in a meaningful discussion on AI careers, geopolitics, pathways in the foreign service, the vital role of diplomacy in today's world, and the evolving impact of AI on the workforce - including job elimination, job transformation, and the importance of adapting skills for the future. The visit

also included a tour of the consulate. The day continued with a visit to the corporate headquarters of Magma Math in NYC, where the team graciously curated five interactive sessions for MBK. Mentees rotated through HR, customer success, curriculum, sales, and marketing, gaining real-world business insights and skills that can be applied across any career path.

The DMHS theater students performed “The Wiz” to a packed house! The students did exceptionally well and captured the true essence of the 1978 original which starred Diana Ross and Michael Jackson, adding their own flair of comedy and pizazz. This was the first acting debut for several students, but you couldn’t tell as they all presented with great precision and confidence.

Dr. Leroy McCloud Elementary School, Janis E. Dismus Middle School and Dwight Morrow High School performed for a joint Spring Concert in the DMHS Dizzy Gillespie Auditorium at Dwight Morrow High School. DMHS presented their concert chorus as well as their concert band. The auditorium was filled to capacity with proud family and friends.

Center for Food Action delivered a donation of two pallets of non-perishable food items to assist with the food distribution covering spring break for students. Students are out from April 3, 2026, returning on April 13, 2026. This was a tremendous help to ensure our students had well balanced meals to last throughout the 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

None.

New Business

Dr. Rosenzweig made a motion to approve the annual HVAC contract with Reiner. Approved by Ms. Maas, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. Approved.

Adjournment

At 8:11 pm, Mr. Pazant made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Maas. Approved.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2026, 7:30pm, Meeting Room 2 (Lower Level)