

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 13, 2008

Elwood-John H. Glenn High School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (7:35 p.m.)

Present:	Michael Kaszubski	President
	Joseph Fusaro	Vice President
	Dan Ciccone	Trustee
	Andrew L. Kaplan	Trustee
	Patricia Matos	Trustee
Staff:	David Cenerelli	Superintendent
	William Pastore	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Robert Annucci	Asst. Superintendent/Human Resources
	Patrick Scarola	Asst. Superintendent/Educational Services
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Dir. Administrative & Instructional Technology
	Peggy Pietzak	District Clerk

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. Work Session/Special Meeting – October 2, 2008
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes 0 nays.
2. Business Meeting – October 16, 2008
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded as amended. The motion carried 4 ayes 0 nays
1 abstention (Mr. Ciccone).

D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Mr. David J. Cenerelli
Digital portfolios and storytelling presentation.

There was a power outage on October 28th in all schools except Harley Avenue. A major concern is the inability to communicate between the buildings. I will be making recommendations to the Board that will address that concern.

There was a reported case of viral meningitis. It does not require any special cleaning or sanitizing. The District is required to notify Health Dept. and the student is then required to bring back necessary paperwork before returning to school. All other actions are at the discretion of the District.

Rumors of eliminating honors classes are false. We are exploring opportunities to expand, not eliminate, honors classes.

Elwood would have cuts of over \$600,000 if approved by the legislature. There will be discussions on budget contingency planning at the work sessions on 12/4/08 and 1/8/09.

We are exploring services that could be shared with other districts.

Amanda Rosen gave the student liaison report.

E. COMMENDATIONS -Special thanks to the Elwood Education Endowment, Elwood Booster Club, Elwood PTA Council, John Glenn Student Council and BAE for making donations to make it possible for the High School Robotics team to travel to Auburn University in Alabama to participate in the national competition.

F. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – (8:10 – 8:12)

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- No Recommended Items

H. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended September 30, 2008.
2. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended September 30, 2008.
3. Recommend the Board accept the Trial Balances for all funds as of September 30, 2008,
4. **and** the Board accept the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended September 30, 2008,
5. **and** the Board accept the Budget Status Report for the month ended September 30, 2008,
6. **and** the Board accept the Extra Classroom Fund Reports (High School and Middle School) for the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

Mrs. Matos moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes 0 nays.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS -- No Recommended Items

2. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Recommend the Board of Education approve personnel items excluding P8 d.
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes 0 nays.

Recommend the Board of Education approve personnel item P8 d.

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes 1 nay (Mr. Kaplan)

- b. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on September 11th, 19th, and 24th; October 8th, 14th, 22nd (2 meetings), 23rd, and 29th,

- c. **and** the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on July 10th (amended), September 25th, October 20th, 30th,

- d. **and** the Board approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes an agreement between the Elwood School District and the following school districts for Special Education services for the 2008-2009 school year, subject to the negotiation by counsel of a mutually acceptable agreement:

Commack UFSD	Central Islip UFSD
North Babylon UFSD	Cold Spring Harbor CSD
Mount Sinai UFSD	West Islip UFSD
Oyster Bay-East Norwich CSD	Northport-East Northport UFSD
Huntington UFSD	

Mrs. Matos moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes 0 nays.

- e. Recommend the Board approve the revised budget calendar to develop a budget for fiscal year 2009-2010.

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes 0 nays.

- f. Recommend the Board accept the following donations:

1. Donations from Target

- \$319.45 for use at James Boyd Intermediate School
- \$228.67 for use at Elwood Middle School
- \$367.03 for use at Harley Avenue Primary School

2. Miscellaneous items from David Klecher for use at Elwood Middle School

3. Equipment from the New York Islanders Hockey Club

4. Donations for Robotics Team to attend competition at Auburn University:

- \$2,000 from Elwood Education Endowment
- \$500 from PTA Council/John Glenn Student Council
- \$500 from BAE
- \$2,000 from Elwood Booster Club

Mrs. Matos moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes 0 nays.

- h. Recommend the Board approve the non-resident health service contract with Deer Park UFSD for three (3) students attending Sts. Cyril & Methodius School for 2008-2009,
- i. **and** the Board approve the July/August 2008 non-resident special education summer tuition agreement with Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District.
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes 0 nays.
- j. Recommend the Board approve the agreement with OMNI Financial Group Inc. to provide services as a third party administrator of Elwood UFSD's 403(b) plan.
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes 0 nays 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan).
- k. Recommend the Board approve the service agreement with Lunch Byte Systems, Inc. a/ka Nutrikids for a student meal payment program service,
- l. **and** the Board approve Board policy 1900 Parental Involvement (*second reading*).
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes 0 nays.

J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

K. COMMUNICATIONS

L. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – None

M. ADJOURNMENT – At 8:35 p.m. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mrs. Matos seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5 ayes 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak
District Clerk