

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Elwood, New York

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**December 10, 2009**

**Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- A. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**
1. Special Meeting – November 5, 2009
  2. Business Meeting – November 12, 2009
  3. Special Meeting – December 3, 2009
- D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** – Mr. Peter C. Scordo  
Holiday Performance by the High School choir and members of the honors ensemble of the band.
- E. COMMENDATIONS** – This section of the agenda gives the Board of Education an opportunity to publicly recognize and commend individuals for outstanding accomplishments or contributions made to Elwood schools. Tonight we recognize:  
*Claudia Geib*, 2009 Girls Going Places Entrepreneurship Award Finalist and self-published author of *Light Years*, a science fiction novel  
*James Deoquino* and *Robert Gilmor*, who with four students from other high schools, started a not-for-profit organization called “Caregivers for Life Inc.” to support family caregivers.  
Outstanding performances in the fall season (including county, league and Long Island championships) by the following athletic teams:  
*Varsity Girls’ Volleyball*  
*JV Girls’ Volleyball*  
*Varsity Boys’ Soccer*  
*JV Girls’ Soccer*  
*Varsity Football*  
In addition, all of our fall sports teams qualified for the Scholar-Athlete Team Award.
- F. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS** – The Board encourages all residents to attend its meetings, and this section of the agenda affords them the opportunity to speak. Persons wishing to speak should identify themselves and any organization they represent at the meeting. Comments should be kept as brief as possible and relate to school matters. Public discussion of matters relating to staff, students or others at which their reputations, privacy or right to due process could be in some way violated is prohibited. **(30 minutes)**
- 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 October 31, 2009.
  2. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended October 31, 2009.
  3. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended October 31, 2009.
  4. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the period ended October 31, 2009.
  5. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Trial Balances for all funds as of October 31, 2009.
  6. Recommend the Board approve the budgetary transfers.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

a. Personnel items:

<u>Retirement:</u>	Linda Osvald	English Teacher
<u>Resignation:</u>	Fred Hintze	School Transportation Coordinator
<u>Leaves:</u>	Kelly Dibiase	Reading Teacher
	Janet Weber	Social Studies Teacher
<u>Tenure:</u>	Jessica Deller	Students with Disabilities
	Joseph Pushee	Mathematics
<u>Appointments:</u>	Thomas Mattina	Part-time Mathematics Teacher
	Kevin Robey	Teaching Assistant
	Andrew Sotiriou	Social Studies Teacher
	Mary Stipe	Reading Teacher
	Danielle Palma	Paraprofessional

Other:

- Emergency appointments and reappointments
- Approve Theresa Lewis as the English AIS Tutor at the High School
- Approve Nicole Biscari as Mentor for John Day at Boyd
- Appoint Patrick Burke as Middle School Wrestling Assistant for first six weeks of spring season
- Approve clerical substitute rate of \$16.92 for Barbara Klinger and Rita Root effective December 1
- Approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Council of Elwood Administrators
- Approve addendum to the Schedule of Substitute Teachers/Nurses for the 2009/2010 school year
- Approve changes in the Table of Organization

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 October 14, November 2, 4, 5 (2 meetings), 12 (2 meetings), 13 (2 meetings), 16 (2 meetings), 17 (2 meetings), 18 and 23.

c. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on November 5 (3 meetings), 6, 9 (2 meetings) and 30.

d. Recommend the Board accept the donation of \$16,000 from the Elwood Booster Club for extra curricular items and programs throughout the district::

- \$2,700 wind screen for varsity football field
- \$2,700 new curtains for High School stage
- \$2,700 Harley playground fund
- \$2,500 projector for Harley cafetorium
- \$2,000 kiln for Middle School art room
- \$1,300 reference materials for Boyd library
- \$1,200 Project Wisdom Character Education Program at Boyd
- \$500 portable tennis court scoring system
- \$400 portable sound system for Middle School

The appropriate revenue and expenditure budget codes will be adjusted accordingly.

e. Recommend the Board accept the donation of \$2,450 the Elwood Youth Wrestling Club for buses transporting the varsity wrestling team to the Union Endicott dual meet in Binghamton, New York departing January 1, 2010 and returning January 3, 2010. The appropriate revenue and expenditure budget codes will be adjusted accordingly.

**J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

**K. COMMUNICATIONS**

**L. RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – limited to only items voted on and/or discussed at this business meeting.

**M. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a. Personnel matters

**N. ADJOURNMENT**