

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 14, 2010

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. Business Meeting – December 10, 2009
2. Special Meeting – January 7, 2010
- D. **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** – Mr. Peter C. Scordo
Update from the Office of Curriculum and Instruction -- The Elwood Data Assessment Value Added Plan – January 2010
- 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.
- 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 November 30, 2009.
2. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended November 30, 2009.
3. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended November 30, 2009.
4. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the period ended November 30, 2009.
5. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Trial Balances for all funds as of November 30, 2009.
- I. **NEW BUSINESS**
1. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
2. **ACTION ITEMS**
a. Personnel items:
Retirements: Pamela Hanuszek Physical Education and Health Teacher
Janine Seifert Elementary Teacher
Appointments: Stephen Rizzuto Technology Teacher
Anthony Gallo Chief Custodian
Other:
-- Emergency appointments and reappointments
-- Accept resignation of Philip Iconis, AIS Tutor at High School
-- Appoint Therese Regan as AIS Science Tutor at the High School

- *Accept resignation of Shari Coopersmith as Director of Student Activities*
- *Appoint Nancy Sherwood as Director of Student Activities*
- *Appoint Maria Aiello as Stage Manager for Elwood Middle School musical to replace Philip Iconis*
- *Approve Dana Barberis as substitute AIS Social Studies Tutor at the High School through Jan. 25*
- *Appoint Gina McManus and Kerrin Serenita as IBI instructors*
- *Appoint John Ledda as Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach*
- *Approve amendment to the employment agreement with Maryann Llewellyn*
- *Appoint co-curricular advisers for the High School musical: Brian Barteld (Musical Sets Design/ Painting and Sets Construction), Karen Gellert (Musical Pit Director), Donna Gorelick (Musical Rehearsal Accompanist)*
- *Appoint Joanna Sepp, Tara Viola and Kathleen Zorn as Kindergarten Enrichment Teachers for one hour per day*
- *Approve the addendum to the Schedule of Substitute Teachers/Nurses for 2009/2010*

- 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 November 4, 18 (2 meetings), 24, 30, December 1 (2 meetings), 11 15, 16, 22.
- 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 12, 24, December 7, 9 and 23.
- d. Recommend the Board approve the school calendar for the 2010/2011 school year.
- e. Recommend the Board appoint William Pastore as the Student Residency Officer and the Homeless Student Liaison Officer.
- f. Recommend the Board appoint Gene Tranchino as the Attendance Register Keeper.
- g. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, Section 18 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York authorizes municipal corporations, including boards of education, to adopt supplemental defense and indemnification provisions to those contained in the Education Law; and

WHEREAS, the statute authorizes boards of education to defend, indemnify and save harmless, members of boards of education and officers, agents and employees of boards of education; authorized parent volunteers; and members of the district's audit committee, in connection with any claims awards or judgments obtained against such board members, officers, agents or employees; authorized parent volunteers; members of school-based planning and shared decision making committees; and members of the district's audit committee in any State or Federal Court, in the amount of any judgment, award or settlement of any such claim, provided the act or omission from which such judgment, award or claim arose or occurred while the board member, officer, agent or employee or authorized parent volunteer; member of a school-based planning and shared decision making committee; or member of the district's audit committee was acting within the scope of his or her office or employment or authorized volunteer duties;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District hereby adopts the supplemental defense and indemnification provisions contained in Section 18 of the Public Officers Law for its board members, officers, agents and employees; authorized parent volunteers; members of school-based planning and shared decision making committees; and members of the district's audit committee. This coverage shall supplement and shall be in addition to the coverage available to such individuals under other enactments, including but not limited to the Education Law of the State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that supplemental hereto and an additional requisite to public office and employment, the Board hereby further extends the right to be defended and indemnified as provided in the Public Officers Law

§18 to board members, school officers, agents and employees who are requested or are called to testify as a witness or to answer questions concerning their acts or omissions within the scope of their office, agency or employment before a grand jury, the office of the District Attorney or other law enforcement official. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize or require defense or indemnification to a board member, school officer, agent or employee who has been identified as a defendant in a pending criminal prosecution or where such individual, or the school district, has reason to believe that such individual is a target in a criminal investigation or prosecution by the Office of the District Attorney or other law enforcement entity.”

- h. Recommend the Board approve the following trips:
 - 1. Elwood-John H. Glenn High School Chorus trip to participate in the Six Flags New England Chorus Performance held in Agawam, MA on Friday, April 16, 2010.
 - 2. Elwood John H. Glenn High School Orchestra trip to participate in the North American Music Festival held in Norfolk, Virginia from April 16 to 17, 2010.
 - 3. Elwood-John H. Glenn High School Band and Kickline trip to participate in the Dorney Park Marching Band Festival held in Allentown, Pennsylvania from May 22 to May 23, 2010.
- i. Recommend the Board approve the revised District-wide School Safety Plan.
- j. Recommend the Board accept the following donations:
 - 1. \$19,195 from the James H. Boyd Intermediate School PTA for the Arts-in-Education/Cultural Arts Program;
 - 2. \$7,000 worth of computer equipment from the James H. Boyd Intermediate School PTA for the Publishing Center at Boyd;
 - 3. \$30,000 from the Elwood Education Endowment Corp.;
 - 4. approximately \$40,000 worth of used office furniture from Pall Corporation.
- k. Recommend the Board approve the fuel agreement with the Town of Huntington for the 2009/2010 year.
- m. Recommend the Board adopt the following policies (*first reading*):
 - 0115 *Anti-Hazing Policy - (JICFA)*
 - 1500 *Public Use of School Facilities*
 - 1500-R *Regulation*
 - 2160 *District Member Code of Ethics - (2160 and BBFA)*
 - 2160-R *Regulation*
 - 2245 *High School Student Liaison - (JIBBA)*
 - 2260 *Board Subcommittees - (BDE)*
 - 4311 *School Board Policy Recognizing the Civic Mission of Their Schools - (ADA)*
 - 4316.1 *Exclusion of Athletes from Physical Education - (IGAF)*
 - 4316.1-R *Regulation*
 - 4740 *Honor Rolls - (IKD)*
 - 4740.1 *Honor Society*
 - 4751 *Honors Program - (IGCC)*
 - 4810 *Teaching About Controversial Issues - (INB)*
 - 5205 *Student Academic/Behavioral Eligibility for Participation in Interscholastic and Co-Curricular Activities - (IGD)*
 - 5205-R *Regulation*
 - 5405.1 *District Health and Nutrition Advisory Committee - (IAB)*
 - 5425 *Use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) - (JLC)*
 - 5425-R *Regulation*
 - 6685 *False Claims, Fraud Prevention and Detection (Medicaid)*
 - 8414.4 *Video Recording Equipment on School Buses - (EEA)*
 - 8414-R *Regulation*
 - 9500.1 *Confidential Personnel – Employment Provisions - (GDBF)*
 - 9520.2 *Family and Medical Leave Act - (GBN)*
 - 9520.2-R *Regulation*
 - 9620 *Conditional and Emergency Conditional Employment of Staff*

- l. Recommend the Board make the adoption of policy 6685 False Claims, Fraud Prevention and Detection, effective immediately, as provided for in policy 2410: "The Board will not take any official action on any policy on first reading, unless a majority of the Board decides that it is necessary to do so."
- m. Recommend the Board approve the IRS Standard Mileage Rate for 2010 at 50 cents per business mile driven.

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