

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AND BUDGET ADOPTION FOR THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR  
APRIL 10, 2014  
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President

**B. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk (7:40 p.m.)

Present:	Joseph Fusaro Dan Ciccone Andrew L. Kaplan William Gutekunst Michael LaMena	President Vice President Trustee (7:45 p.m.) Trustee Trustee
Staff:	Peter C. Scordo Keri Loughlin Gary Furman Diane Wilkinson Gene Tranchino Nancy Mancini	Superintendent Asst. Superintendent/Business Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum Exec. Director/ Special Education Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation District Clerk

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

**(TAB A)**

1. Business Meeting – March 20, 2014

Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve the March 20, 2014 minutes. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**D. 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 honor:

**Emily Taylor** – Pole Vault, Suffolk County Champion

**Sarah Hardie** – 800 Meter, Suffolk County Champion

**Edwin Rubio** – Suffolk County Heavyweight Wrestling Champion

Mr. Lauro's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class – Reporters for Newday's Kidsday:

**Lizbeth Almendarez**  
**Avery Brunswick**  
**Amanda Durham**  
**Justin Gambardella**  
**Dimitrios Mihalios**  
**Emma O'Hara**  
**Nicholas Pincott**  
**Evan Tartaglia**  
**Thomas Zabransky**

**Lila Mae Bloom**  
**Daniel Claffey**  
**Ryan Eno**  
**Jack Kaufmann**  
**Claire Murphy**  
**Penelope Pando**  
**Sahmya Rosier**  
**Matthew Todaro**  
**Lindsay Zolga**

**Matthew Boccard**  
**Erica Coffey**  
**John Flanagan**  
**Ashley Mammolito**  
**Veronica Ng**  
**Jacob Pennoyer**  
**Jack Schelin**  
**Juliana Weber**

**E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. James H. Boyd Intermediate School PTA donation of \$458.70 to fund the purchase of three Heinemann Comprehension Tool Kits
2. Elwood Middle School PTA donations of \$140 and \$210 to fund Elwood Middle School Recreation Nights

**F. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS / SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA – Mr. Peter C. Scordo**

1. Report from Giro Dilillo, Student Liaison

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to move Resident's Remarks after Presentations and Discussion Item. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**G. PRESENTATIONS --**

1. **BBS to present Energy Performance Contract (EPC) timeline**

**H. DISCUSSION ITEMS --**

Budget overview, including

- a) Discussion of State Aid and legislative adjustments affecting K-12
- b) Finalization of the 2014-15 budget

**I. RESIDENT'S REMARKS**

**J. BUDGET ADOPTION**

Recommend the Board adopt the following proposed resolution to submit the 2014/2015 budget to the district voters:

***BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elwood Board of Education submit the proposed 2014/2015 budget to the district voters on May 20, 2014 in the amount of \$58,634,724.00 and***

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education submit the proposed tax report card as required by Sections 1608,1716(7) and 2601-a(3) of the Education Law.***

<p><b><i>NOTE: This budget represents a 2.8 % increase over the 2013-14 budget and a \$1,599,432.00 increase in spending over the 2013-14 budget.</i></b></p>
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Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve the Budget Adoption and tax report card. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**K. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(TAB B)**

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
  - a) Treasurer's Report for the month ended March 31, 2014.
  - b) **and** Revenue Report for the month ended March 31, 2014.
  - c) **and** Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended March 31, 2014.
  - d) **and** Budget Status Report for the month ended March 31, 2014.
  - e) **and** Trial Balances Report for the month ended March 31, 2014.
  - f) **and** Federal Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, as prepared by the firm Cullen & Danowski, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.
  - g) **and** Executive Summary for the month ended March 31, 2014.
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**L. ACTION ITEMS**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following business matters be approved:

**1. Personnel Agenda** -- as per attached

**(TAB C)**

**2. Special Education**

a. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services:

Submitted to the Board

March 17

March 19

March 21

March 25

March 31

April 1

Meeting Dates

February 14 (2 meetings)

January 15

March 11, 18

March 19, 21

February 7, March 3, 12, 18, 19, 26

February 10 (2 meetings), 28

b. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services:

Submitted to the Board

March 24

March 27

March 28

Meeting Dates

March 11(5 meetings)

March 11

March 18 (2 meetings)

**3. Business Agenda** -- as per attached

**(TAB D)**

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve Action Items 1 – 3. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**M. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

**N. COMMUNICATIONS** -- None

**O. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**P. EXECUTIVE SESSION** -- None

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:38 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini  
District Clerk