

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 14, 2010

Elwood Middle 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
	Patricia Matos (7:38 p.m.)	Trustee
	Andrew Kaplan	Tustee
Staff:	Peter C. Scordo	Superintendent
	William Pastore	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Robert Annucci	Asst. Superintendent/Human Resources
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Dir. Adm. &Instructional Technology
	Maryann Llewellyn	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Peggy Pietzak	District Clerk

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Business Meeting – December 10, 2009
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Special Meeting – January 7, 2010
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Mr. Peter C. Scordo
Update from the Office of Curriculum and Instruction by Mrs. Maryann Llewellyn -- The Elwood Data Assessment Value Added Plan – January 2010**

Phil Leggio, student liaison, gave his report.

E. COMMENDATIONS – None

F. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – None

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- No Recommended Items

H. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

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. Recommend the Board approve Personnel items **(TAB C)**
- b. **and** the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on November 4th, 18th (2 meetings), 24th, 30th, December 1st (2 meetings), 11th, 15th, 16th, 22nd,
- 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 November 12th, 24th, December 7th, 9th, and 23rd. Mrs. Matos moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- d. Recommend the Board approve the school calendar for the 2010/2011 school year. **(TAB D)**
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Kaplan).
- e. Recommend the Board appoint William Pastore as the Student Residency Officer and the Homeless Student Liaison Officer,
- f. **and** the Board appoint Gene Tranchino as the Attendance Register Keeper,
- g. **and** 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.”

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

- h. Recommend the Board approve the following trips: **(TAB E)**
 - 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.

Mrs. Matos moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- i. Recommend the Board approve the revised District-wide School Safety Plan. **(TAB F)**
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- j. Recommend the Board accept the following donations: **(TAB G)**
 - 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.

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- k. Recommend the Board approve the fuel agreement with the Town of Huntington for the 2009/2010 year. **(TAB H)**
Mrs. Matos moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to table. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- l. Recommend the Board adopt the following policies *(first reading)*: **(TAB I)**
 - 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

Mrs. Matos moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to table. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- m. 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." (TAB J)

- n. **and** the Board approve the IRS Standard Mileage Rate for 2010 at 50 cents per business mile driven. (TAB K)
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- o. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute, on behalf of the Board of Education, a certain first amendment to the employment agreement between Peter C. Scordo, Interim Superintendent of Schools, and the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District.
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- p. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Peter C. Scordo is herewith appointed Superintendent of Schools for a term of five years commencing on July 1, 2010 to and including June 30, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is herewith authorized to execute, on behalf of the Board of Education, an employment agreement between Peter C. Scordo and the Elwood Union Free School District, which agreement shall be effective July 1, 2010.
Mrs. Matos moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

K. COMMUNICATIONS

L. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – (8:30 – 8:33 p.m.)

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 8:33 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

At 10:10 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go out of executive session. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Kaszubski seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Virginia Cancroft as of July 1, 2010. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- N. **ADJOURNMENT** – At 10:11 p.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Matos seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak
District Clerk

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