

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 11, 2010

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

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (7:32 P.M.)

Present:	Michael Kaszubski	President
	Joseph Fusaro	Vice President
	Patricia Matos	Trustee
	Andrew L. Kaplan	Trustee
Absent:	Dan Ciccone	Trustee
Staff:	Peter C. Scordo	Superintendent
	William Pastore	Asst. Superintendent /Business
	Robert Annucci	Asst. Superintendent/Human Resources
	Maryann Llewellyn	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Dir. Adm. & Instructional Technology
	Peggy Pietzak	District Clerk

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Business Meeting – January 14, 2010 (amended to correct typo in ***Tab D***)
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Business Meeting – February 11, 2010
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays,
1 abstention (Mr. Fusaro).

D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Mr. Peter C. Scordo

1. Elwood Education Endowment presentation to grant recipients
2. Report from Philip Leggio, Student Liaison

E. COMMENDATIONS – This evening we honored:

- *Varsity Wrestling Team* (presentation by Mr. Tuorto and County Legislator Steven Stern)
- NYSSMA All-State Musicians:
 - *Alex Jenks – Trombone (Band)*
 - *Rachel Abrams – Harp (Orchestra) and Soprano II (Alternate)*

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 January 31, 2010.
2. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended January 31, 2010.
3. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended January 31, 2010.
4. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the month ended January 31, 2010.

5. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Trial Balances for all funds as of December 31, 2009.
 6. Recommend the Board acknowledge the receipt for audit of the Extra Classroom Fund Reports (High School and Middle School) for the quarter ended December 31, 2009.
 7. Recommend the Board approve the budgetary transfers.
- Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. High School – discussion related to the purchase of the next generation of the current school management system (E-School Student Management System)
- b. High School – potential solution for correcting current disincentive for some students to enroll in elective courses
- c. High School/Middle School – possible change of alpha grading system to numerical system effective September 1, 2010

2. ACTION ITEMS

- a. 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 January 13th, February 3rd, January 20th (2 meetings),

- 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 January 21st and February 24th.,

- d. **and** the Board adopt the proposed resolution to set dates for the 2010 Public Budget Hearing on May 6, 2010 and for the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 18, 2010, **(TAB D)**

- e. **and** the Board adopt the proposed resolution appointing the members of the Board of Registration for the Annual District Election, **(TAB E)**

- f. **and** the Board adopt the proposed resolution appointing the Permanent Chairperson and other personnel to act at the Budget Hearing and Annual Vote and Election. **(TAB F)**
 Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

- g. Recommend the Board accept the following donations: **(TAB G)**
 - a. approximately 225 dictionaries and one 9’ x 11’ color carpet of the United States from Verizon Telecom Pioneers for use at James H. Boyd Intermediate School;
 - b. \$14,142 from the Harley Avenue Primary School PTA for the Cultural Arts Program being provided at Harley Avenue Primary School.
 Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

- h. Recommend the Board approve the following health services contracts for students residing in Elwood and attending private/parochial schools: **(TAB H)**

<i>Hicksville UFSD</i>	<i>3 students</i>	<i>\$1,573.92</i>
<i>West Islip</i>	<i>1 student</i>	

- i. **and** the Board approve the Western Suffolk BOCES Cooperative Bidding Resolution for Tutorial and Special Education Services for the 2010/2011 school year, **(TAB I)**

- j. **and** the Board approve the disposal of outdated books and materials located in the book room at James H. Boyd Intermediate School, **(TAB J)**

- k. **and** the Board approve the Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program Resolution “A” – CoSer 612 with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the 2010/2011 school year, **(TAB K)**

- l. **and** the Board approve the agreements with Hampton Jitney, Inc. for a 5th grade trip to the Museum of Natural History in New York City on June 3, 2010, (TAB L)
- m. **and** the Board approve the fuel agreement with the Town of Huntington for the 2009/2010 year. (TAB M)
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.
- n. Recommend the Board adopt the following policies (*first reading*): (TAB N)
- 0115 *Anti-Hazing Policy - (JICFA)*
 - 1500 *Public Use of School Facilities*
 - 2160 *District Member Code of Ethics - (2160 and BBFA)*
 - 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)*
 - 4740 *Honor Rolls - (IKD)*
 - 4740.1 *Honor Society*
 - 4751 *Honors Program - (IGCC)*
 - 4810 *Teaching About Controversial Issues - (INB)*
 - 5100 *Attendance*
 - 5205 *Student Academic/Behavioral Eligibility for Participation in Interscholastic and Co-Curricular Activities - (IGD)*
 - 5405.1 *District Health and Nutrition Advisory Committee - (IAB)*
 - 5425 *Use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) - (JLC)*
 - 8414.4 *Video Recording Equipment on School Buses - (EEA)*
 - 9260 *Conditional and Emergency Conditional Employment of Staff*
 - 9500.1 *Confidential Personnel – Employment Provisions - (GDBF)*
 - 9520.2 *Family and Medical Leave Act - (GBN)*
- Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.
- o. Recommend the Board approve Donna Kelly as a Parent Member on the Committee for Special Education and the Committee for Preschool Special Education for the 2009-2010 school year, (TAB O)
- p. **and** the Board approve Jessica Frost as a Chairperson on the Committee on Special Education for the 2009/2010 school year, (TAB P)
- q. **and** the Board approve the schedule of dates for Board of Education meetings for 2010/2011. (TAB Q)
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

K. COMMUNICATIONS

L. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – (9:05 – 9:30 p.m.)

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 9:37 p.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Matos seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

N. ADJOURNMENT – At 12:46 a.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak
District Clerk