

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

**April 15, 2010**

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (7:33 p.m.)**

Present:	Michael Kaszubski	President
	Joseph Fusaro	Vice President
	Dan Ciccone	Trustee
	Andrew L. Kaplan	Trustee
	Patricia Matos	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 O)**

1. Business Meeting – March 11, 2010  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Special Meeting – March 25, 2010  
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. Fusaro).
3. Work Session/Special Meeting – April 8, 2010  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan).

**D. REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1. Statement regarding the appointment of the Superintendent

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

1. Update regarding
  - Reconfiguring the current HS weighting formula
  - Moving from alpha grading to numerical grading (grades 6-12)
  - Use of the next generation of E-School Student Management System
2. Cara Marsicano, as student liaison, gave her report.

**F. COMMENDATIONS – The wrestling team was named team of the year. T.J. Brocking was awarded Varsity Wrestling Coach of the Year, and Bill Davey was awarded Junior Varsity Wrestling Coach of the Year for Suffolk County. Matthew Fusaro, Nick Meinsen, Joseph Kohout, and Alex Rosenberg received scholarships from the Wrestling Coaches Association. Suffolk County Coaches Association awarded Louis Tuorto Administrator of The Year.**

**G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – (7:52 – 9:10 p.m.)**

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- No Recommended Items**

**I. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(TAB P)**

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended February 28, 2010.
2. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended February 28, 2010.
3. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended February 28, 2010.
4. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the month ended February 28, 2010.
5. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Trial Balances for all funds as of February 28, 2010.

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. 2010-2011 budget presented by Mr. Pastore.

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Personnel items

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approved personnel items excluding item P3A. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to table personnel item P3A. The motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Kaszubski).

- 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 March 2 (3 meetings), 4, 8, 10 (2 meetings), 15 (2 meetings), 16, 17, 24, and 25 (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 March 11<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup> (2 meetings).  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- d. Recommend the Board adopt the following proposed Resolution to submit the 2010-2011 budget to the district voters:

***BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elwood Board of Education submit the proposed 2010/2011 budget to the district voters on May 18, 2010 in the amount of \$51,914,687 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.***

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Kaszubski), 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan).

- e. Recommend the Board approve the proposed contract with Visionary Adventure Inc. for the Project Adventure athletic program.  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- f. Recommend the Board accept the following donations:

- a. \$1,091.08 from James H. Boyd Intermediate School PTA to create an *Arts in Education* ceramic tile project.
- b. \$1,239.30 from Computer Equipment Services, Inc. to be used for door bars for the "Virtual Receptionist" project.

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

- g. Recommend the Board approve the following health services contracts for students residing in Elwood and attending private/parochial schools:

<i>Jericho UFSD</i>	<i>2 students</i>	<i>\$1,837.02</i>
<i>Westbury UFSD</i>	<i>2 students</i>	<i>\$1,660.16</i>

**(TAB Q)**

**(TAB R)**

**(TAB S)**

**(TAB T)**

- h. **and** the Board approve Camille Racioppi as Internal Claims Auditor for the 2010/2011 school year, at the rate of \$35.00 per hour, with an estimated annual cost of \$7,000, (TAB U)
- i. **and** the Board approve the proposed Art Department trip to France and Spain during the 2010/2011 spring recess period, April 14 through 21, 2011, (TAB V)
- j. **and** the Board approve the Board approve Nawrocki & Smith as external auditors for the 2009-2010 school year for a fee of \$38,000. (TAB W)  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- k. Recommend the Board adopt the following policies (*second reading*) excluding Policy 1500 and 4316.1. (TAB X)

- 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)*
- 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 Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**K. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

**L. COMMUNICATIONS**

**M. RESIDENTS' REMARKS –(10:47 p.m. – 12:20 a.m.)**

**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 12:22 a.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss labor and personnel matters. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.**

At 12:56 a.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to leave executive session. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to accept Gina DiPalo's resignation, Item P3A. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**O. ADJOURNMENT – At 12:58 a.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak  
District Clerk