

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 24, 2013
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

B. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (7:34 p.m.)

Present:	Joseph Fusaro	Trustee
	Dan Ciccone	Trustee
	Andrew Kaplan	Trustee
	William Gutekunst	Trustee
	Michael LaMena	Trustee
 Staff:	 Peter C. Scordo	 Superintendent
	William Pastore	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Gary Furman	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Diane Wilkinson	Exec. Director/ Special Education
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation
	Nancy Mancini	District Clerk

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Special Meeting – June 20, 2013
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2013. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Mr. LaMena and Mr. Ciccone)
2. Special Meeting -- August 15, 2013
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2013. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
3. Special Meeting/Work Session -- September 12, 2013
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2013. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Ciccone)
4. Business Meeting -- September 26, 2013
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2013. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Gutekunst)
5. Special Meeting/Work Session -- October 10, 2013
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the minutes of October 10, 2013. The motion carried 5 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:

1. ***The Elwood Board of Education for their dedication to the children and residents of Elwood***
2. ***Ryan Harrigan, selected as an All-National Choral Performer***
3. ***Students selected for NYSSMA All-State:***

<i>Solomon Choi</i>	<i>Violoncello</i>	<i>Symphony Orchestra</i>
<i>Lukas Shrout</i>	<i>Viola</i>	<i>Symphony Orchestra</i>
<i>Alissa Liebler</i>	<i>Alto II</i>	<i>Mixed Chorus</i>
<i>Jasmine Pigott</i>	<i>Alto I</i>	<i>Mixed Chorus</i>
<i>Colleen Proietto</i>	<i>Soprano II</i>	<i>Mixed Chorus</i>
<i>Thomas O'Rourke</i>	<i>Bassoon</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
<i>Jasmine Pigott</i>	<i>Tuba</i>	<i>Alternate</i>

E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. Garden statues donated by Anastasio Mason Supply
2. Tree in memory of Maryann Llewellyn from Preserving Elwood Now, part of Greater Huntington Civic Group
3. \$5,000 from Elwood Booster Club, Inc. for the high school varsity baseball field reconditioning
4. \$10,000 from Elwood Booster Club Inc. for the homework clubs at Boyd and the Middle School and the media club at the Middle School

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

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS - None

H. PRESENTATIONS --

1. Review of Audit Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2013 by Cullen & Danowski

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS -- None

J. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a) Treasurer's Report for the month ended June 30, 2013
 - b) Revenue Report for the month ended June 30, 2013
 - c) Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended June 30, 2013
 - d) Budget Status Report for the month ended June 30, 2013
 - e) Trial Balances Report for the month ended June 30, 2013
 - f) Appropriation Summary for the month ended June 30, 2013
 - g) Extraclassroom Report for the month and quarter ended June 30, 2013

K. 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
October 2

Meeting Dates
September 25, 27, 30, October 1

- 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
August 16
October 2

Meeting Dates
August 7
April 5, 16

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve action items 1 & 2.
The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education makes the following appointments:
Andrew L. Kaplan and Michael LaMena as members of the Audit Committee for 2013-14.

Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to approve Mr. Kaplan as a member of the 2013-2014 Audit Committee. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan).

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve Mr. LaMena as a member of the 2013-2014 Audit Committee. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. LaMena).

4. Recommend the Board approve the following resolutions:

(TAB D)

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Elwood Board of Education accepts the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, as prepared by the firm Cullen & Danowski, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.”

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Elwood Board of Education accepts the Corrective Action Plan for 2012/2013.”

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to approve the resolutions to accept the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 and the Corrective Action Plan for 2012/2013. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

5. Recommend that the Board approve the following resolution:

“WHEREAS, the Elwood Union Free School District is a party to certain collective bargaining agreements and individual employee contracts which provide for the District's provision of life insurance and/or long term disability insurance;

WHEREAS, the District seeks to change insurance providers to offer increased benefits to its employees and continue to meet its contractual obligations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the establishment of life insurance and long term disability insurance policies with First Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes termination of the agreement with Guardian Life Insurance Company of America for its life insurance and long term disability insurance policies, effective upon the date of coverage for such policies from First Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business to execute the application to, and subsequent agreement with, First Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company for the aforementioned policies.”

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve action item 5.
The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan).

6. Recommend the Board adopt the following revised policies (*second reading*):

(TAB E)

Policy Number	Title
1050	Annual District Election and Budget Vote
4321.7	Districtwide and Statewide Assessments of Students with Disabilities
5220	School Sponsored Student Expression
5500	Student Records
6100	Annual Budget
6150	Budget Transfers
6240	Investments
6255	Gifts and Grants
6690-E	Audit Committee Charter
6700	Purchasing
8334	Use of District Credit Cards
8630	Computer Resources
9240	Recruiting and Hiring

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

(TAB F)

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve action items 6 and 7. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

L. **ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

M. **COMMUNICATIONS** -- None

N. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** -- None

O. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 8:28 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

P. **ADJOURNMENT** – At 9:51 p.m., Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk