

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 30, 2014  
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

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

**B. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (7:39 p.m.)**

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

**(TAB A)**

1. Special Meeting/Work Session – November 7, 2013 - tabled
2. Business Meeting – December 12, 2013 - tabled
3. Special Meeting/Work Session – January 9, 2014  
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to approve the January 9, 2014 minutes. The motion carried 3 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 recognize:

*Students at Boyd who read the book Running Out of Time and worked collaboratively to create websites, including book reviews, which are now shared with the public through a display at the Elwood Public Library:*

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b><i>Rithika Narayan</i></b>   | <b><i>Lindsay Zolga</i></b>  |
| <b><i>Andrew Mullan</i></b>     | <b><i>William Tella</i></b>  |
| <b><i>Jake Haddad</i></b>       | <b><i>Daniel Rourke</i></b>  |
| <b><i>Theodore Flore</i></b>    | <b><i>Kathryn Kuroda</i></b> |
| <b><i>Christopher Dunne</i></b> | <b><i>Jack Schelin</i></b>   |
| <b><i>Molly Miller</i></b>      |                              |

**All-State Athletes:**

***Max Karen*** (Soccer)  
***Stephanie Viteritti*** (Volleyball)  
***Simi Familusi*** (Volleyball)  
***Sarah Hardie*** (Cross Country)  
***Matthew Choinski*** (football)

**E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. **Elwood Booster Club** donations:
  - a. \$2,200 to fund the "Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?" Program for Harley Avenue Primary School
  - b. \$5,000 for math manipulatives and educational materials at Boyd Intermediate School
  - c. \$3,850 for the homework club at Boyd Intermediate School
  - d. \$1,300 towards the High School sound system or for student council, student clubs and/or special programs such as anti-bullying initiatives
  - e. \$2,500 towards the High School sound system or for student council, student clubs and/or special programs such as anti-bullying initiatives
  - f. \$2,800 for the purchase of windscreens and chain link wall pads for the High School varsity baseball field
2. **Box Tops for Education** donation of \$984.20 for the Harley Avenue Primary School
3. **Elwood Middle School PTA** donation of \$3,000 for the courtyard furniture project
4. **Target Take Charge of Education** donations:
  - a. \$37 for Harley Avenue Primary School
  - b. \$1,340.39 for Harley Avenue Primary School (Give With Target program)
  - c. \$655.68 for James H. Boyd Intermediate School (Give With Target program)
5. **Stop & Shop A+Rewards** donation of \$41.58 for Elwood-John Glenn High School
6. **ASSET** (Association of Suffolk County Supervisors for Educational Technologies Inc.) award of \$800 to Donna Fife to purchase e-books for the Middle School library

**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 - absent

**G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**H. PRESENTATIONS -- *Budget Workshop #3***

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Fee schedule for use of buildings

**(TAB B)**

**J. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(TAB C)**

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
  - a) Treasurer's Report for the months ended October and November, 2013
  - b) Revenue Report for the months ended October and November, 2013
  - c) Trial Balance Report for the period July 1 – November 30, 2013.
  - d) Budget Status Report for the months ended October and November, 2013
  - e) Executive Summary to November 30, 2013
  - f) Extraclassroom Activity Reports for the Middle School and High School for the quarter ended December 31, 2013
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.  
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

**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  
Included edited Addendum III to reflect a change from reading sub teacher to reading part-time teacher.

**(TAB D)**

**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

December 9

December 10

December 16

December 27

January 2

January 7

January 8

January 13

January 16

Meeting Dates

October 23

November 6, 15, December 4

November 6, 20

October 31

November 21

November 7

December 17

November 26, December 18

December 19

- 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

December 13

January 9

Meeting Dates

December 10

December 10, 17 (4 meetings)

3. Recommend the Board approve the calendar for the 2014-15 school year. **(TAB E)**

4. Action item: draft letter from the Board of Education to the Town of Huntington regarding the change of zone application before the Town of Huntington for the Oak Tree Dairy property. **(TAB F)**

5. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached **(TAB G)**  
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. LaMena seconded to motion to approve Action items 1-5.  
The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

**L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

**M. COMMUNICATIONS** -- None

**N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION** - withdrawn

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:15 p.m., Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini  
District Clerk