

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 27, 2014
Elwood Middle School Auditorium**

*(immediately after the 7:30 p.m. hearing on a
possible exemption for veterans)*

MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – 8:03 p.m.

Present:	Joseph Fusaro	President
	Dan Ciccone	Vice President
	Andrew L. Kaplan	Trustee
	William Gutekunst	Trustee
	Michael LaMena	Trustee

B. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Draft letter to legislators regarding the GEA (Gap Elimination Adjustment)
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the letter.
The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

C. ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to change the order of the action items as indicated below. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

1. Possible Resolution:

WHEREAS, veterans have provided an invaluable service to this country by risking their lives to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this service and the sacrifices that it entailed, on December 18, 2013 Governor Cuomo signed a bill to allow school districts to partially exempt property owned by certain qualified veterans; and

WHEREAS, such bill requires the governing body of a school district to pass a resolution to adopt such bill; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Elwood School District does hereby adopt the exemption provided for in Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") §458-a.

Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve the resolution.
The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2. Recommend the Board approve the personnel agenda
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the personnel agenda. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

(TAB A)

3. Recommend the Board approve the revised APPR plan for 2013-14 pending successful negotiations by the Superintendent with the Elwood Teachers Association and the Council of Elwood Administrators.

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to approve the revised APPR plan. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

D. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:23 p.m., Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to go in to executive session to discuss negotiations. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

At 10:25 p.m., Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to go out of executive session and vote on the agreement with the Elwood Paraprofessional Association. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

At 10:26 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to go back into executive session. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

F. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:26 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Loughlin
Deputy District Clerk