

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**September 18, 2014**  
**Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President, 7:36 p.m.

**B. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk

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

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

1. Special Meeting – April 28, 2014  
 Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to approve the April 28, 2014 minutes.  
 The motion carried 3, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mrs. Fried)
2. Special Meeting – May 20, 2014 - tabled
3. Business Meeting – June 19, 2014 - tabled
4. Reorganization/Business Meeting – July 1, 2014  
 Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to approve the July 1, 2014 minutes.  
 The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.
5. Special Meeting – July 21, 2014  
 Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to approve the July 21, 2014 minutes.  
 The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Fusaro)
6. Business Meeting – August 28, 2014 - tabled

**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:

National Merit Semifinalists: ***Kelsey Hackett and Bridget Leighton***

*Students from the high school's technology program who collaborated with BAE Systems and Toys of Hope Children's Charity to create a sign for the charity's new storefront and a raffle wheel to support their fundraising efforts. Student who were honored by BAE along with Mr. Abbate are:*

**Marc Lehmuller**  
**Andrew Malakassis**  
**Christopher Regan**  
**Miranda Rusinski**  
**Lucas Schindlar**

**E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. Elwood Booster Club donation totaling \$11,871 to fund International Club, Robotics Club, TV/Media Club and Morning Homework Club at Elwood Middle School
2. Elwood Booster Club donation totaling \$1,145 to fund the purchase of five Hovercam T3 Document Cameras for Harley Avenue Primary School.
3. Target Take Charge of Education donation of \$501.57 to fund materials and supplies at James H. Boyd Intermediate School.
4. Target Take Charge of Education donation of \$603.17 to fund library materials and supplies at Elwood Middle School.
5. Target Take Charge of Education donation of \$382.18 to fund co-curricular contractual expenses at Elwood-John Glenn High School.

**F. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS / SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA** – Mr. Peter C. Scordo

1. Report from Brooke Thornhill, Student Liaison

**G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**H. PRESENTATIONS**

1. K-8 Curriculum Mapping Project (2013-14) -- Mrs. Fine and Mrs. Kelly-Gorman
2. 2013-14 New York State test results grades 3-8 -- Dr. Furman
3. Teacher effectiveness ratings

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS** -- None

**J. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(TAB B)**

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
  - a) Treasurer's Reports for the months ended June 30, July 31 and August 31, 2014
  - b) **and** Revenue Reports for the year ending June 30, 2014 and for the period July 1 through August 31, 2014
  - c) **and** Cash Flow Reports for general funds for the year ended June 30, 2014 and for the months ended July 31 and August 31, 2014
  - d) **and** Budget Status Reports for the year ended June 30, 2014 and for the period July 1 through August 31, 2014
  - e) **and** Trial Balances Reports for the year ended June 30, 2014 and for the months ended July 31 and August 31, 2014.
  - f) **and** Executive Summaries for the year ended June 30, 2014 and for the months ended July 31 and August 31, 2014.
  - g) **and** Extraclassroom Reports for the quarter and year ended June 30, 2014.
2. **and** Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to approve Financial Matters 1-2. The motion carried 4 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

**(TAB C)**

**Including – Aubrey Fisher as CSE chairperson**

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

Meeting Dates

August 22

February 24, 26, 27 (2 meetings); April 30 (2 meetings); May 14, 21

September 5

January 29 (2 meetings), 31; February 26; March 7, 27; April 8; May 5, 12 (2 meetings), 14, 15, 21, 30; June 2, 3, 6 (2 meetings), 9, 11 (3 meetings), 23, 25, 26

September 9

February 7, 14, 26; March 6, 13, 20, 26 (3 meetings); April 1; May 5, 15, 21, 22, 27 (5 meetings); June 23; July 14, 24; August 8

3. Recommend the Board approve the following members to the Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee for 2014-15 and appoint a chairperson:

Andrew L. Kaplan  
Jim Cameron  
Mike Kaszubski  
Tim Mayette  
Ken Rubin

Sharmila Amico  
Bill Comeau  
Tom Krumpter  
Steven Navon  
Darren Szokoli

Julie Badlato  
Laura Fisher  
Heather Mammalito  
Emily Porter  
Christopher Vela

**Additional member – Howard Koenig**

4. Recommend the Board approve the following policy (*first and second reading*):  
*Policy 9510 Pay Rates for Temporary, Substitute and Student Employees*

**(TAB D)**

5. Recommend the Board designate Julia Fried as its voting delegate for the Annual Business Meeting of the New York State School Boards Association to be held in New York City on October 27, 2014.

6. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

**“BE IT RESOLVED** that the Elwood Board of Education approve the Town of Huntington 2014/15 tax levy in the amount of \$42,669,999, **and** that the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education.”

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

**(TAB E)**

Mr. LaMena moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve Action Items 1-7 as amended. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

**M. COMMUNICATIONS** -- None

**N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:00 p.m., Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters and negotiations. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

At 10:10 p.m., Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to exit Executive Session. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**ACTION ITEM**

The Board voted on the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District hereby approves the terms and conditions of a Stipulation of Settlement resolving a certain matter between the District and the parents of a youngster classified by the District's CSE and identified by student number 000400722; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to execute the stipulation of settlement as approved on the District's behalf.

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the stipulation. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:11 p.m., Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini  
District Clerk