

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 12, 2006

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (8:10)

Present	Michael Kaszubski Joseph Fusaro Dina Annunziata Julie Badlato Dan Ciccone	President Vice President Trustee Trustee Trustee
Staff	Dr. William Swart Dr. Howard Koenig Robert Annucci John Hogan David Cenerelli Louis Tourto Peggy Pietzak	Superintendent Acting Assistant Superintendent/Business Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director/Special Education Director Physical Education/Athletics District Clerk

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(TAB A)

1. Regular Business Meeting – September 14, 2006
Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Dr. William J. Swart

Program: Phase II Technology – Mr. Tranchino.

Report from student liaison Jed Mangal.

October is Board of Education recognition month statewide. Thanks to all the Board members.

November 7th is Superintendent's Conference Day. Safety plans, violence, school safety, and other issues will be addressed.

District safety and emergency drills are well organized. We will do dry runs and adequate notification will be given to parents.

In the future, adequate notice will be given to the district in the event there is a need for a rabies vaccine drop.

November 13th, Harley Avenue will be celebrating its 40th birthday.

Newsday Marching Band Festival will be held Tuesday, October 17th.

October 24th the NYSSBA Subcommittee will meet for a workshop on school policy review and revision.

New York Times featured an article on health and nutrition and we were recognized.

Math scores were reviewed.

E. **COMMENDATIONS** – Dr. Swart recognized and commended the following individuals for outstanding accomplishments or contributions: Daniel Hackett, Matthew Manin, Hana Abrams, Stephanie Hyon, and the undefeated boys J.V. Lacrosse Team. John Glenn High School received Statewide Sportsmanship Award.

F. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – (8:55 – 9:05)

G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -- None

H. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended August 31, 2006.
2. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the months ended August 31 and September 30, 2006.
3. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2006.

I. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. External Audit – The external auditors will be at the work session on November 2nd.
- b. Internal Audit - Discussion
- c. District Goals 2006/2007 – Draft of District Goals submitted. Refer to **Tab K**.

2. **ACTION ITEMS**

(TAB C)

- a. Recommend the Board approve personnel items.
Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes and 1 abstention (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 September 12, 14, 15 and 27
- 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 September 7 and October 5.
Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Recommend the Board approve the 2006-2007 Tax Levy of \$31,382,279.
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

e. Recommend the Board approve the disposal of obsolete literature textbooks from Elwood-John Glenn High School. Mr. Fuaro moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

(TAB D)

f. Recommend the Board approve the disposal of an old and broken wheelchair from Elwood-John Glenn High School. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

(TAB E)

g. Recommend the Board approve the License and Operating Agreement with Scope for the preschool program at Boyd for 2006-2007. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

(TAB F)

h. Recommend the Board approve the use of four classrooms and supportive by Western Suffolk BOCES Alternate Learning Center Program for the period September 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 as follows:

<u>Location of Classroom</u>	<u>Rental Fee</u>	<u>Supportive Services Fee</u>
Elwood Middle School	\$9,000	\$22,000
John Glenn High School	\$3,000	\$11,000

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- i. Recommend the Board accept a \$10,000 donation from Elwood Care to be used solely for the purpose of renovating and improving the playground next to the cafeteria at Harley Avenue Primary School. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously. **(TAB G)**
- j. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution: **(TAB H)**
"BE IT RESOLVED that the Elwood Board of Education accepts the audits of the General Fund and the Extra Classroom Activity Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 as prepared by the firm of Callaghan Nawrocki LLP, Certified Public Accountants." Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- k. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution: **(TAB I)**
"BE IT RESOLVED that the Elwood Board of Education accepts the internal audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 as prepared by the firm of R.S. Abrams." Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- l. Recommend the Board appoint Ingerman Smith as general counsel for the 2006/2007 school year at a retainer of \$25,000 plus \$185 per hour for services as labor counsel. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- m. Recommend the Board appoint Ehrlich, Frazer & Feldman to provide special education legal services for the 2006-2007 school year at a rate of \$175 per hour. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- n. Recommend the Board adopt the District Athletic Manual for the 2006/2007 school year. **(TAB J)**
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

J. **ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA** - None

K. **COMMUNICATIONS**

L. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – None

M. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 9:35 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations. The motion passed unanimously.

N. **ADJOURNMENT** - Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded a motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting at 11:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Peggy Pietzak
District Clerk