

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 8, 2007

Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 8:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (8:05)

Present	Michael Kaszubski Joseph Fusaro Dina Annunziata Julie Badlato Dan Ciccone	President Vice President Trustee Trustee Trustee
Staff	Dr. William Swart William Pastore Robert Annucci John Hogan Peggy Pietzak	Superintendent Assistant Superintendent/Business Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum District Clerk

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of January 11, 2007.
The motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on January 16, 2007.
The motion carried unanimously.

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

Student liaison Jed Mangal gave his report.

Dan Hackett received a perfect score on ACT. He is now a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

The Board of Education Budget Workshop is Thursday, February 15th in the high school library.

E. COMMENDATIONS – At this meeting, we honored two John Glenn teachers: Linda Osvald, an honoree in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, and Richard Rose, an inductee into National Honor Roll's Outstanding American Teachers.

F. RESIDENT'S REMARKS – 8:10 – 8:25

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- No Recommended Items

H. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Reports for the months ended November 30, 2006 and December 31, 2006.
2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended December 31, 2006.
3. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2006.
4. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the ExtraClassroom Fund Reports (High School and Middle School) for the quarter ended December 31, 2006.

I. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** -- No Recommended Items

2. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Recommend the Board approve personnel items. **(TAB C)**
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes 1 abstention (Mr. Kaszbuski).
- 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 January 5, 12, 17 (3 meetings) and 24
- b. **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 December 19, and January 3, 11 and 18.
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Recommend the Board approve the disposal of an inoperable 1988 Ford E-250 van from Buildings and Grounds. **(TAB D)**
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Recommend the Board approve the disposal of obsolete equipment (typewriter and cart) from Elwood Middle School. **(TAB E)**
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Recommend the Board approve the following policies (*second reading*): **(TAB F)**
JHGA Policy and Procedures Regarding Child Abuse in an Educational Setting
JHGB Policy and Procedures Regarding Child Abuse Outside an Educational Setting
Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- g. Recommend the Board award food service bids as recommended by the Long Island Food Service Directors Association. **(TAB G)**
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- h. Recommend the Board approve the removal of obsolete computers and equipment for donation to the LINCT Coalition and the National Cristina Foundation. **(TAB H)**
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- i. Recommend the Board approve the appointment of William Pastore as Purchasing Agent and Alternate District Clerk.
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- j. Recommend the Board accept the Official Vote Tallies for the School Capital Project Referendum held on January 30, 2007. **(TAB I)**
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- k. Recommend the Board approve the resolution to increase income limits to qualify individuals 65 years of age and over (previously identified as Seniors) with Limited Incomes and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes for property tax exemptions. **(TAB J)**
(*Amended*)
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously as amended.

I. Recommend the Board approve a change in the exemptions for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers as follows:

- a. to allow un-remarried surviving spouses of deceased 20 year volunteers to retain the ten percent exemption previously granted to the volunteer;
- b. to allow un-remarried spouses of a volunteer killed in the line of duty to retain the ten percent exemption previously granted to the volunteer.

Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

m. Recommend the Board approve the instructional services agreement with Northport-East Northport UFSD regarding placement of an Elwood UFSD student receiving resource room services at Trinity Regional School during the 2006-07 school year.

(TAB K)

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

n. Recommend the Board approve the health service contract for students attending private/parochial schools:

(TAB L)

Syosset Central School District 6 students \$ 4,282.62

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

o. Recommend the Board authorize the Superintendent of Schools to proceed with the necessary steps to prepare resolutions for action at the March Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to approve the submission of an EXCEL aid eligible proposition for District-wide capital improvements in the amount of \$977,000.

(TAB M)

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

J. **ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA** - Mr. Fusaro read a statement to be included in the minutes

(TAB N)

K. **COMMUNICATIONS**

L. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – None

M. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** -- No Recommended Items

N. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak
District Clerk