

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
November 20, 2014  
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President, 7:32 p.m.

**B. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk

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

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

**(TAB A)**

1. Special Meeting/Work Session – October 16, 2014  
Mrs. Fried moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to approve the October 16, 2014 minutes. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
2. Business Meeting – October 23, 2014  
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to approve the October 23, 2014 minutes. The motion carried 4 ayes and 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 honor:

The Middle School student team who worked with Todd Schwartz and Martha Hanley to produce a video to reinforce the ideas of being a hero in our hallways, encouraging respect for others, and standing up for what is right. Our “Knights of Good” team is:

<i>Ivan Andrade</i>	<i>Danielle Gross</i>	<i>Daysean Johnson</i>
<i>Clinton Keen</i>	<i>Camryn Knorr</i>	<i>Hannah Lochan</i>
<i>Olivia Mulé</i>	<i>Shannon O’Brien</i>	<i>Meghan Oualaalou</i>
<i>Sierra Schindlar</i>	<i>John Slavinskaskas</i>	<i>Justin Tiernan</i>
<i>Cassandra Vitale</i>	<i>Peter Vouthas</i>	

**E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

- a. ~~Ohio Pyle Prints Inc. donation of \$45.26 for co-curricular at the High School~~
- b. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$8,732.30 to fund leveled libraries at Boyd
- c. Elwood Youth Wrestling donation of \$3,745.00 to fund new wrestling mats at the High School
- d. Elwood SEPTA donation of \$2,500.00 to fund a 2015 Finals/Regents preparation program at

- the High School and an additional \$1,500.00 to fund exam extra help programs at the Middle School
- e. ~~NYSPPHSAA (NYS Public High School Athletic Association) donation of \$54.65 in royalty fees from the sale of high school merchandise.~~

After discussion, donations a. and e. are to be withdrawn.

**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 - None**

**H. PRESENTATIONS -- None**

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Budget for 2015-16  
2. Legislative Timeline

**J. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(TAB B)**

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
- a) Treasurer's Report for the month ended October 31, 2014
  - b) **and** Revenue Report for the month ended October 31, 2014
  - c) **and** Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended October 31, 2014
  - d) **and** Budget Status Report for the month ended October 31, 2014
  - e) **and** Trial Balances Report for the month ended October 31, 2014
  - f) **and** Executive Summary for the month ended October 31, 2014.
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers. The motion carried 4 ayes and 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)**

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

October 14

October 29

Meeting Dates

February 6; June 2, 13; July 17; August 22, 26 (3 meetings); September 2, 12, 18 (2 meetings), 22

August 14, 22, 26 (2 meetings); September 2, 3 (2 meetings), 15, 23, 24; October 1, 7, 10, 14, 15, 22 (2 meetings), 23, 24

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

**(TAB D)**

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve action items 1 – 4 (including personnel addendum I and excluding the withdrawn donations from Ohiopyle Prints Inc. and NYSPHSAA). The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

Presentation by Dr. Furman – Mandated Changes CR Part 154

M. **COMMUNICATIONS** -- None

N. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** - None

O. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:50 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to into executive session to discuss negotiations personnel matters. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays

P. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:04 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini  
District Clerk