

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 19, 2007
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 8:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

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

Present:	Michael Kaszubski	President
	Joseph Fusaro	Vice President
	Dina Annunziata	Trustee
	Dan Ciccone	Trustee
	Julie Badlato	Trustee
Staff:	Dr. William Swart	Superintendent
	William Pastore	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Robert Annucci	Asst. Superintendent/Human Resources
	John Hogan	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Louis Tuorto	Director Physical Education/Athletics
	Peggy Pietzak	District Clerk

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB P)

1. Regular Business Meeting – March 8, 2007
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Special Meeting – March 22, 2007
Mrs. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Dr. William J. Swart
Sarah Kaszubski gave the student liaison report.

Congratulations to John Hogan on his new position as Superintendent of West Hempstead.

The budget is currently a 4.99% budget increase and projected tax levy increase of 4.95%. Difference between proposed and contingency budget is approximately \$ 460,000, which translates to 1% of total budget. If budget passes, it will cost taxpayers about an additional \$96.00 per household as compared to contingency budget.

Rumors of class size increase and sixth grade enrollment were addressed.

The Middle School Best Practices Committee will make recommendations for changes in the middle school philosophy and programs and present to the Board by December 2007.

June 25, 26, & 27, there will be a Summer Institute planned for our educators. Topics will be presented by members of the Tennessee State Education Dept. and will include how to use data to add value to each student's educational achievement.

Monday, April 23, will be the first meeting relative to the Dowling College/Elwood UFSD Articulation Agreement. That agreement will provide our teachers with the opportunity to pursue graduate study on campus leading to a certification in education administration.

E. **COMMENDATIONS** – At this meeting, we honored Jenine Harris (National Honor Roll's Outstanding American Teacher), Gary Ramonetti (Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Suffolk County Wrestling Champions Kenneth Meinsen, Nicholas Meinsen, Matthew Fusaro, Michael Castellano, Tyler Sinisgalli, Jeff Compere and Daniel Fodera; Suffolk County and New York State Champion (Girls Indoor Track Triple Jump) Gabriela Baiter; and the Suffolk County Championship Wrestling Team.

F. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – (8:35 – 8:40)

G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -- No Recommended Items

H. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(TAB Q)

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended February 28, 2007.
2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Reports for the months ended February 28 and March 31, 2007.
3. The Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2007.

I. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

2. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Recommend the Board approve personnel items, including addendum P3 A3. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- 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 24, 26 (2 meetings), March 9, 13, 14, 15 (3 meetings), 16 (2 meetings), 19, 20, 22, 23 and 28, 2007
- 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 January 23, 25, February 15, 26, 28, March 1, 8, 9 (3 meetings), 22 (2 meetings) and 26, 2007.

(TAB R)

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

- d. Recommend the Board approve the following proposed Resolution to submit the 2007-2008 budget to the district voters:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elwood Board of Education submit the proposed 2007/2008 budget to the district voters on May 15, 2007 in the amount of \$45,658,712 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education submit the proposed tax report card as required by Sections 1608, 1716(7) and 2601-a(3) of the Education Law.

(TAB S)

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

- e. Recommend the Board approve the following policy (*first reading*):

(TAB T)

BDE Board Subcommittees

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes 1 nay (Mr. Ciccone).

- f. Recommend the Board approve the District Professional Performance Review Plan.

(TAB U)

Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

g. Recommend the Board approve the addition of Dr. Wendi Fischer as Chairperson of the Committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

h. Recommend the Board approve the Elwood UFSD – Dowling College articulation agreement to offer graduate courses leading toward certification in Educational Administration. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

(TAB V)

i. Recommend the Board approve health service contract for students attending private/parochial schools:
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

(TAB W)

<i>Jericho UFSD</i>	<i>2 students</i>	<i>\$ 1,556.22</i>
<i>South Huntington UFSD</i>	<i>38 students</i>	<i>\$ 24,775.24</i>
<i>Westbury UFSD</i>	<i>1 student</i>	<i>\$ 677.61</i>

J. **ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA** – Mrs. Badlato announced her decision not to run again and thanked the community.

K. **COMMUNICATIONS**

L. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – (8:50 – 8:55)

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

N. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:58. Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak
District Clerk