

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Elwood, New York

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION**

December 19, 2007  
(Rescheduled from December 13, 2007)  
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk (7:38 p.m.)

Present:	Michael Kaszubski	President
	Joseph Fusaro	Vice President
	Dina Annunziata	Trustee
	Dan Ciccone	Trustee
	Andrew Kaplan	Trustee
Staff:	Dr. William Swart	Superintendent
	William Pastore	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Robert Annucci	Asst. Superintendent/Human Resources
	Dr. Sophia Gary	Director Curriculum/Instruction
	David Cenerelli	Asst. Superintendent /Pupil Personnel Services
	Louis Tuorto	Director Physical Ed/Athletics
	Peggy Pietzak	District Clerk

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President

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

(TAB A)

1. Regular Business Meeting – November 8, 2007  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

High school liaison, James Tomeo, gave his report.  
School Homework Club presentation – Dr. Sophia Gary  
Announcement of grant awards by the Elwood Education Endowment  
Dr. Swart concluded his report with remarks by Michael Kaszubski.

**E. COMMENDATIONS** – This evening, the following individuals were publicly recognized and commended for outstanding accomplishments or contributions made to Elwood schools.

**All-State Musicians:** Hana Abrams, Daniel Kuhr and Alycia Sciascia

**New York State Champion Volleyball Team:** Jacquelyn Ammirato, Nicole Badillo, Eugenia Blasetti, Jacqueline Cangero, Kathryn Caputo, Nicole Cardillo, Lindsey Corso, Rachel Corso, Cassandra DeLeo, Maria Feehan, Anne Feldman, Katherine Feldman, Jaclyn McKenna, Victoria Oh, Alexa Zbytniewski

**F. RESIDENTS' 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 Report for the month ended October 31, 2007.
2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended October 31, 2007.
3. Recommend the Board approve the enclosed budgetary transfers.  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. The Board accepted the Trial Balances for all funds as of October 31, 2007,
5. **and** the Board accepted the Cash Flow for general funds for the month ended October 31, 2007,
6. **and** the Board accepted the Budget Status Report for the month ended October 31, 2007.

**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 Mr. Kaszubski 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: October 28 and 31, and November 2, 7, 16, 21 and 28,
- 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: October 12, 25 and 26, and November 15.  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Recommend the Board approve the Special Education Non-Resident Summer Tuition contract with Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District for the 2007-2008 school year. **(TAB D)**  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Recommend the Board approve the resolution for issuance of bonds in the amount of \$968,000 to finance the acquisition of various technology equipment and to undertake other improvements approved by the voters on May 15, 2007. **(TAB E)**  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Recommend the Board approve the health service contract with Deer Park UFSD for three students residing in Elwood and attending a private/parochial school at the rate of \$673.97 per student for the total sum of \$2,021.91. **(TAB F)**  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- g. Recommend the Board approve the service agreements for special education services for 2007-2008 for Developmental Disabilities Institute, Creative Tutoring and MZ Coach. **(TAB G)**  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- h. Recommend the Board approve policy IKD-A Honor Society (*second reading*). **(TAB H)**  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- i. Recommend the Board re-adopt the charter of the Audit Advisory Committee as previously approved January 11, 2007 and appoint the following members of the committee: Michael Kaszubski, Julia Badlato, Andrew Kaplan, Gerard Hannon, Tom Kossmann, Tim Mayette, and Vincent Preto. **(TAB I)**  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes 2 abstentions (Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Kaszubski).
- j. Recommend the Board approve a license agreement between the Elwood Union Free School District and the Elwood Booster Club to operate Boyd After School Programs. Mr. Ciccone made a subsidiary motion to table Item J. Seconded by Mr. Fusaro. The motion carried 4 ayes 1 abstention (Mrs. Annunziata).  
Mr. Ciccone made a subsequent motion to allow the Elwood Booster Club to run winter programs by completing the Use of Facilities Form. The motion carried 4 ayes 1 abstention (Mrs. Annunziata). Mrs. Annunziata stated for the record that her husband, Louis Annunziata, sits on the Board of the Elwood Booster Club.
- k. Recommend the Board accept the donation of grants from the Elwood Education Endowment for projects submitted by staff members and selected by the EEE. **(TAB J)**  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

l. Recommend the Board approve the non-resident instructional service contracts for 2007-2008 with the following school districts: Central Islip UFSD, Commack UFSD, Mount Sinai UFSD and North Babylon UFSD. (TAB K)  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

m. Recommend the Board accept the donation of a \$1,200 grant donation from Citbank and Mentoring Partnership of Long Island for the High School's Operation Respect Program and the donation of five benches from the Harley faculty for the Harley courtyard. (TAB L)  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

n. Recommend the Board accept donation from Alumni Association for the volleyball team. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes 1 abstention (Mrs. Annunziata).

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

K. **COMMUNICATIONS** (TAB M)  
a. Letter from Mr. Gerard K. Hannon to Dr. William Swart and Mr. Michael Kaszubski 12/2/2007 and Dr. Swart's reply 12/5/2007

L. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – (10:00 – 10:10 p.m.)

M. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 10:10 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matter. The motion carried unanimously.

N. **ADJOURNMENT** – At 10:28 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded a motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak  
District Clerk