

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND BUDGET WORKSHOP #1**

December 11, 2014

Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board Vice President, 7:35 p.m.

B. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk

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| Present: | Dan Ciccone | Vice President |
| | Andrew Kaplan | Trustee |
| | Michael LaMena | Trustee |
| | Julia Fried | Trustee |
| Absent: | Joseph Fusaro | 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 |

Holiday performance by the High School Chamber Strings Ensemble – Ms. Karen Gellert

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

1. Work Session – November 13, 2014
Mrs. Fried moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. LaMena)
2. Business Meeting – November 20, 2014
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Ciccone)

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:

Suffolk Zone Award Winners (NYS AHPERD)

Simisola Familusi *Anthony Pino*

Girl Scout Silver Award Recipients:

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| <i>Lauren Algerio</i> | <i>Jazmine Bush</i> | <i>Sophia Fleischer</i> |
| <i>Melanie Friedman</i> | <i>Alexa Gutwenger</i> | <i>Katelyn Kaplan</i> |
| <i>Andi Landsberg</i> | <i>Alison McLuckie</i> | <i>Siobhan McPherson</i> |
| <i>Kristen McVetty</i> | <i>Grace Most</i> | <i>Alexandria Spelman</i> |

Girls Varsity Volleyball Team – Suffolk County and Long Island Champions:

Camryn Ackley

Grace Cergol

Mia Cergol

Brittany Coulsting

Simisola Familusi

Hanna Graifman

Madison Graifman

Alexis Groark

Erika Gross

Madisyn Hausch

Julianne Malusa

Maggie McGucklin

Julia Molano

Rebecca Saint Paul

E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. Musical instruments from the Pietzak family.
2. Basketball rims for the high school gym from the White family.

F. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS / SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA – Mr. Peter C. Scordo

1. Brooke Thornhill, Student Liaison - absent

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS None

H. PRESENTATIONS --

1. High School Course Catalogue for 2015-16 -- Dr. Ruck and Dr. Furman
2. Budget overview -- Mrs. Loughlin and Dr. Furman

(TAB B)

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Calendar for 2015-16 -- Mr. Scordo
2. Safety Plan -- Mrs. Loughlin
3. Community spring gathering – Mr. Scordo - tabled

(TAB C)

(TAB D)

J. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfer.
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

(TAB E)

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 F)

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

November 26

Meeting Dates

June 11; August 1; September 2, 11, 19, 30; October 1 (2 meetings), 2, 3, 7, 17, 23, 29; November 3, 6 (2 meetings); 10 (2 meetings), 12 (2 meetings), 14, 17

- b. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services:

Submitted to the Board

December 2

Meeting Dates

November 26

3. Recommend the Board approve the high school course catalogue for 2015-16.

(see TAB B)

4. Recommend the Board approve amended *Policy 9510 – Pay Rates for Temporary, Substitute and Student Employees* to be in compliance with the new NYS minimum wage laws that go into effect December 31, 2014 (*first and second reading*).

(TAB G)

5. Business Agenda -- as per attached (with the exception of Tab 1.a which was withdrawn) **(TAB H)**

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve Action Items 1-5 excluding Business Agenda Tab 1.a. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

M. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS None

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:02 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations, legal matters and personnel. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

At 11:20 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to exit executive session to vote on Addendum II to the Personnel Agenda. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to pass Personnel Addendum II. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

P. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:22 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk