

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 21, 2015
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

B. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk

Present:	Joseph Fusaro	President
	Dan Ciccone	Vice President
	Andrew Kaplan	Trustee
	Michael LaMena	Trustee
	Julia Fried	Trustee
 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
	Nancy Mancini	District Clerk

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Business Meeting – April 16, 2015
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the April 16, 2015 minutes. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (D. Ciccone)
2. Special Meeting/Work Session/Budget Hearing – May 7, 2015
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve the May 7, 2015 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

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:

Lauren Scott-Mohammed, winner of a Western Suffolk BOCES scholarship award presented by the Suffolk Region PTA Board of Managers

2015 National Italian Exam:

<i>Emily Amir</i>	<i>Level 1, second place</i>
<i>Ivan Andrade</i>	<i>Level 1, first place</i>
<i>Christian Bacelic</i>	<i>Level 1, second place</i>
<i>Makenzy Chaikin</i>	<i>Level 1, fifth place</i>
<i>Michael Gastello</i>	<i>Level 1, second place</i>
<i>Mario Georgiou</i>	<i>Level 1, second place</i>
<i>Michael Hermanns</i>	<i>Level 3, first place</i>
<i>Drew Kuroda</i>	<i>Level 1, first place</i>

2015 National Spanish Exam:

<i>Clinton Keen</i>	<i>Level 1, Gold Medal</i>
<i>Jaida Morgan</i>	<i>Level 1, Gold Medal</i>
<i>Meghan Rivardo</i>	<i>Level 1, Gold Medal</i>
<i>Caleb Shim</i>	<i>Level 1, Gold Medal</i>

Staff Members Being Recommended for Tenure:

<i>Donna Fife</i>	<i>Alessia Franco</i>	<i>Adam Goudreau</i>
<i>Veronique Hayek</i>	<i>Matthew McGuire</i>	<i>Jordan Ioviero</i>
<i>Donna Vidulich</i>		

E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. Coccia Foundation grant of \$250 to fund the Student Award Program for exemplary students enrolled in the Italian classes at the high school for the 2014-15 school year.
2. James H. Boyd School PTA donation of a new school sign (\$2,490 value).
3. Box Tops for Education donation of \$480.30 to fund cultural arts programs for the 2014-15 school year at Harley Avenue Primary School.
4. James H. Boyd School PTA donation totaling \$13,584 to fund the annual 5th grade Skyline Boat trip.
5. KJ Athletics donation of \$3,000 to fund new lacrosse helmets.

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

H. PRESENTATIONS -- None

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS -- None

J. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a) Treasurer's Report for the months ended March 31 and April 30, 2015
 - b) Revenue Report for the month ended April 30, 2015
 - c) Cash Flow Report for general funds for the months ended March 31 and April 30, 2015
 - d) Budget Status Report for the month ended April 30, 2015
 - e) Trial Balances Report for the month ended April 30, 2015
 - f) Executive Summary for the month ended April 30, 2015
 - g) Extraclassroom Reports for the quarter ended March 31, 2015
 - h) and Claims Auditor Report for the month ended April 30, 2015.
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers.
The motion carried unanimously.

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

April 21

May 1

Meeting Dates

*February 5, 13, 14, 23, 24 (2 meetings), 25;
March 25, 26, 27 (2 meetings); April 1, 17*

February 4, 6, 10, 25; March 30

- 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
May 6

Meeting Dates
April 17 (2 meetings), 21, 24 (2 meetings)

3. Recommend the Board approve the revised APPR plan for 2014-15 and authorize the Board President to execute the necessary documents. (TAB D)
4. Recommend the Board accept the Official Vote Tallies for the School Board Election and Budget Vote held on May 19, 2015. (TAB E)
5. Recommend the Board appoint Pamela Fine as Dignity Act co-coordinator.
6. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached (TAB F)

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve action items 1-6 including personnel addendum I. The motion carried unanimously.

L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

M. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:20 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion carried unanimously.

P. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:21 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk