

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 16, 2015
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President, 7:40 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
	Nancy Mancini	District Clerk

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Business Meeting – March 19, 2015

Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve the 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:

MoMathlon Competition winners:

Drew Kuroda (2nd Individual) and **Peter Vouthas** (1st Mixed Team)

Lauren Scott-Mohammed, winner of a Western Suffolk BOCES scholarship award presented by the Suffolk Region PTA Board of Managers – withdrawn – moved to next board meeting

E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

a. Grants awarded to staff by the Elwood Education Endowment in the amount of over \$34,000:

<i>Domenick Abbate, Therese Regan</i>	<i>Smartphone Microscope</i>
<i>Domenick Abbate</i>	<i>Aspire 3D Software for the CNC Router</i>
<i>Krista Albrecht</i>	<i>Beyond the Classroom with Worldwide Collaboration</i>
<i>Patricia Farrell</i>	<i>English Language Learner Family Reading Slumber Party</i>
<i>Donna Fife</i>	<i>Read the Book Before It Hits the Theaters</i>
<i>Pam Fine, Denise Toscano</i>	<i>What's in the Bag?</i>
<i>Karen Gellert</i>	<i>EMusic Theory Subscription for HS Orchestra Students</i>

<i>Dr. Hugh Gigante</i>	<i>Large Format Printing as a Tool to Enhance Student Collaboration and Learning Experiences</i>
<i>Eleanor Grady, Amy Lindenbaum</i>	<i>Yoga for the Mind</i>
<i>Liz Held</i>	<i>I Think iPad .. I Think iPad!</i>
<i>Laura Irace</i>	<i>The Chromebook Connection II</i>
<i>Eileen Kelly-Gorman</i>	<i>Hands on Math!</i>
<i>Kathleen Marinelli</i>	<i>On the Road Again ... Taking Technology on the Road Again</i>
<i>Rachel Nagle</i>	<i>Professional Choral Workshop with Dr. David Fryling of Hofstra U</i>
<i>Elissa Toubin</i>	<i>Inquiring Minds: A Resource Library for All Learners</i>

- b. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$1,682.13 to fund transportation related expenses in connection with the Elwood Middle School Italian Food Tour of New York.

F. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS / SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA – Mr. Peter C. Scordo (8:05 p.m. – 8:10 p.m.)

- 1. Report from Brooke Thornhill, Student Liaison – not present at meeting

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

H. BUDGET DISCUSSION --

Budget overview, including

- a) Citizens' Finance/Budget Advisory Committee (CF/BAC) presentation
- b) Finalization of the 2015-16 budget

I. BUDGET ADOPTION

Recommend the Board adopt the following proposed resolution to submit the 2015/2016 budget to the district voters:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elwood Board of Education submit the proposed 2015/2016 budget to the district voters on May 19, 2015 in the amount of \$59,484,516* 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.

NOTE: This budget represents a 1.45% increase over the 2014-15 budget and an \$849,792 increase in spending over the 2014-15 budget.

Mrs. Fried moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve the Budget Adoption. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

J. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

- 1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a) Claims Auditor Reports dated March 12 and 26, 2015

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

March 20

March 27

April 7

Meeting Dates

January 13; February 3 (2 meetings), 11, 13;
March 2

January 13, 30; February 9, 13; March 3, 11
January 15; February 9

- 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

March 16

Meeting Dates

January 29; February 10, 13; March 3, 10

3. Recommend the Board adopt amended Policy 5405 – Wellness Policy (*second reading*). **(TAB D)**

4. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached **(TAB E)**

Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve Action Items 1-4.
The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

M. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:27 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

At 9:43 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to exit executive session to vote on Personnel Addendum II. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

P. ACTION ITEM

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

Q. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk