

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 16, 2010
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (7:37 p.m.)

Present:	Michael Kaszubski	President
	Joseph Fusaro	Vice President
	Andrew L. Kaplan (7:40)	Trustee
	Patricia Matos	Trustee
Absent:	Dan Ciccone	Trustee
Staff:	Peter C. Scordo	Superintendent
	William Pastore	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Dr. Ronald L. Friedman	Asst. Superintendent/Human Resources
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Dir. Adm. & Instructional Technology
	Maryann Llewellyn	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Work Session/Special Meeting – September 2, 2010
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

D. COMMENDATIONS -- None

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

1. Gwen Rosen, Student Liaison, gave her report.
2. Mr. Scordo thanked the staff for an excellent job in being prepared for the first day of school. Buildings and grounds did a great job on the condition of the schools. Mr. Scordo also thanked the community for their support.
3. Mrs. Llewellyn announced that we were recipients of the Ronald McDonald Foundation grant in the amount of \$13,000.
4. Typically we try not to conduct business at the work session, but at the October 6th work session we will be setting the tax levy. We are unable to do it on October 21st because it is past the October 15 deadline.

F. PRESENTATION:

1. Snapshot of new entrants –Summer 2010 --- Maryann Llewellyn
2. Update on Academic Achievement --- Grade 3-8 NYS exams -- Maryann Llewellyn
3. Curriculum Writing Projects -- Maryann Llewellyn

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – (9:00 – 9:25 p.m.)

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. EXCEL (Expanding our Children's Education and Learning) Aid – review of Board of Education Facilities Committee recommendations
2. Transportation referendum – cutback in pupil transportation

I. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfer -- withdrawn

J. BUSINESS MATTERS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following business matters be approved:

1. **Personnel Agenda** -- as per attached
Recommend the Board approve personnel items, **(TAB C)**

2. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached
and the Board approve business items, **(TAB D)**

3. **Special Education**

- a. and the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on: March 15th, 16th, 17th, 24th, 25th, April 6th (2 meetings), 13th, 19th, 30th, May 12th (2 meetings), 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 25th (2 meetings), 26th (3 meetings), 27th,
- b. 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: March 9th, April 27th (3 meetings), May 4th, 20th, June 16th (3 meetings), 17th (2 meetings), 25th, August 9th, 10th,

4. **Miscellaneous**

- a. and the Board approve the revision to Policy 4710 Grading Systems (*second reading*). **(TAB E)**

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA -- None

K. COMMUNICATIONS

L. RESIDENTS' REMARKS - None

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION - At 10:50 p.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Matos seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and legal matters. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

N. ADJOURNMENT - At 10:51 p.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded the motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak
District Clerk

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING/ WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 7, 2010
Elwood Middle School Library – 7:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

A. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:37 p.m.

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

Present:	Michael Kaszubski	President
	Joseph Fusaro	Vice President
	Dan Ciccone	Trustee
	Andrew Kaplan	Trustee
	Patricia Matos	Trustee
Staff:	Peter C. Scordo	Superintendent
	William Pastore	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Ronald Friedman	Asst. Superintendent/Human Resources
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Dir. Adm. & Instructional Technology
	Maryann Llewellyn	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Peggy Pietzak	District Clerk

C. **RESIDENT'S REMARKS** – (7:38 – 7:54 p.m.)

D. **PRESENTATION** – Reading Programs new to Elwood.

E. **BOE ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

SPECIAL MEETING

F. **BUSINESS MATTERS**

1. **Personnel Agenda**

(TAB W)

Recommend the Board approve personnel items excluding P7 B2.
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Recommend the Board approve personnel item P7 B2.
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. Fusaro).

2. **Business Agenda**

(TAB X)

- a. Recommend the Board approve the Town of Huntington 2010/2011 tax levy in the amount of \$36,983,505 and; and that the Board of Education of the Elwood UFSD hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education, *(TAB 1)*
- b. **and** the Board approve the capital improvement projects under the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) for the 2010/2011 school year; and the Board of the Elwood UFSD hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education, *(TAB 2)*
- c. **and** the Board approve the Excel Projects Bond Resolution in the amount of \$1,468,630; and that the Board of the Elwood UFSD hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education. *(TAB 3)*

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

G. **RESIDENT'S REMARKS** - (10:44 - 10:49 p.m.)

H. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - At 10:50 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

I. **ADJOURNMENT** - At 11:51 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded the motion to leave executive session. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

At 11:52 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded the motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak
District Clerk

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION PERSONNEL ACTIONS

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KEY:	P-1: Position Abolition	P-6: Tenure Appointments
	P-2: Position Creation	P-7: Other Appointments
	P-3: Resignations	P-8: Other
	P-4: Leaves	P-9: Changes in Table of Organization
	P-5: Terminations	

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the following personnel action items:

P-1-- Position Abolitions: No Recommended Actions

P-2-- Position Creations: No Recommended Actions

P-3-- Resignations:

A) Instructional:

1) **KELLY BELCASTRO**

Position	Teaching Assistant
Assignment	Harley Avenue Primary School
Effective Date	August 31, 2010
Reason	Resignation

P-4-- Leaves: No Recommended Actions

P-5-- Terminations: No Recommended Actions

P-6-- Tenure Appointments: No Recommended Actions

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P-7-- Other Appointments:

A) Instructional:

1) **BRIAN BISSINGER**

Position	Teaching Assistant – Special Education
Type of Appointment	Probationary
Assignment	Elwood Middle School
Effective Date	September 1, 2010
Certification	Initial Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
Expiration Date	August 31, 2013
Tenure Eligibility	September 1, 2013
Tenure Area	Teaching Assistant
Salary	Teaching Assistant, Step 1
Reason	To replace George Geist

2) **JOHN DAY**

Position	Teaching Assistant – Special Education
Type of Appointment	Probationary
Assignment	Elwood Middle School
Effective Date	September 1, 2010
Certification	Initial Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
Expiration Date	August 31, 2013
Tenure Eligibility	September 1, 2013
Tenure Area	Teaching Assistant
Salary	Teaching Assistant, Step 2
Reason	To meet District needs

3) **CHARLES ROGENER**

Position	Teaching Assistant – Special Education
Type of Appointment	Probationary
Assignment	Elwood-John H. Glenn High School
Effective Date	September 1, 2010
Certification	Initial Social Studies 7-12 and 5-6 Extension
Expiration Date	August 31, 2013
Tenure Eligibility	September 1, 2013
Tenure Area	Teaching Assistant
Salary	Teaching Assistant, Step 1
Reason	To meet District needs

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B) Civil Service:

1) PATRICIA UMLAND

Position	Head Clerk
Civil Service Title	Head Clerk
Type of Appointment	Full-time, 12 months
Assignment	Elwood-John H. Glenn High School
Effective Date	July 1, 2010
Permanent Status Date	September 23, 2011
Certification	Civil Service (Competitive Class)
Salary	In accord with the contract between the District and the Elwood Secretarial Association
Reason	Reclassification of title

P-8-- Other:

- a) Recommend the Board of Education reappoint the following individuals on an emergency conditional basis until New York State mandated fingerprint background check results in final clearance:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Job Area</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Adda Cancro	Substitute Support	August 6, 2010

- b) Recommend the Board of Education appoint the following individuals on an emergency conditional basis until New York State mandated fingerprint background check results in final clearance:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Job Area</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
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No recommendations at this time.

- c) Recommend the Board of Education approve the attached Schedule of Co-Curricular Advisors for the Elwood Middle School for the 2010/2011 school year.
- d) Recommend the Board of Education approve Wendy Braxton, a Social Studies teacher at the Elwood Middle School, for an additional 0.1 FTE for the 2010/2011 school year bringing her total FTE to 1.1 for the entire year. This is for a Social Studies class that is held on A days only.
- e) Recommend the Board of Education approve Jean Haley, a Home and Careers teacher at the Elwood Middle School, for an additional 0.1 FTE for the 2010/2011 school year bringing her total FTE to 1.1 for the entire year. This is a Home and Careers class that is held on A days only.

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- f) Recommend the Board of Education approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Elwood Secretarial Association establishing the title of Head Clerk, in accord with a determination of the Suffolk County Department of Civil Service relative to Secretarial unit titles. Effective date of title establishment: July 1, 2010.

P-9-- Recommend the Board of Education approve the following changes in Table of Organization as a result of new and pending appointments:

- a) Teaching Assistant: Additional 0.5 Teaching Assistant – funding via IDEA 611 grant.
- b) Secretarial:
 - 1) Principal Clerk, full-time, 12 months, Office of Curriculum – fully funded via federal Title I and Title II grants.
 - 2) Senior Clerk Typist, full-time, 12 months, Office of Special Education – fully funded via federal IDEA 611 grant.

Elwood Union Free School District

Board of Education Business Items

September 16, 2010

Board Agenda

Key:	B1: Contracts	B5: Other
	B2: Bid awards	
	B3: Health Services	
	B4: Donations	

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the following business action items:

B1: Contracts

- a. Recommend that the Board of Education approve the agreement between Elwood UFSD and Cullen & Danowski as professional external auditors for the 2010/2011 school year; *and* that the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education. *(Tab 1)*

- b. Recommend the Board of Education approve the agreement between Elwood UFSD and WCole (Walter Cole) Consulting for the period September 1, 2010 through and including August 31, 2011; *and* that the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education. (Tabled September 2, 2010) *(Tab 2)*

- c. Recommend the Board of Education approve the agreement between Elwood UFSD and Linda Osvald, Consultant, for the period September 17, 2010 through January 31, 2011; *and* BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves an agreement between it and Linda Osvald for consulting services in accordance with the terms of said agreement, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said agreement on its behalf. *(Tab 3)*

- d. Recommend the Board of Education approve the agreement between Elwood UFSD and Robert Villante, Consultant, for the period September 17, 2010 through January 31, 2011; *and* BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves an agreement between it and Robert Villante for consulting services in accordance with the terms of said agreement, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said agreement on its behalf. *(Tab 4)*

e. Recommend the Board of Education approve the agreements for *(Tab 5)*
Special Education Services under the Federal IDEA/ASEP Part B, Section 611 and
Section 619 funds flow-through program; *and* that the Board of Education of the Elwood
UFSD hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on
behalf of the Board of Education.

B2: Bid Awards

No Recommended actions

B3: Health Service Contracts

No Recommended actions

B4: Donations

No Recommended actions

B5: Other

No Recommended actions