

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

*At 7:15 p.m., Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss the superintendent search. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.*

*At 7:16 p.m., Mr. Kaplan arrived.*

*At 7:24 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to end executive session. The motion carried unanimously.*

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**January 28, 2016**

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

**MINUTES**

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President, 7:30 p.m.

**B. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk

Present:	Andrew L. Kaplan	President
	Michael LaMena	Vice President
	Julia Fried	Trustee
	Heather Mammolito	Trustee
	James Tomeo	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. UPDATE ON THE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS**

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

**(TAB A)**

1. Business Meeting – December 10, 2015

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2015. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mrs. Mammolito).

2. Special Meeting – December 22, 2015

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the minutes of December 22, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Special Meeting -- January 7, 2016
4. Work Session/Special Meeting – January 14, 2016  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve the minutes of January 7, 2016 and January 14, 2016. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. LaMena).

**E. 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 winners:

*Domenica Piccoli and Michael Szokoli*

All State and NYSCAME All County Musicians:

*Emily Dimitriou – All State Mixed Chorus (Soprano I), All County Orchestra (Violin)  
Kimberly Fried – All State and All County Mixed Chorus (Soprano II)  
Derek Lee – All County Orchestra (Double Bass)  
Kaleigh Liebler – All County Women’s Choir (Alto I)  
Jennifer Most – All County Orchestra (Violin)  
Cecelia Polvere – All County Women’s Choir (Alto II)  
Joseph Reiter – All County Band (Trombone)  
Tyler Song – All County Orchestra (Violin)  
Michael Stranieri – All County Band (Tenor Saxophone)  
Tali Winter – All State Mixed Chorus (Soprano II), All County Women’s Choir (Soprano II)*

All State Football Athletes:

*Christopher Forsberg  
Edwin Rubio  
Dareus Smith  
Wayne White*

All State Girls Soccer Athletes:

*Alexis Stickelman  
Stephanie Tsangaris*

Students who volunteered for the Middle School Veterans celebration on November 10:

<i>Mina Ban</i>	<i>Amanda Durham</i>	<i>Emily Ferguson</i>
<i>Danielle Gross</i>	<i>Rebecca Hardie</i>	<i>Katelyn Hicks</i>
<i>Kelly Hunt</i>	<i>Daniella Jasuja</i>	<i>Claire Kennedy</i>
<i>Gunsha Khanna</i>	<i>Hannah Kleinman</i>	<i>Kathryn Kuroda</i>
<i>Layla Leunig</i>	<i>Jacqueline Lopez</i>	<i>Julia Mady-Aguiar</i>
<i>Ashley Mammolito</i>	<i>Joseph Mammolito</i>	<i>Samantha Mammolito</i>
<i>Olivia Mulé</i>	<i>Andrew Mullan</i>	<i>Stephanie Mullan</i>
<i>Rithika Narayan</i>	<i>Maria Papadopoulos</i>	<i>Sydney Resnick</i>
<i>Kerri Rhatigan</i>	<i>Kristen Rosario</i>	<i>Daniel Rourke</i>
<i>Sierra Schindlar</i>	<i>Sophia Schindlar</i>	<i>Samara Schipper</i>
<i>Grace Sellick</i>	<i>Peter Vouthas</i>	<i>Zachary Zoltowsky</i>

**F. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. Box Tops for Education donation of \$1,100 to fund cultural arts programs at Harley
2. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$8,345 to fund various clubs through June 2016 at Elwood Middle School
3. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$2,085 to fund the Australian Art Program for 2015-16 at Elwood Middle School
4. Donorschoose.org donation/grant of an iPad to support reading and writing conferences and small group instruction at Harley

**G. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS / SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT’S AGENDA**

– Mr. Peter C. Scordo

Student Liaison – Danielle Rubin

**H. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS**

**I. PRESENTATIONS**

1. February 2015 Long Range Planning Study - Barbara Graziano, WS BOCES
2. Administrative staffing configuration for 2016-17

**J. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. School calendar for 2016-17

(see **TAB E**)

**K. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(**TAB B**)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
  - a. Treasurer's Report for the months of November and December, 2015
  - b. Revenue Report for the period ending December 31, 2015
  - c. Cash Flow Report through December 31, 2015
  - d. Budget Status Report through December 31, 2015
  - e. Trial Balance Report through December 31, 2015
  - f. Executive Summary through December 31, 2015
  - g. Extraclassroom reports for the Middle School and High School for the quarter ending December 31, 2015
  - h. Claims auditor reports for October and November, 2015
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers.  
The motion carried unanimously.

**L. 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**)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the personnel agenda and the supplemental agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**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

December 15

January 5

Meeting Dates

August 24; September 2, 11, 29 (3 meetings);  
October 8 (2 meetings), 16, 29 (2 meetings), 30;  
November 5 (2 meetings), 6, 12, 15 (2 meetings),  
18, 19, 20 (4 meetings), 23; December 3  
September 28; November 5, 12; December 1,  
11, 14

- 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 30

Meeting Dates

October 16, 27, 30; November 18; December 3,  
7, 14, 18, 22 (4 meetings)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the Special Education action items. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Recommend the Board amend the following policies:**

(**TAB D**)

- a. *Policy 9510 – Pay Rates for Temporary, Substitute and Student Employees (first and second reading) [to align policy with New York State minimum wage laws]*
- b. *Policy 5420 – Student Health Services (second reading).*

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the above mentioned policies.  
The motion carried unanimously.

4. Recommend the Board adopt the school calendar for the 2016-17 school year. **(TAB E)**  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the 2016-17 school calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached **(TAB F)**  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the Business Agenda excluding tab 4b and 4c. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve tab 4b and 4c of the Business Agenda. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mrs. Mammolito).

M. **NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA** - None

N. **COMMUNICATIONS** -- None

O. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

P. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:23 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss privileged matters with the attorneys for the school district. The motion carried unanimously.

Q. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:02 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini  
District Clerk