

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

March 31, 2016

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

MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President, 7:33 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
	Gary Furman	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation
	Diane Wilkinson	Exec. Director/ Special Education
	Lorraine Dunkel	Treasurer
	Nancy Mancini	District Clerk
Absent:	Keri Loughlin	Asst. Superintendent/Business

C. ANNOUNCEMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

BE IT RESOLVED, that Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert is herewith appointed Superintendent of Schools for a term of five years commencing on July 1, 2016 to and including June 30, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is herewith authorized to execute, on behalf of the Board of Education, an employment agreement between Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert and the Elwood Union Free School District, which agreement shall be effective July 1, 2016.

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the resolution to appoint Dr. Bossert and to authorize the Board President to execute Dr. Bossert's employment contract with (see tab D). The motion carried unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Special Meeting – November 19, 2015
2. Special Meeting – January 11, 2016
3. Special Meeting – January 20, 2016
4. Special Meeting – February 1, 2016
5. Special Meeting – February 2, 2016
6. Special Meeting – February 4, 2016
7. Business Meeting – February 11, 2016
8. Special Meeting – February 22, 2016
9. Special Meeting – February 25, 2016
10. Special Meeting – March 9, 2016
11. Special Meeting – March 10, 2016

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve minutes 1 through 6 and 8 through 11. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2016. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mrs. Mammolito).

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:

Grace Franzese, a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Competition (withdrawn)

Harley Knights:

February

Logan Yabut (kindergarten)

Grace Randall (1st grade)

Emma Marlow (2nd grade)

March

Cian Daly (kindergarten)

Abigail Travaglia (1st grade)

James Casey (2nd grade)

F. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

a. Grants in the amount of \$30,403.48 awarded to staff by the Elwood Education Endowment:

Krista Albrecht, Liz Held

Cheri Blauer, Leslie Seilback

Kelly DiBiase

Donna Fife

Jessica Kennedy, Allison Peiliker

Christina Long

Matthew McGuire, Alex Wightman

Rachel Nagle

Kaitlyn Parker

Richard Rose

Ozobots: Coding in Action

Books & Materials to Support Literacy Instruction in Kindergarten

Fostering Motivation and Independence Through Choice for Our Struggling Readers

Activities for a Participation Space to Captivate, Collaborate & Create

Formatting Writing Through Technology

Enhancing the Music Curriculum at Harley & Boyd with MusicPlay and First Steps in Music

Renewable Energy – Solar Car & Wind Turbines

Professional Choral Workshop II with Dr. David Fryling of Hofstra University

Literacy Collections to Boost Our Struggling Readers

Mini-Q DBQ Resources for the JGHS Social Studies Curriculum

- b. Donation by Ms. Toubin of a Samsung TV for the lobby at Harley Avenue Primary School to stream videos and photos of school-related events
- c. Elwood-John H. Glenn High School Student Council donation of \$1,000 to fund the purchase of an electronic billboard at the entrance of Elwood-John H. Glenn High School
- d. Boyd PTA donation of \$2,691.54 to fund transportation-related costs for the 4th grade trip to Garvie's Point
- e. Donation by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Urda of an electronic scoreboard to be installed on the varsity soccer field at the high school, in memory of their son, Sean Urda.

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 -- None

J. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Board of Education committees and subcommittees 2016-17
2. Greenlawn Water District letter dated February 23, 2016

(TAB B)

K. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB C)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a. Treasurer's Report for the months of January and February, 2016
 - b. Revenue Report for the period ending February 29, 2016
 - c. Cash Flow Report through February 29, 2016
 - d. Budget Status Report through February 29, 2016
 - e. Trial Balance Report through February 29, 2016
 - f. Executive Summary through February 29, 2016
 - g. School Lunch Fund Report through February 29, 2016
 - h. Claims Auditor Report for the month of January 2016
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 D)
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the personnel agenda and the addendum I personnel 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
February 17

March 4
March 17

Meeting Dates

October 26, 29; November 30; December 3
(2 meetings), 4, 21, 22; January 14 (2 meetings), 15
November 2; December 14; February 1, 3, 11, 12, 26
November 5; December 21; January 19;
February 9, 10, 12; March 3, 4

- 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 4

Meeting Dates

February 12; March 1 (2 meetings)

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

3. Business Agenda -- as per attached

(TAB E)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the business agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

M. NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

1. Review and amend board policies 2260, 2260.1 and 2260.2 to change the timeline for volunteers to apply and be appointed to the committees (see **TAB F**).
2. Adopt revised policies (1st and 2nd readings).

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve amended board policy 2260.
The motion carried 4 ayes and 1 nay (Mrs. Mammolito).

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve amended board policy 2260.1.
The motion carried 4 ayes and 1 nay (Mrs. Mammolito).

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve amended board policy 2260.2.
The motion carried 4 ayes and 1 nay (Mrs. Mammolito).

N. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

O. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:30 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Tomeo 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 10:02 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