

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

April 14, 2016

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

MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President, 7:36 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
	Dianne Wilkinson	Exec. Director/Special Education
	Nancy Mancini	District Clerk

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Special Meeting – March 19, 2016
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2016.
The motion carried unanimously.
2. Special Meeting – March 23, 2016
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2016.
The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. LaMena).
3. Business Meeting – March 31, 2016
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2016.
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:

Edwin Rubio, New York State Wrestling Champion (tabled)

E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS -- None

F. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS / SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA – Mr. Peter C. Scordo
Student Liaison – Danielle Rubin

G. BUDGET DISCUSSION

Budget overview, including
a) Finalization of the 2016-17 budget

H. **PRESENTATIONS** - None

I. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

J. **BUDGET ADOPTION**

Recommend the Board adopt the following proposed resolution to submit the 2016/2017 budget to the district voters:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elwood Board of Education submit the proposed 2016/2017 budget to the district voters on May 17, 2016 in the amount of \$59,891,409 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 .68% increase over the 2015-16 budget and a \$406,893 increase in spending over the 2015-16 budget. The estimated tax levy increase is 1.88%.

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the budget adoption. The motion carried unanimously.

K. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(TAB B)

1. 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 addendum. 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
March 31, 2016

Meeting Dates
October 30; December 10; January 27, 28;
February 4; March 7

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
March 23
April 4
April 7

Meeting Dates
February 12; March 1 (2 meetings)
March 1, 8, 22
March 18, 29 (2 meetings); April 1 (4 meetings)
March 14

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve action item 2. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached

(TAB D)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the business agenda and addendum.

The motion carried unanimously.

M. NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

N. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

O. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

P. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:41 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk