

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**September 22, 2016**  
**Elwood Middle School Library**

**MINUTES**

- A. CALL TO ORDER** – 7:02 p.m.  
 At 7:02 p.m., Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

*Present at Executive Session were: Julia Fried, Heather Mammolito, James Tomeo, Debbie Weiss, Dr. Kenneth Bossert, and Keri Loughlin.*

- B. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**  
 At 7:31 p.m., Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to end executive session. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Present:	Julia Fried	Vice President
	Heather Mammolito	Trustee
	James Tomeo	Trustee
	Debbie Weiss	Trustee
Absent:	Michael LaMena	President
Staff:	Dr. Kenneth Bossert	Superintendent
	Keri Loughlin	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Maureen Hull	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation
	Dianne Wilkinson	Exec. Director/ Special Education
	Nancy Mancini	District Clerk

- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President

- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**
1. Business Meeting – June 16, 2016  
 Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2016. The motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mrs. Weiss).
  2. Special Meeting – June 20, 2016 - tabled
  3. Special Meeting – June 21, 2016 - tabled
  4. Business Meeting – August 25, 2016  
 Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of August 25, 2016. The motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mrs. Fried).
  5. Special Meeting – September 8, 2016  
 Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2016. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**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.

*James Rourke, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner in the Town of Huntington Youth Bureau Project essay contest*

*Sharon Gosman, a clerical staff member, for volunteering her own time to improve the culture and climate at James H. Boyd Intermediate School by decorating the faculty room and bulletin boards and creating a banner to welcome Regent Tilles*

**F. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. James H. Boyd Intermediate School PTA donation of \$4,818.05 to fund cultural arts
2. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$6,300.00 to fund various clubs (Math Club, Robotics Club and ESL Homework Club) at Elwood Middle School

**G. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS / SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA – Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert**

1. Student Liaison -- Matthew Weiss

**H. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**I. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Board goals

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to accept the Board goals as presented. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**J. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Topics for the October 6<sup>th</sup> work session

**K. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
  - a) Treasurer's Reports for the months ended June 30 and July 31, 2016
  - b) Revenue Reports through June 30, 2016 and July 31, 2016
  - c) Cash Flow Reports for general funds for the months ended June 30 and July 31, 2016
  - d) Budget Status Reports through June 30, 2016 and July 31, 2016
  - e) Trial Balances Reports through June 30, 2016 and July 31, 2016
  - f) Executive Summary for the months ended June 30, 2016 and July 31, 2016
  - g) Extra classroom Reports for the quarter ended June 30, 2016
  - h) School Lunch Fund report through June 30, 2016
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers

**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

**2. Special Education**

- a. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on April 6 and September 12.
- b. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on July 25, August 30 and September 8.

3. Recommend the Board:
  - a. Delete **Policy 5280 – Interscholastic Sports and**
  - b. Adopt *new* **Policy 5280 – Athletic Placement Process** (second reading)
  - c. Adopt revised **Policy 2260.1 – Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee** (second reading).
  
4. To add resiliency and depth, recommend the Board of Education appoint a second Board liaison to the following committees:
  - a. Facilities - Deborah Weiss
  - b. Technology - Deborah Weiss
  - c. Safety - James Tomeo
  - d. Health & Nutrition - Julia Fried**and** appoint Heather Mammolito and James Tomeo as Board liaisons to the Legislative Committee.
  
5. Recommend the Board make the following changes to the committee appointments of July 1, 2016:
  - a. Remove Deena Purow from the Facilities Committee
  - b. For the Safety Committee:
    - Remove Dr. James Ruck and add Carisa Burzynski
    - Add John Muller (*EMS Chief Custodian*)
  
6. Recommend the Board approve both of the following as members of the Committee on Special Education:
  - Kristen Karch – Chairperson/Psychologist
  - Michelle Kretz -- Chairperson/School Social Worker
  
7. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers and action items 1-7 including personnel addendum I. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**M. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

**N. COMMUNICATIONS** -- *None*

**O. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:14 p.m., Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini  
District Clerk