

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

October 20, 2016

Elwood Middle School Library

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 p.m.

At 6:02 p.m., Mrs. Fried moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to go into executive session to review documents from counsel. The motion carried unanimously.

Present at Executive Session were: Michael LaMena, Julia Fried, Heather Mammolito, James Tomeo, Debbie Weiss, Keri Loughlin, Dr. Kenneth Bossert and Maryann Sadowski, Esq..

B. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

At 7:25 p.m., Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to end executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Present:	Michael LaMena	President
	Julia Fried	Vice President
	Heather Mammolito	Trustee
	James Tomeo	Trustee
	Debbie Weiss	Trustee
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)

(TAB A)

1. Special Meeting – June 20, 2016
Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2016. The motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Mr. Tomeo and Mrs. Weiss).
2. Special Meeting – June 21, 2016
Mrs. Fried moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2016. The motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Mrs. Mammolito and Mrs. Weiss).
3. Business Meeting – September 22, 2016
Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the minutes of September 22, 2016. The motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. LaMena).
4. Special Meeting – October 6, 2016
Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2016. The motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mrs. Fried).

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:

*Kathryn Kuroda
Stephanie Mullan*

*Daniella Marchese
Lindsay Zolga*

As members of Girl Scout Troop 3128, they worked throughout the last school year and the summer raising money to provide the middle school with a variety of items that were beneficial to the building, including sports equipment and games for recess, a new lost and found space, and storage space for both the Art and FAC rooms.

F. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$2,106 to fund the ESL Homework Club at James H. Boyd Intermediate 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. Audit report presentation by Marianne Van Duyne, R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants
2. Fund balance/long term financial plan updates

(TAB B)

J. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Policies to be added/amended:
 - a) Amended Policy 2120 – School Board Elections
 - b) New Policy 2120.1 -- Candidates and Campaigning
 - c) Amended Policy 5300.60 -- Student Searches and Interrogations
 - d) Amended Policy 5152 -- Admission of Non-Resident Students

(TAB C)

K. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a) Treasurer's Report for the month ended August 31, 2016
 - b) Revenue Report through August 31, 2016
 - c) Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended August 31, 2016
 - d) Budget Status Report through August 31, 2016
 - e) Trial Balances Report through August 31, 2016
 - f) Executive Summary for the month ended August 31, 2016
 - g) Claims Auditor report for the month of August, 2016
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers

(TAB D)

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Fried 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 E)

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the personnel agenda and addendum. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Special Education

(TAB F)

- 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 September 7, 13, 14, 16, 22, 23, 26, 27, 30; October 5, 6.
 - 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 September 27, 28, 30.
3. Recommend the Board appoint the following social workers as the homeless liaisons for the District in place of Keri Loughlin:

<i>Elwood John H. Glenn High School</i>	<i>Joanna Sepp</i>
<i>Elwood Middle School</i>	<i>Sherine DeJesus</i>
<i>Harley Avenue Primary School and James H. Boyd Intermediate School</i>	<i>Michelle Kretz</i>

4. Recommend the Board adopt the following policies (*1st reading*): **(see TAB C)**

- a. Amended policy 2120 – School Board Elections
- b. New policy 2120.1 -- Candidates and Campaigning
- c. Amended Policy 5300.60 -- Student Searches and Interrogations
- d. Amended Policy 5152 -- Admission of Non-Resident Students

5. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby certifies the following administrators as APPR lead evaluators for the 2016-17 school year according to Section 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents:

TITLE	NAME
Superintendent	Dr. Kenneth Bossert
Assistant Superintendent	Maureen Hull
Executive Director/Directors	Dianne Wilkinson, Pamela Fine, Eileen Kelly-Gorman, David Shanahan
Principals	Elissa Toubin, Dr. Denise Toscano, Dr. Hugh Gigante, Carisa Burzynski
Assistant Principals	Dawn Valle, Leroy Cole, Thomas Colletti

6. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby certifies the following administrators as APPR evaluators for Principals for the 2016-17 school year according to Section 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents:

TITLE	NAME
Superintendent	Dr. Kenneth Bossert
Assistant Superintendent	Maureen Hull

7. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

(see TAB B.1)

***BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Elwood Board of Education accepts the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, as prepared by the firm R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accounts."*

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

(TAB G)

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve action items 2 – 8. The motion carried unanimously.

M. **ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

N. **COMMUNICATIONS** -- None

O. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

P. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:24 p.m., Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk