

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
December 16, 2010  
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk (7:34 p.m.)

Present:	Michael Kaszubski	President
	Joseph Fusaro	Vice President
	Dan Ciccone	Trustee
	Andrew L. Kaplan	Trustee
Absent:	Patricia Matos	Trustee
Staff:	Peter C. Scordo	Superintendent
	William Pastore	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Ronald L. Friedman	Asst. Superintendent/Human Resources
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Dir. Adm. & Instructional Technology
	Maryann Llewellyn	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Peggy Pietzak	District Clerk

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President

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

(TAB A)

1. Business Meeting – November 18, 2010  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Work Session – November 4, 2010  
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.
3. Work Session – December 2, 2010  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**D. COMMENDATIONS** -- This evening we honored Harley Student Projects and Elwood's Athletic Champions.

**E. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS/SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA** – Mr. Peter C. Scordo

1. Report from Gwen Rosen, Student Liaison
2. Holiday performance by Elwood-John Glenn High School choral group
3. Update re: Facing Continued Fiscal Challenges, Elwood Leaders Exploring Consolidation  
The panel for the January 6, 2011 workshop has been confirmed, and the meeting will be held in the Middle School Auditorium. All are encouraged to attend.

**F. PRESENTATION:** None

**G. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Updates**

- a. Facilities – Joe Fusaro
- b. Curriculum- Dan Ciccone – (Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> next meeting)
- c. Public Relations -
- d. Policy – Peter Scordo - Meeting in January to discuss 2 new and 1 tabled item
- e. Technology – Gene Tranchino – January meeting
- f. CF/BAC – Bill Pastore – January 6th
- g. Safety – Bill Pastore
- h. Health and Nutrition – Dan Ciccone

H. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – None

I. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS** -- None

J. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended October 31, 2010,
2. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended ended October 31, 2010,
3. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended October 31, 2010,
4. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the month ended October 31, 2010,
5. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Trial Balances for all funds as of ended October 31, 2010.
6. Recommend the Board approve the budgetary transfers.  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 1 nay.

K. **BUSINESS MATTERS**

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)

Recommend the Board approve personnel items and addendum listed in Tab C.  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

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

(TAB D)

Recommend the Board approve business items listed in Tab D with the exception of B1 which was withdrawn.  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

3. **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 October 27<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup> (2 meetings), November 18<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>,

b. **and** the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on March 9<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup> (2 meetings).  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

c. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution to appoint Diane Cohen to serve as an impartial hearing officer:

(TAB H)

**"BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District hereby approves the appointment of Diane Cohen, IHO Identifier 61345, to serve as impartial hearing officer in connection with a certain matter between the District and the parents of a youngster classified by the District's CSE and identified by student number 000400252."

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

4. **Miscellaneous**

a. Recommend the Board approve the Special Education Two Year Plan.

(TAB E)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

- b. Recommend the Board approve the following policies (2<sup>nd</sup> reading): (TAB F)
- 4741 Class Rankings
  - 5301 Harassment of Students (with amended changes)
  - 9123 Staff-Student Relations (Fraternization)

**and** recommend the Board of Education amend the Code of Conduct as follows (second reading):

- 5300.10 Definitions
- 5300.30 Prohibited Student Conduct

*[Please note that only the affected portions of the Code of Conduct are attached in order to conserve paper.]*

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

- c. Recommend the Board accept the Official Vote Tallies for the special referendum held on December 9, 2010 and adopt the attached board resolution authorizing the financing of the project. (TAB G)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

L. **ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA** -- None

M. **COMMUNICATIONS**

N. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – (8:50 – 8:52 p.m.)

O. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - At 8:53 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters and negotiations. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

At 10:37 p.m Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to leave executive session. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Ciccione moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve the following resolution:

*BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District hereby denies the appeal from a decision of the Superintendent, dated October 21, 2010, with respect to the student named in confidential attachment "A".*

The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

P. **ADJOURNMENT** – At 10:39 p.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Q. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** January 20, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak  
District Clerk