

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

March 23, 2017

Elwood Middle School Library

Executive Session 6:00 p.m.

Public Session 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:04 p.m., Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and negotiations with counsel. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Present at Executive Session were: Michael LaMena, Mrs. Fried (6:20 p.m.), Heather Mammolito, James Tomeo, Debbie Weiss, Keri Loughlin, Maureen Hull and Dr. Bossert.

Neil Block and Mary-Ann Czak from legal (dismissed at 7:05 p.m.).

At 7:27 p.m., Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to end executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

B. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to reconvene into open 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. January 26, 2017 Business Meeting
Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.
2. February 13, 2017 Business Meeting
Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2017. The motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Mr. LaMena and Mrs. Fried).

3. March 9, 2017 Work Session/Budget Meeting
Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2017. The motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. LaMena).

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 the following Middle School students to recognize them for the work they did to welcome and acclimate new students to the school:

*Ava LaBelle
Devin McNamara
David Veliz*

F. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. Grants in the amount of \$28,548.85 awarded to staff by the Elwood Education Endowment:

<i>Pamela Fine & Eileen Kelly-Gorman</i>	<i>Providing opportunities to all Elwood students to travel near and far with Google Expeditions</i>
<i>Renee Spanos</i>	<i>Expanding the Boyd STEM program through the use of iPads</i>
<i>Krista Albrecht, Liz Held</i>	<i>STEM in action at Boyd with Makey Makey kits and Dash and Dot robots</i>
<i>Donna Fife</i>	<i>Redesigning the EMS common area to reflect new ways of learning</i>
<i>Ricky Greening</i>	<i>Teaching diseases and the immune system to JGHS Living Environment students through the use of interactive games and books</i>
<i>Vickie Henson</i>	<i>JGHS Band Composer Workshop to create a musical composition to honor Senator John H. Glenn</i>

2. Elwood SEPTA donations:

- \$255.37 to fund the Harley/Boyd Life Skills trip
- \$116.08 to fund the Elwood Middle School Life Skills recycling trip
- \$528.00 to fund the SEPTA Boyd Sports Club
- \$728.00 to fund the SEPTA Boyd Friendship Club
- \$406.00 to fund the 8th grade field trip to see the movie *Hidden Figures*

3. Girl Scout Troop 2598's proposed service project to enhance the property at James H. Boyd Intermediate School
4. James H. Boyd PTA donations:
 - \$8,000 to fund the Hall of Science program
 - \$10,000 to fund the purchase of Google Expeditions glasses
5. Elwood Booster Club donations:
 - \$169.93 to fund five ball launchers for the James H. Boyd Robotics Club
 - \$351.00 to fund the Math Club at James H. Boyd Intermediate School
6. Donations of \$367.50 and \$114.53 funding the Barbara Quigley Memorial Fund
7. Donation of \$500 from Virginia Maina to fund the Maina Scholarship Fund
8. Elwood Middle School PTA donation of \$1,000 to fund the 7th grade DNA Center program at Elwood Middle School

(Donations accepted at the February 10 meeting)

1. Elwood Middle School PTA donation of \$2,000 toward funding the 8th grade field trip to Elwood Movie Theater
2. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$1,744.80 to fund the Fashion Club and Diversity Club at the high school
3. Harley Avenue PTA donation of \$45,000 toward funding a new playground at Harley
4. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$10,500 toward funding a new playground at Harley

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. Seal of Bi-Literacy

J. DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

K. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a) Treasurer's Report for the month ended February 28, 2017
 - b) Revenue Report through February 28, 2017
 - c) Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month of February 2017
 - d) Budget Status Report through February 28, 2017
 - e) Trial Balances Report through February 28, 2017
 - f) Executive Summary through February 28, 2017
 - g) School Lunch Fund report for the month of January 2017
 - h) Claims Auditor Reports for the months of January and February 2017.
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.
Mr. Tomeo 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 C)

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

2. Special Education

(TAB D)

- 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 March 3, 2016; September 8, 2016; December 5, 2016; January 11, 26, 31, 2017; February 17, 2017; and March 2, 2017.
- 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 April 8, 2016; January 24, 2017; February 7, 13, 28, 2017; and March 3, 2017.

3. Recommend the Board approve the resolution regarding foundation aid.

(TAB E)

4. Recommend the Board nominate Mrs. Jeannette Santos and Mr. Peter Wunsch to serve as members of the Western Suffolk BOCES Board for a three year term commencing July 1, 2017.

5. Business Agenda -- as per attached

(TAB F)

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve action items 2 – 5.
The motion carried unanimously.

M. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

N. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

O. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:03 p.m., Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion carried unanimously.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 p.m., Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk