

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 16, 2017
Elwood Middle School Library

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussions related to personnel items and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law at 6:35 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Present at Executive Session were: Julia Fried, James Tomeo, Becky Marcus, Heather Mammolito, Deborah Weiss, Dr. Kenneth Bossert and Maureen Hull.

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to end executive session at 7:33 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

B. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:38 p.m.

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to reconvene into open session at 7:38 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Present:	Julia Fried	President
	James Tomeo	Vice President
	Heather Mammolito	Trustee
	Becky Marcus	Trustee
	Deborah Weiss	Trustee

Absent: none

Staff:	Dr. Kenneth Bossert	Superintendent of Schools
	Maureen Hull	Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation
	Dianne Wilkinson	Exec. Director/Special Education
	Mary Lou Janelli	District Clerk

Absent: Keri Loughlin Assistant Superintendent/Business

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) (TAB A)

1. October 26, 2017 Business Meeting
Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2017.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

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. Those honored were:

1. Kevin Harrington – New York State Volleyball Coaches Hall of Fame Inductee

2. Joseph Franzese– Commended Student in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship program
3. Krista Albrecht and Elizabeth Held – awarded a \$5,000 grant from Lowe’s Charitable and Educational Foundation

F. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. \$25 donation to the Barbara Quigley Memorial Fund
2. \$5,345 donation from the Elwood Booster Club funding Robotics, Mathematics and Art Clubs at James H. Boyd Intermediate School and Mathematics and Art Clubs at Harley Avenue Primary School through January, 2018.
3. 400 “Bond Vote” Buttons donation from the Elwood Booster Club valued at \$230.00.

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

1. Student Liaison -- Emma Koster

H. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS

The Board encourages all residents to attend its meetings, and this section of the agenda affords them the opportunity to speak. Persons wishing to speak should identify themselves and any organization they represent at the meeting. Comments should be kept as brief as possible and may not exceed three minutes (Board Policy 2351). Public discussion of matters relating to staff, students, or others at which their reputations, privacy or right to due process could be in some way violated is prohibited.

I. PRESENTATIONS

1. STEAM Initiative Progress Report

J. DISCUSSION ITEMS

K. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a) Treasurer’s Report for the month of October, 2017
 - b) Revenue Report through October 31, 2017
 - c) Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month of October, 2017
 - d) Budget Status Report through October 31, 2017
 - e) Trial Balance Report through October 31, 2017
 - f) Executive Summary through October 31, 2017
 - g) Budget Transfer Report for the month of October, 2017
 - h) School Lunch Fund Report for the month of October, 2017
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve Financial Matters K1 – K2 as presented to the Board at this meeting.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

L. ACTION ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following business matters be approved:

1. **Personnel Agenda and Addendum I--** as per attached **(TAB C)**
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 13, September 19, October 4, 11, 12, 17, 19, 23, 25, 27.
 - 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 5, October 23, 25, 26, 27, 30.
3. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints the following Election Officials for the Special Meeting of the Elwood Union Free School District to be held on November 28, 2017:

Chairperson/Chief Election Inspector: Rate of pay - \$10.50/hour

Veronica Bohrer

Election Inspectors: Rate of pay - \$10.00/hour

Ira Anekstein, Rita Anilionis, Eileen Bellman, Patty Grasso, Loretta Hamann, Elvira Lubrano, Frank Rasweiler, Lawrence Rose, Wendi Stranieri, Hilda Schulkind, Judith Tessitore, Maureen O'Brien and Lori Drucker

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the District Clerk to make any changes to the appointments or employ substitutes as deemed necessary.

4. Amended Business Agenda -- as per attached

(TAB E)

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Marcus seconded a motion to approve Action Items L1 – L4, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

M. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

N. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

O. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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P. ADJOURNMENT – 8:51 p.m.

Mrs. Marcus moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Janelli
District Clerk