

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 7, 2017
Elwood Middle School Library

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:37 p.m.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Marcus 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 6:37 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, Keri Loughlin and Maureen Hull.

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to end executive session at 7:26 p.m.

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

B. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:36 p.m.

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene into open session at 7:36 p.m.

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

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

Absent: none

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

Absent: none

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. November 16, 2017 Business Meeting

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 16, 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. Brendan Harrigan – Commended Student in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship program
2. Elizabeth Held – New York State Teacher of the Year Finalist
3. Wayne Barrett – Exemplary performance at James H. Boyd Elementary School
4. Elwood-John H. Glenn Varsity Volleyball team, Long Island Champions

F. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$750.00 to fund the Public Speaking Club at James H. Boyd Intermediate School.
2. College Board donation of \$500.00 to offset additional costs incurred in administering the AP Exams.
3. Harley Avenue Primary School PTA donation of \$3,090.00 to fund the purchase of new tables at Harley Avenue Primary School.
4. Elwood Middle School PTA donations of 18 books with an estimated value of \$200.00 from the Scholastic Book Fair, and \$1,142.48 in Scholastic Dollars to purchase books and materials through the Scholastic toolkit website.

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

1. Student Liaison -- Emma Koster
2. Capital Bond – Follow-up

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. PRESENTATION

1. Update on Student Achievement and AP Program Enhancements

J. DISCUSSION ITEMS

K. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a) Claims Auditor Report for the month of October, 2017
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve Financial Matters, Item 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)

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the Action Item, Item L1, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

2. **Special Education**

(TAB D)

- a. Recommend the Board hereby approves the Subcommittee and Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on October 11, 17, 25 and November 15, 20, 21.

3. Recommend the Board hereby accepts the Official Vote Tallies for the Special District

(TAB E)

Meeting held on November 28, 2017, as follows:
Proposition #1 – Approved
Yes – 718
No – 371
Proposition #2 - Failed
Yes – 508
No – 577

4. Recommend the Board approve the Bond Resolution of the Elwood Union Free School District, New York, authorizing the construction of various improvements to District buildings and sites; stating the estimated total cost thereof is not to exceed \$34,568,600; appropriating said amount therefore; and authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$34,568,600 serial bonds of said district to finance said appropriation. A copy of the full text of the resolution is attached. **(TAB F)**

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the Action Item, Item L4, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
Motion carried by roll call vote: 5-yes, 0-no.
Mrs. Marcus – aye
Mrs. Weiss – aye
Mrs. Mammolito – aye
Mr. Tomeo – aye
Mrs. Fried - aye

5. Recommend the Board approves the following resolution: **(TAB G)**
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elwood Board of Education hereby accepts the Internal Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, as prepared by the firm Nawrocki Smith LLP, Certified Public Accounts.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Marcus seconded a motion to approve the Action Items, Items L2, L3 and L5, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

6. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached **(TAB H)**

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the Action Item, Item L6, 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. RECONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Marcus moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to reconvene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions related to the Superintendent's Contract at 9:57 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to end Executive Session and reconvene Open Session at 10:29 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Q. ADJOURNMENT – 10:30 p.m.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Janelli
District Clerk