

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 20, 2011
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (7:36 p.m.)

Present:	Michael Kaszubski	President
	Joseph Fusaro (7:45)	Vice President
	Dan Ciccone	Trustee
	Andrew L. Kaplan	Trustee
	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 – December 16, 2010
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mrs. Matos).
2. Special Meeting – January 6, 2011
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

D. COMMENDATIONS -- This evening we honored:

1. Middle School students for their extra efforts during "Anti-Bullying Week": *Allison Biancardi, Ani Vardanian, Ethan Felizzari, Gillian Pelkonen, James Schebler, Jenna Yeisley, Justin Koehler, Kelly Mazzola, Kerry Sewell, Kevin Lee, Kristin Montana, Nicholas Torzilli, Samantha Gambardella, Tanna Mohammed, Tiffanie Yang, Alexis Semler, Brian Reilly, Evan Muchnicki, Marc Cacioppo*
2. Middle School Junior Honor Society members for their leadership in the Middle School "Food and Glove Drive": *Allison Biancardi, Sam Gambardella, Alyssa DeFalco, Monika Sivilli*
3. Matthew Henningsen for honoring the memory of Matthew Lawrence by donating a tree in Matthew's honor.

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

Mr. Scordo thanked Dr. Gigante and staff members for their incredible handling of the bomb scare which took place today in the Elwood Middle School.

1. Gwen Rosen, Student Liaison, gave her report.
2. Education Jobs Fund – William Pastore
We will be receiving funds of \$418,753 that have to be used by 2012. These funds are similar to stimulus funds and can only be used for school level employees.
3. Common Core Standards adopted by the New York State Board of Regents – Maryann Llewellyn
These standards have been in review for 18 months all over the State of New York. Some of the revisions will be: Pre-K standards for entry to school; reading and writing curriculum, which includes 22 types of literacy. These standards will be tested in 2013.

4. Parent Portal opening on February 1, 2011 – Gene Tranchino
Registration for middle school and high school parents started on December 8, 2010. The Parent Portal will be live on February 1, 2011.
5. Community collaborative efforts to advocate for State funding
Everyone is encouraged to write or email legislators with regard to the tax cap. The website has samples to help write these emails or letters to let them know how we feel and the impact it will have on our schools.

F. **PRESENTATION:** None

G. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – (8:05-8:08 p.m.)

H. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Paperless Board packets
2. Follow-up/update re: January 6, 2011 workshop
There is no additional information to provide at this time. As of now, none of the other districts have expressed an interest.

I. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended November 30, 2010,
2. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended November 30, 2010,
3. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended November 30, 2010,
4. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the month ended November 30, 2010,
5. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Trial Balances for all funds as of November 30, 2010.
6. Recommend the Board approve the budgetary transfers.
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

J. **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 (including Addendum I and Addendum II) with the exception of the last name on the schedule of substitute teachers and nurses which was withdrawn.

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

(TAB D)

The Metro Therapy contract (item B1:b, see **Tab 2**) and the proposal from Applied Data Services (item B5:b, see **Tab 12**) were withdrawn.

Recommend the Board approve the agreement with Fitzharris & Company, Inc. (item B1:a, see **Tab 1**).

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan).

Recommend the Board approve the remaining business items, excluding B1 a (approved), B1 b (withdrawn), and B5 b (withdrawn).

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 5 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 25th, November 29th, December 6th (3 meetings), December 7th, December 8th, (3 meetings), December 10th, December 13th, December 14th, December 15th (2 meetings), December 20th, and January 5th,
- 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: December 8th, December 16th (2 meetings), and March 9th. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

4. Miscellaneous

- a. Recommend the Board approve the calendar for the 2011-2012 school year. (TAB E)
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- b. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution: (TAB F)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby adopts the policies listed in **TAB F** and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said policies supersede any policies adopted by the Board prior to the date of this resolution.

Mrs. Matos moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- c. Recommend the Board approve the following policies (*first reading*): (TAB G)
- i. 4430 Student Schedules and Course Loads
 - ii. 4740 Honor Rolls
 - iii. 4740.1 Honor Society
 - iv. 5311 Academic Integrity Policy

Recommend the Board approve policy 4740 Honor Roll (*first reading*).

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay.

Recommend the Board approve the first reading of policy 4430 Student Schedules and Course Loads (as amended); 4740.1 Honor Society; and 5311 Academic Integrity Policy.

Mrs. Matos moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

L. **COMMUNICATIONS**

M. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – (9:10-9:17 p.m.)

N. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 9:17 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and negotiations. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

O. **ADJOURNMENT** – At 10:35 p.m. Mrs. Matos moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded the motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

P. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** February 17, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak
District Clerk