

MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 22, 2004

Elwood Middle School

A. CALL TO ORDER – Deputy District Clerk 6:05 p.m.

Present Michael Kaszubski President

Bill Cameron Vice President

Dina Annunziata Member

Dan Ciccone Member

Joseph Fusaro Member

Staff Michael A. Maina Superintendent

Carl Fraser Assistant Superintendent/Business

ACTION ITEMS

B. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board go into executive session

to discuss land acquisition issues. The motion carried unanimously.

C. A motion was made by Mr. Ciccone and seconded by Mr. Fusaro to end the executive session at 8:05 p.m. at which time the regular business meeting was re-convened.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) (TAB J)

Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of December 11, 2003.

The motion carried unanimously.

F. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Michael A. Maina

Mr. Maina gave a comprehensive report detailing this year's state aid proposal as contained in Governor Pataki's executive budget proposal. Superintendent Maina presented data that reflected a proposed decrease in general aid to Elwood of approximately \$274,708. Mr. Maina did comment that this proposed reduction was albeit significantly far less draconian than what the Governor proposed last year. The District does anticipate an increase in building aid to offset the increased 04-05 debt service payment. The amount for building aid contained in the state aid data published by *Newsday* may not be correct, and Mr. Fraser, Assistant Superintendent for Business, is seeking further clarification from the State Education Department and will advise the Board accordingly. Mr. Maina then introduced Assistant Superintendent Hogan who was scheduled to report on certain curricula matters.

Mr. John Hogan, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, gave a presentation on Curriculum

and Standards.

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Mr. Maina, Mr. Fraser and the Board members will attend a symposium on Tuesday sponsored by the New York State School Board Association concerning the impact of the

CFE decision and NYS budget woes.

G. COMMENDATIONS – (*deferred*)

H. RESIDENTS' REMARKS 9:25 – 9:43 p.m.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Charge of the Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee
2. Long-range strategic planning
3. Priority Capital Projects

Item #1:

The committee is scheduled to meet next Thursday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Item #2:

The Board is interested in hearing from our residents either publicly or privately, what their

interests are or ideas for programs, etc.

The Board will look to have a community survey followed by a Board retreat to set goals and

objectives.

Item #3:

Phase 4 Projected Cost Update for the summer of 2004 requires Board approval prior to bidding

which is tentatively scheduled for February 24, 2004.

A discussion ensued and a meeting for Board members, Mr. Maina, architects and the construction

manager to meet next week to further discuss summer Capital Work.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- (No Recommended Items)

K. FINANCIAL MATTERS (TAB K)

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended November 30, 2003.

2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended December 31, 2003.

3. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the period ended December 31, 2003.

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS

a. Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board approve **(TAB L)**

Personnel items:

Resignations: Deborah Holloway Teaching Assistant

Glenn Mincieli Custodial Worker I

Other:

-- Emergency appointments and reappointments

-- Extension of assignment of regular substitute teacher to May 23, 2004

*-- Addendum to schedule of substitute teachers/nurses*Page 3 – Minutes 1/22/04

b. **and** that the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on November 12 and 19 and December 3, 10 and 17;

c. **and** that 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 4 and 18;

d. **and** that that the Board approve the resolution to increase income **(TAB M)** limits to qualify Seniors with Limited Incomes and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes for property tax exemptions;

e. **and** that the Board approve change orders for work being performed **(TAB N)**

1. at Elwood Middle School by Louis Piekut Electric in the **credit** amount of \$5,000 and

2. at James Boyd School by Adjo Contracting Corp. in the **credit** amount of \$50,242.00;

f. **and** that the Board approve the February edition of *Elwood Education* **(TAB O)**

Highlights;

g. **and** that the Board approve revised anti hazing policy JICFA (*1st reading*); **(TAB P)**

h. **and** that the Board approve the following health service contracts for

Students attending private/parochial schools:

Brentwood UFSD 1 student \$406.80

Deer Park UFSD 1 student \$561.78

i. **and** that the Board waive the custodial/building use fees for the Harley Avenue and James H. Boyd PTAs for the annual fun fair to be held at Elwood Middle School on Saturday, January 31, 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

M. ITEMS NOT LIST ON AGENDA

N. COMMUNICATIONS -- (No Recommended Items)

O. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – 10:19 p.m.

P. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Granieri

District Clerk