

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 12, 2004
Elwood Middle School

A. CALL TO ORDER – Deputy District Clerk - 7:05 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. Fusaro moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board go into executive session to

discuss land acquisition issues. The motion carried unanimously.

C. A motion was made by Mr. Fusaro and seconded by Mr. Ciccone to end the executive session at 7:52 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting re-convened in the auditorium at 8:03 p.m. Joining the meeting at that time were:

Staff Robert Annucci Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources

John Hogan Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum

David Cenerelli Director/Special Education

Nancy Raguzin Treasurer

Carlene Granieri District Clerk

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

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

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board approve the amended minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of January 22, 2004 and the Special Business Meeting of January 29, 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. David Bertman of Rochester, Minnesota was introduced. He is a music teacher and will

be an administrative intern at the Middle School for the duration of the school year. Page 2
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The residents were asked to pick up a flyer (located in the rear of the auditorium) from the

Town of Huntington. The Town Board is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan.

The public is strongly encouraged to attend one or several of the public forum meetings. The Math A Regents scale re-scoring is still controversial. Over 92% of our students passed

the Math A Regents and 98% of our students passed the local standard.

Tonight, under Unfinished Business, the Board will vote on the district's revised Anti Hazing Policy.

The Board will also vote on the High School music trip to Virginia Beach. The original trip to

Hershey Park had to be cancelled due to closure of recreation facilities.

Mr. Fraser, Assistant Superintendent for Business, gave an update to the Board concerning progress toward the technology initiative of e-mail and website access for staff. Thanks were expressed to Board Trustee Bill Cameron for his time and effort in assisting Mr. Fraser in the evaluation of various proposals. The Board will receive a recommendation at the March 11 meeting to utilize the services of SchoolCenter.

Mr. Louis Tuorto, Director of Physical Education, Athletics, Health, and Recreation presented a comprehensive report to the Board detailing the interscholastic athletic program for grades 7-12.

G. COMMENDATIONS – (deferred)

H. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – 9:23 p.m.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. NYSSBA Community Connect Service

This is an ongoing discussion on how to best receive input from the community. Whether we will have predetermined questions, surveys, or a town meeting format may be part of the discussion of our long range planning goals.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve revised (**TAB S**) anti hazing policy JICFA (2nd reading).

The motion carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Kaszubski announced that the Board voted on renewing Mr. Maina's contract. They are pleased with his performance as Superintendent of Schools.

K. FINANCIAL MATTERS (TAB T)

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended December 31, 2003.

2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended January 31, 2004.

3. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Extra Classroom Fund Reports (High School and Middle School) for the quarter ended December 31, 2003. Page 3 – Minutes 2/12/04

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS

a. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve (**TAB U**) personnel items:

Retirement: Camille Racioppi Confidential Account Clerk - Payroll

Appointments: Carolyn Zielinski Teaching Assistant

Denise D'Auria-Roche Paraprofessional

Other:

-- *Emergency appointments and reappointments*

-- *Grade 5 social studies teacher for Academic Intervention Services*

-- *Increase in hours for food service worker*

-- *Decrease in hours for paraprofessional*

-- *Interscholastic coaching staff for spring 2003-04 season*

-- *Addendum to schedule of approved substitute teachers/nurses*

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 January 14 and 21;

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 January 22;

d. and that the Board approve change orders for work being performed (TAB W)

1. at James Boyd School by WHM Plumbing & Heating Contractors in the **debit** amount of \$4,059.60 and

2. at James Boyd School by Statewide Roofing Inc. in the **credit** amount of \$3,371.45;

e. **and** that the Board approve the following health service contracts for Students attending private/parochial schools:

Northport/East Northport UFSD 54 students \$24,317.82

Jericho UFSD 1 student 1,330.92

Syosset CSD 3 students 1,738.95

Commack UFSD 15 students 5,031.60

g. **and** that the Board approve the proposed high school music trip to the (TAB X) 2004 Music in the Parks Festival at Virginia Beach, April 22-24, 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

d. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve the (TAB V) resolution of a municipal cooperation agreement with Suffolk County with respect to the County's acquisition of Ellgreen Company/DeLea Sod Farm Property pursuant to the Suffolk County Active Parklands Stage II Acquisition Program.

The motion carried unanimously.

M. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

N. COMMUNICATIONS -- (No Recommended Items)

Letters were received from the parents of Arizona students who participated in the December wrestling Tournament hosted at Glenn. They remarked how hospitable the Elwood community was to them and what a fine example of sportsmanship we set by cheering on their youngsters.

They hope to reciprocate next year.

O. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – 9:42 p.m.

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Carlene Granieri
District Clerk