

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Elwood, New York

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**August 19, 2004**  
Elwood Middle School

**CALL TO ORDER** - 6:46 p.m.

Present	Michael Kaszubski	President
	Joseph Fusaro	Vice President
	Dina Annunziata	Member
	Julie Badlato	Member
	Dan Ciccone	Member
Staff	Michael A. Maina	Superintendent

**First Executive Session:**

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss a certain personnel item.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded to close Executive Session and return to the Regular Business Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

**A. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk - 8:06 p.m.

Present	Michael Kaszubski	President
	Joseph Fusaro	Vice President
	Dina Annunziata	Member
	Julie Badlato	Member
	Dan Ciccone	Member
Staff	Michael A. Maina	Superintendent
	Carl Fraser	Assistant Superintendent/Business
	Robert Annucci	Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources
	John Hogan	Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
	David Cenerelli	Director/Special Education
	Carlene Granieri	District Clerk

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

**(TAB L)**

Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve the amended minutes (Item VIII. letter evaluations and ITEMS NOT LISTED football at US Naval Academy) of the Reorganization/Regular Business Meeting – July 1, 2004.

**D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** – Michael A. Maina

The student enrollment is 2,600: Harley 613, Boyd 626, Middle School 630, High School 726.

Mr. Annucci reported on Instructional staff needed: .7 Science teacher and .6 teacher at Glenn. An Art teacher at Harley resigned. He fully expects to have all positions covered.

Mr. Fraser reported that the transportation routes were set on August 14 with Huntington Coach.

Mr. Fraser also gave an update on the capital project:

- construction work schedule
- assured the safety and welfare of the children
- bathroom and library renovations
- elevators at the middle school

Mrs. Annunziata asked whether parents or PTA reps will be riding the bus routes. Mr. Fraser will speak to Dr. Cancroft to discuss transportation, parent drop off, alternative methods and safety concerns to the Board.

Will ceiling fans be installed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Harley, the music room in EMS, and will a fan survey re ventilation needs be done in all of the other buildings?

Mr. Fraser will speak to Mr. Butler, Dr. Cancroft, and others, re needs, and installation can be done over the winter break for use in the spring.

Invited guests gave reports on the state of the playing fields:

Mike Walsh and Joe Chiarelli, from Sullivan & Nichols, Rich Scalia from Baldassano, and Mike Butler, Director of Elwood's Buildings & Grounds.

**E. COMMENDATIONS** – (Deferred until schools reopen).

**F. RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – 9:12 – 10:15 p.m.

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded that the Board approve policy (TAB M)  
JIBBA – High School Student Liaison (2<sup>nd</sup> reading).  
(Statement by Mr. Ciccone filed and on record)  
The vote carried 3 ayes and 2 nays (Mr. Ciccone and Mr. Fusaro).

**H. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended June 30, 2004.
2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended June 30, 2004.
3. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the year ended June 30, 2004.
4. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Middle and High School Extra Classroom Activity Reports for the quarter and year ended June 30, 2004.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

1. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve (TAB O)  
personnel items.

<u>Resignation:</u>	Laura Newman	Elementary Teacher (Administrative Intern)
<u>Leave:</u>	Marguerite Greene	Special Education Teacher
<u>Appointments:</u>	Shannon Chetuck	Special Education Teacher
	KeriAnn Clark	Kindergarten & Special Education Teacher
	George Drakatos	Mathematics Teacher
	Allen Epstein	Social Studies Teacher
	Marguerite Greene	Administrative Intern
	Jaime Hermann	Teaching Assistant
	Bruce Lepanto	Social Studies Teacher

<u>Appointments:</u>	Tracy Ott	Physical Education & Health Teacher
(continued)	Melissa Scott	Special Education Teacher
	Kristen Seidler	Special Education Teacher
	Chris Warren	Art Teacher
	Stephanie West	Clerk Typist

**Other:**

- Emergency appointments
- Special Ed. teacher from .9 FTE to probationary
- Teacher for Italian A & B Curriculum Writing Project – 15 hours
- 2 teachers for Special Ed. Curriculum Writing Project – 30 hours each
- Curriculum Assistant – Special Education for 2004/05 school year
- Extra class for 3 teachers
- Teacher's leave of absence to accept Dean position
- Increase in hours for food service worker
- College student for summer custodial help

(New staff introduced and welcomed).

- b. **and** the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on May 7, 14, 19 and June 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 16, 17 and 23.
- c. **and** the Board approve the transportation contract with Eastern Suffolk BOCES **(TAB P)** for the Summer 2004 program.
- d. **and** the Board approve a change order for Hutton Electric Contracting at **(TAB Q)** Boyd Intermediate in the **credit** amount of \$340.29  
(change order for Arrow Steel at the Middle School in the **debit** amount of \$3,867.45 deferred)
- e. **and** the Board approve the disposal of 304 textbooks from Elwood Middle **(TAB R)** School as obsolete.
- f. **and** the Board approve the Western Suffolk BOCES service contract for the **(TAB S)** 2004-2005 school year.  
The motion carried unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board adopt the revision of charge to the Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory and formation of BOE/District Steering Committees and/or Sub-Committees.  
The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mrs. Annunziata suggested that all correspondence to the Board be acknowledged, followed by Board discussion and then a comprehensive response be prepared for Board approval. Mrs. Annunziata recommended that the Board should possibly seek assistance from the New York State School Boards Association.

**J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

Mr. Fusaro requested to review coaching evaluations, and also requested that notice of curriculum presentations be published in the Elwood Highlights.

Mr. Ciccone requested the Board receive a list of who is up for tenure this year.

Mr. Kaszubski asked the public if they have an opinion of a teacher's performance to please inform the Board. Mrs. Badlato asked that the comments not only be those of concern, but also compliments of performance.

Mr. Ciccone asked to meet with Mr. Hogan and Mr. Tuorto to discuss Health, Nutrition and the Physical Fitness Program.

**K. COMMUNICATIONS**

**(TAB T)**

1. from Gerard K. Hannon

3. from Supervisor Petrone, Town Clerk Raia, and Town Council of Town of Huntington, acknowledging receipt of Board's letters re Orchard Park

4. from Ronald A. Bruens

5. from Laura Williams with response from Michael Kaszubski

**L. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – 11:35 – 11:39 p.m.**

**M. SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board go into Executive Session at 11:39 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board close Executive Session and to adjourn the meeting at 12:37 a.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Granieri  
District Clerk