

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 8, 2003
Elwood Middle School

A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk 8:07 p.m.

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| Present | John Santomauro | President |
| | Michael Kaszubski | Vice President |
| | Dina Annunziata | Member |
| | Bill Cameron | Member |
| | Brian Madden | Member |
| Staff | Michael A. Maina | Superintendent |
| | Carl Fraser | Assistant Superintendent/Business |
| | Robert Annucci | Assistant Superintendent/Personnel |
| | Kathleen Semergieff | Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum |
| | David Cenerelli | Director/Special Education |
| | Nancy Raguzin | Treasurer |
| | Carlene Granieri | District Clerk |

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) (TAB H)

1. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the Special Business Meeting of April 3, 2003
the Regular Business Meeting of April 10, 2003
the Budget Information Meeting – April 15, 2003
the Special Business Meeting – April 28, 2003
the Special Business Meeting – April 29, 2003

The motion carried unanimously for all meetings with the exception of meetings held on 4/3 and 4/29 the motion carried 4 ayes and 1 abstention (Mr. Santomauro).

D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Michael A. Maina
The State Legislature has called for a statewide adjournment of the May 20 school vote and election. The vote is now set for **June 3rd**.

The Legislature has not fully restored funding, and Governor Pataki can still veto the the new Assembly bill. Since January the Administration and the Board have been working to develop the budget. The initial tax increase was up to 14% but is now at 7%.

Mr. Maina along with Mr. Santomauro, PTA presidents and PTA Council met with Senator Carl Marcellino for a frank discussion on school aid. The Senator has been a good friend to Elwood and many issues were addressed. The most pressing issues were regarding our increased enrollment and the need to hire more teachers and what

to expect in our future aid. The Senator said to expect more cuts next year and that the community must continue to send more letters and to flood the Governor's office with phone calls.

Mrs. Annunziata, teachers from the Elwood Teachers Alliance, PTA members and administrators were thanked for traveling to Albany on May 3. They were among 40,000 New Yorkers protesting the Governor's cuts to education.

Mr. Santomauro was asked to read a letter the Board sent to Assemblyman Andrew Raia asking for his support. Assemblyman Raia and Assemblyman Conte purport to be friends of Elwood; however, they have voted for the Governor's proposed cuts to education. The letter urged the Assemblyman to rethink his position.

The high school club Habitat for Humanity, under the direction of Rob Gilmor, has raised over \$27,000 to build a house on East 4th Street in Huntington Station. On May 16, Elwood residents are asked to join the high school students, administration, the Board and the many tradesman who are participating in "giving something back to the community" by supporting this worthy cause.

On Friday, June 20 the Habitat for Humanity club has 400 tickets to the Yankees vs. the Mets game at Shea Stadium. Please contact Mr. Gilmor at the high school for details.

In October, with the help of Senator Carl Marcellino, Mrs. Annunziata, Boyd Principal Mrs. McCabe, and members of the community, Elwood secured a grant to supplement the Boyd Science Center. The grant will enhance the "Living Laboratory" concept. Mrs. Annunziata introduced special guest, nature photographer Laura Eppig, who presented Boyd principal Sharon McCabe with photographs of butterflies. These framed prints will be displaced adjacent to the Butterfly Garden currently under construction at the Boyd School. Special thanks were extended by the Board of Education to Ms. Eppig for her donation, as well as to Mrs. Annunziata for her contributions in supporting the enhancement of the science curriculum.

The newly tenured teachers were introduced and congratulated.

E. COMMENDATIONS – deferred

F. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – 8:40 –8:45 p.m.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- (No Recommended Items)

H. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB I)

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended March 31, 2003.
2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended April 30, 2003.
3. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Extra Classroom Fund Reports (High School and Middle School) for the quarter ended March 31, 2003.

4. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Capital Projects Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2003.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board **(TAB J)**
approve Personnel items:

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| <u>Retirement:</u> | <i>Peter Foley</i> | <i>Social Studies Teacher</i> |
| <u>Resignation:</u> | <i>Kathleen Corrigan</i> | <i>Paraprofessional</i> |
| <u>Appointment:</u> | <i>Linda Scotto</i> | <i>Math & Elementary Teacher</i> |
| <u>Tenure Appointments:</u> | <i>Shari Coopersmith</i> | <i>Special Education</i> |
| | <i>Diane Falco</i> | <i>Reading</i> |
| | <i>Megan Gieser</i> | <i>English</i> |
| | <i>Lisa Gorman</i> | <i>English as a Second Language</i> |
| | <i>Royston Hunte</i> | <i>Art</i> |
| | <i>Joseph Lynch-Loscalzo</i> | <i>Elementary</i> |
| | <i>Scott Mikelbank</i> | <i>Elementary</i> |
| | <i>Maria Parlanti</i> | <i>Elementary</i> |
| | <i>Frank Schiraldi</i> | <i>Physical Education</i> |
| | <i>Christopher Vandernoeth</i> | <i>Biology</i> |
| | <i>Diane Wilenski</i> | <i>Elementary</i> |

Other:

- *Emergency Appointments and Reappointments*
- *Staff for Sixth Grade Computer Writing Curriculum assignment*
- *Additional .2 FTE for a special education teacher*
- *Summer hours for guidance counselors*
- *Addendum to Schedule of Approved Substitute Teachers/Nurses*

The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services:

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| <u>Submitted to the Board</u> | <u>Meeting Dates</u> |
| <i>April 16, 2003</i> | <i>March 6, March 11, March 13, March 18</i> |

The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services:

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| <u>Submitted to the Board</u> | <u>Meeting Dates</u> |
| <i>April 16, 2003</i> | <i>March 21, March 31</i> |

The motion carried unanimously.

- d. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board approve the following social studies textbook for use at Elwood Middle School Grades 7 and 8 for the 2003/04 school year: *The American Journey* (Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, 2003)
The motion carried unanimously.

- e. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board approve the **(TAB K)** proposed resolution for issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes for the 2003/04 school year in the amount not to exceed \$8,000,000.
The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board approve the health service contract with Hauppauge Public Schools in the amount of \$459.12 for one student attending a private school.
The motion carried unanimously.
- g. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board adopt the **(TAB L)** proposed Resolution to set dates for the 2003 Public Budget Hearing on May 22, and for the Annual Budget Vote and Election on **June 3, 2003**.
The motion carried unanimously.
- h. Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board adopt **(TAB M)** the proposed Resolution appointing the Permanent Chairperson and other personnel to act at the Budget Hearing and Annual Vote and Election.
The motion carried unanimously.
- i. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board adopt **(TAB N)** the proposed Resolution appointing the members of the Board of Registration for the Annual District Election.
The motion carried unanimously.
- j. Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board adopt the proposed resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elwood Board of Education submits the proposed 2003/04 budget to the district voters on June 3, 2003 in the amount of \$34,103,176.
The motion carried unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Madden asked where do we stand with foundation funds? Mr. Maina responded that Janine Seifert has obtained information from 6 different foundations and is putting together a grass roots committee.

Mr. Madden reported that he is a member of SUNY's foundation and he will look outside of the school district for funds to aid Elwood.

Mr. Santomauro commended Mr. Scarola and the EMS teachers for a job well done noting how many students are on the honor roll.

Mrs. Annunziata asked that security be reviewed and that all necessary security measures be in place for the multiple events occurring on June 3.

Mr. Cameron thanked Mr. Maina, Mr. Fraser, the building principals and administrators for developing a good budget in very difficult times.

Mr. Madden attended the first meeting of the Technology committee and thanked all who volunteered: administrators, parents, principals and students. He also noted there is a need to come up with materials for the 4-7 age group.

J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

K. COMMUNICATIONS -- (No Recommended Items)

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION --

Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board go into Executive Session to meet with the District's General Counsel.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board end Executive Session and to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Granieri
District Clerk