

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 12, 2003
Elwood Middle School

A. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

Present	John Santomauro	President
	Michael Kaszubski	Vice President
	Dina Annunziata	Member
	Bill Cameron	Member (arrived 7:15 p.m.)
	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

Mr. Madden moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss compensation and benefits for a member of the staff.
The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Cameron seconded to end Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.
The motion carried 5 ayes and 0 nays.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President - 8:07 p.m.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB O)

Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the Special Business Meeting of May 6, 2003.
The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board approve the amended minutes, Discussion Items (security measures for multiple events of June 3) of the Regular Business Meeting of May 8, 2003.
The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve the Minutes of the Budget Information Meeting Hearing of May 22, 2003.
The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Maina thanked the residents for passing the school budget.

He thanked Mr. Santomauro and Mr. Madden for their years of service and for all they have given to the Elwood community.

Mr. Maina presented a plaque to Carl Fraser on behalf of the New York Association of School Business Administration Officials, for his leadership skills. Mr. Fraser is the president of the Suffolk chapter.

E. COMMENDATIONS

25 Year Employee *Antonietta Mariniello was presented with a silver bowl. Dr. Anthony Pantaleno (not present) was also honored with a silver bowl.*

Retirees: *Gail Brindley, Peter Foley, Assunta Mariniello, Paolina Pinti, Mary Judith Schmauch, and Linda Weiner all received plaques in appreciation.*

School Board Trustees: *Brian Madden and John Santomauro*

Mrs. Annunziata thanked Mr. Madden for his strength of character and for his initiatives in long range planning and the forming of the technology committee. She read and then presented a proclamation to Mr. Madden for his giving unselfishly of his time to the community.

Mr. Santomauro presented a plaque to Mr. Madden and said they will walk out as friends not just colleagues, and a bouquet of flowers for Mrs. Madden.

Mr. Kaszubski recognized Mr. Santomauro's accomplishments over the past 13 years of public service to Elwood, for his accounting experience, which benefited the Board, and also what a gift to the community he has been.

A proclamation was read citing Mr. Santomauro's service as a Board member, Vice President and finally as President. In addition to the proclamation he was also presented with a plaque. Mrs. Santomauro was given a bouquet of flowers.

F. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – 8:42 (no one spoke)

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- (No Recommended Items)

H. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB R)

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended April 30, 2003.
2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended May 31, 2003.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board approve **(TAB S)** Personnel items.

<u>Resignations:</u>	<i>Roberta Bart</i>	<i>Physical Education Teacher</i>
	<i>Kathleen Daly</i>	<i>ESL Teacher</i>
	<i>Aileen Myers</i>	<i>Physical Education Teacher</i>
	<i>Frances Olejnik</i>	<i>School Media Specialist (Library)</i>
	<i>Theresa Haar</i>	<i>Part-time Clerk Typist</i>
	<i>Paolina Pinti</i>	<i>Cook</i>
<u>Leaves:</u>	<i>Sarah Santos-Camacho</i>	<i>Mathematics Teacher</i>
	<i>Patricia Vaccaro-Scisi</i>	<i>Special Education Teacher</i>

<u>Terminations:</u>	Melinda Abriss	Paraprofessional (Bus Matron)
	Diane D'Amico	Paraprofessional (Bus Matron)
<u>Appointments:</u>	Edward Albinski	Music Teacher
	Olga Alphonse	Teacher of the Deaf and Hearing Impaired
	Vita Beyer	Elementary Teacher
	Patrick Campbell	Elementary Teacher
	Annemarie Chalao	Elementary/Reading Teacher
	Kathleen Corrao	Elementary Teacher
	Nancy Jokippi	Home and Career Skills Teacher
	Eileen Kelly	Special Education Teacher
	Irene Kossowsky	School Media Specialist (Library)
	Corinne Leuck	Special Education Teacher
	Deanna Levy	Elementary Teacher
	Karen Maggio	Elementary/Reading Teacher
	Kerri Masci	Elementary Teacher
	Joseph Pace	Elementary Teacher
	Bernadette Pizzardi	Mathematics Teacher
	Eileen Scourtos	French Teacher
	Laurie Sherrell	Teacher/Facilitator
	Michelle Staszak-Hintz	Reading Teacher
	Tabitha Walendowski	Special Education Teacher
	Christina Young	Music Teacher
	Matthew McKeever	Maintenance Mechanic II
	Eva Uhriniak	Food Service Worker

Other:

- Emergency Appointments and Reappointments
 - 2003/04 staff compensation
 - Staff for Summer Skills Program
 - College/summer custodial helper
 - Interscholastic coaches for the 2003/2004 fall season
- The motion carried unanimously.

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

<u>Submitted to the Board</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>
May 16, 2003	March 19, March 20, March 24, March 27, April 2
May 30, 2003	March 26, March 28, April 3, April 9, April 10, May 21

The motion carried unanimously.

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

<u>Submitted to the Board</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>
May 16, 2003	March 25, April 14, April 15
May 30, 2003	May 7, May 8, May 21

The motion carried unanimously.

(Mr. Cameron thanked Mr. Cenerelli for his hard work in compiling CSE documents).

d. Mr. Cameron moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded that the Board approve the resolution for joint bidding by Elwood UFSD and Long Island Food Service Directors Association for cafeteria supplies. **(TAB T)**
The motion carried unanimously.

e. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded that the Board approve the following health service contracts for students attending private/parochial schools:

Smithtown CSD	4 students	\$1,996.84
West Islip UFSD	4 students	1,440.88
Uniondale UFSD	1 student	340.25

The motion carried unanimously.

f. Mr. Santomauro moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board approve the bid for Physical Education Supplies and Equipment to the lowest responsible bidders meeting specifications. **(TAB U)**
The motion carried unanimously.

g. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board approve the disposal of obsolete AV equipment from Elwood-John Glenn High School. **(TAB V)**
The motion carried unanimously.

h. Mr. Cameron moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded that the Board approve an increase in the 2002-2003 budget appropriation in the amount of \$110,000 as the result of two special Grants in Aid.

Said funds to be used for the following projects:

Project Adventure program district wide	\$25,000
Butterfly garden project at Boyd	5,000
Early literacy	10,000
Computer upgrade	70,000

The motion carried unanimously.

i. Recommend the Board adopt Policy DID Inventories/Capitalization Policy **(TAB W)** *(first reading)*.
No action taken tonight. A second reading will take place at July meeting.

j. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board amend the contract of the Superintendent by the agreed upon terms and further authorize the Board President to execute said contractual amendment.
The motion carried unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mrs. Annunziata suggested to her colleagues and to the general public to obtain a copy of the Middle School 's Literary Magazine as the articles are very moving.

A resident contacted Mrs. Annunziata re the school policy on hazing. The district does not condone hazing. The Student Code of Conduct prohibits any form of hazing.

Mrs. Annunziata asked Mr. Slattery of Sullivan & Nickel to comment on the soil on the playing fields as referenced in the letter to him from Baldassano Associates. Mr. Slattery stated that the topsoil was sent for testing to confirm its quality.

Mr. Cameron followed up on the playing fields and said that the mound of soil piled up has to be dry enough in order to be screened. The persistent rain has held up the process. Therefore, Mr. Slattery has no choice but to wait for dry weather.

Mr. Cameron thanked the PTA's for increasing voter turnout by having the Harley/Boyd students voting for their favorite flavor ice cream. In the past 3 years voter turnout has increased by 70%.

J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

K. COMMUNICATIONS

(TAB X)

1. Letter to Suffolk County Executive Robert J. Gaffney in support of DARE program
2. Letters to Governor Pataki, Assemblyman Conte and Assemblyman Raia regarding State Aid
3. Letters of invitation to retirees and 25 year employees

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION -- (See above)

M. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Santomauro moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board adjourn at 9:05. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Granieri
District Clerk