

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Elwood, New York

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING/BUDGET HEARING**

**May 9, 2002  
Elwood Middle School**

**A. CALL TO ORDER – 8:04 p.m. – District Clerk**

Present	John Santomauro	President
	Tracey Edwards	Vice President
	Bill Cameron	Member
	Michael Kaszubski	Member
Staff	Michael A. Maina	Superintendent
	Daniel E. Laub	Assistant Superintendent
	Robert Annucci	Assistant Superintendent
	David Cenerelli	Director of Special Education
	Nancy Raguzin	Treasurer
	Carlene Granieri	District Clerk

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

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

**(TAB N)**

1. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of April 11, 2002.  
The motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mrs. Edwards seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the Special Business Meeting of April 18, 2002.  
The motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the Special Business Meeting of April 23, 2002.  
The motion carried unanimously.

**D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Michael A. Maina  
*“PRESENTATION OF 2002/2003 BUDGET”***

Expressed gratitude to members of the community who wrote letters to various public officials requesting more state aid to Elwood.

Tentative State Budget will hopefully add increase to Elwood.

Promised that additional funds will not be used indiscriminately.

Resolution to issue Tax Anticipation Notes will be voted on tonight, however, tax rate will not be set until October.

Tonight’s meeting is part Budget Hearing and part Regular Business Meeting. Resident’s Remarks/Comments to be taken first on Budget Hearing, followed by any related school matters.

Local McDonald's held an Art Contest for High School Students. The theme was "America the Beautiful." John H. Glenn High School students won first three awards. Susanna Lee 1<sup>st</sup> place, Ryan Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Michael DePaula 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Acknowledged Art Teacher Michael Mariano for his efforts. Thanked all of the district's Art Teachers for their work with the students.

Commended Mr. Hogan and members of the Knowledge Masters Club. Students competed in a National Contest and placed 73<sup>rd</sup> out of 975 schools. Glenn students came in 5<sup>th</sup> among all New York State Schools.

Voting tonight on purchasing defibrillators for all school buildings and playing fields. Thanked Mr. Friedman and Mr. Cenerelli for their efforts in obtaining such. Governor Pataki has yet to sign recommended number of defibrillators, however, Elwood is planning on purchasing at least 6. Staff training will begin tomorrow. Expressed thanks to John H. Glenn Alumni, which gave \$2,500 to defray costs of purchasing a defibrillator.

The budget is educationally sound and fiscally responsible. Newsday published Budget amounts and Elwood had below average tax increase among the Nassau and Suffolk Districts and the lowest for all eight Town of Huntington Districts. Thanked the Board members and the community for working together.

**E. COMMENDATIONS** – (Deferred)

**F. RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – on Budget Hearing 8:12 - 8:16 p.m.  
on other matters 8:16 - 8:40 p.m.

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Library Services **(TAB N –1)**

Mrs. Edwards moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board amend the **RESOLUTION** for Library Services for the 2002-2003 School Year for the amount not to exceed \$1,151,180. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Edwards moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board accept the **RESOLUTION** for Library Services for the 2002-2003 School Year. The motion carried unanimously.

**H. FINANCIAL MATTERS** **(TAB O)**

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended March 31, 2002.
2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended April 30, 2002.
3. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the High & Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Funds for the quarter ended March 31, 2002.

**I. NEW BUSINESS****1. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Mrs. Edwards moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board approve personnel items. **(TAB P)**

**Resignations/Retirements**

*Elementary Principal – Nathalie Lilavois  
Exempt Secretary – Gloria Barry  
P/T Clerk Typist – Bridgit Echols  
P/T Clerk Typist – Virginia Vilar*

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board approve

**Leaves**

*Teacher – Claudia Madigan*

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board confer tenure upon the staff members listed below, whose service during their probationary period has been found to be competent, efficient and satisfactory:

**Tenure Appointments**

*Domenick Abbate – Industrial Arts General  
Robert Annucci – Asst. Supt./Human Resources  
Leroy Cole – Social Worker  
Patricia Farrell – English as a Second Language  
Laura Fisher – Music  
Stephen Greenwald – Elementary  
Randi Hansen – Elementary  
John Hogan – Principal  
Laureen Kennedy – Social Studies 7-12  
Sandra Krueger – Teaching Assistant  
Matthew Lauro -- Elementary  
Amy Lindenbaum – Art  
Patricia Lipari -- Elementary  
Lisa Magrino -- Elementary  
Marsha McLeod -- Elementary  
Kerry McPhail -- Elementary  
Sara Santos – Mathematics 7-12  
Kathleen Semergieff, Ph.D. – Director/Curric. & Standards  
Lisa Smith – Elementary*

The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Edwards moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board approve items P-7 & P-8.

**Other Appointments**

*Eilish Sheridan – Paraprofessional Part-time (4 hrs.per day)*

**Other**

*Emergency Appointments & Reappointments:*

*Karl Fassberger – On-call Guard*

*Lisa Doherty – Clerical*

*Patrick Flood – Teacher*

*Michael Iengo – Teacher*

*Sonia Izzo – Food Service Worker*

*Sylvia Milch – Teacher*

*Gasmend Nelai – Custodian*

*Francine Wood – Teaching Assistant*

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. ACTION ITEMS – cont'd

*Change in Employee Title* Dr. Kathleen Semergieff from Director of Curriculum&Standards to Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum&Standards

*Eligibility for Retirement Benefits - Gloria Barry*

*Summer Guidance Counselors - Elwood-John H. Glenn* Lee Bertram - 11 days  
Robert Peters - 11 days  
Lisa LoSardo - 11 days

*Summer Guidance Counselors – Elwood Middle School* Lauren Buchholz - 9 days  
Todd Schwartz – 9 days

*Change in Employee Status – Timothy Kenyon Substitute Music .6 FTE In addition to .4FTE Summer Skills Program - Monday –Thursday July 1 –July 25 (3 hours per day plus 2 days)*

<i>Keri Ann Clark</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Maria Parlanti</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Martha DeMartini</i>	<i>Grade 1</i>
<i>Lisa Smith</i>	<i>Grade 2</i>
<i>Marsha McLeod</i>	<i>Grade 3</i>
<i>Matthew Lauro</i>	<i>Grade 4</i>
<i>Randi Hansen</i>	<i>Grade 5</i>
<i>Alfred Adamo</i>	<i>Grade 6</i>
<i>Susanne Woods</i>	<i>ESL</i>

*Addendum to Substitute Teachers/Nurses Schedule:*

<i>Patrick Flood</i>	<i>Elem</i>
<i>Michael Iengo</i>	<i>Phys Ed</i>
<i>Debra Kirtcheff</i>	<i>Elem Spec Educ</i>
<i>Sylvia Milch</i>	<i>Elem</i>

The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Mrs. Edwards moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board approve the Committee on Special Education’s recommendations for students’ classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services dated: *March 15; 20; 21; 25; 26; 27; April 10; 11; 17; 18; 29.* and to **(TAB Q)**
- c. Approve that the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education’s recommendations for students’ classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services dated: *March 15; 20; 22; April 9; 16.* The motion carried unanimously. **(TAB R)**
- d. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board adopt a Resolution that capital projects included in Phase 3B are classified as Type II under SEQRA not requiring environmental impact statement. The motion carried unanimously. **(TAB S)**
- e. Mr. Santomauro moved and Mrs. Edwards seconded that the Board cast its vote for Judith Chen to fill the unexpired and the succeeding two-year term as Area 12 Director for the NYSSBA Board. The motion carried unanimously. **(TAB T)**

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f. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board adopt the following Resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Elwood Board of Education is committed to providing the students, staff, and community with a safe and healthy environment at all times. To ensure that the District provides all necessary services to the community, the Board of Education approves the use of Automatic External Defibrillators in our schools. The use of the defibrillators will be used in compliance with New York State Public Health Law, Article 30-A, Section 3000-B. The motion carried unanimously.

g. Mrs. Edwards moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve the proposed resolution for issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs) for the 2002/03 school year in an amount not to exceed \$7 million. The motion carried unanimously. **(TAB U)**

h. Mrs. Edwards moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve Capital Projects Change Order for work on James Boyd Intermediate School: **(TAB V)**

Godsell Construction Corp.	\$9000.00	debt
Louis Piekut Electric, Inc.	8105.00	debt
Fenley and Nicol	(2452.25)	credit

The motion carried unanimously.

i. Recommendation *withdrawn* that the Board award the following bid(s) to the lowest responsible bidder(s) meeting specifications: **(TAB W)**

WINDOWS	Arrow Steel	\$1,352,400	High & Middle Schools
WINDOWS	Whitestone Constr.	844,900	Harley Avenue Primary

j. Mrs. Edwards moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board *reject* the following bids: ELECTRIC, HVAC, GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, and PLUMBING at Harley Avenue, Middle and High Schools. The motion carried unanimously. **(TAB X)**

k. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board approve the following health service contract(s) for students attending private/parochial schools:

Hauppauge UFSD	2 students	\$978.34
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The motion carried unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Security vehicle traffic, unauthorized vehicles on the fields behind Boyd, and the need for temporary fencing were discussed. The site contractor indicated that a permanent fence located at the end of the new parking lot should be installed by Friday, June 17.

**J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

**K. COMMUNICATIONS**

**(TAB YZ)**

1. Judith Chen's Letter of Interest in Being NYSSBA Area 12 Director and Elwood's Letter Endorsing Ms. Chen's Candidacy.
2. Mr. Maina's Response to Mr. Hannon's Correspondence re Legislative Funding
3. Residents Mr. & Mrs. Savarino's letter to Legislators re Funding.
4. Invitations to June 6 Library Informational Meeting

**L. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Personnel  
Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board go in to Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.  
The motion carried unanimously.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Edwards moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board come out of Executive Session and to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.  
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Granieri  
District Clerk