

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 14, 2002
Elwood Middle School

A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk - 8:05 p.m.

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 A)

Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of October 10, 2002.
The motion carried unanimously.

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

Last May Education Law Section 917 required all school districts to have at least one functioning Automated External Defibrillator (AED)for emergency use by Dec 1. Elwood has had AED's in place since the July 1 sports camp program. Approximately 120 staff members have been trained in AED use. This includes all coaches, administrators, teachers, aides, monitors and custodians. Mr. Maina thanked nurse Donna McPartlan for training staff members and also thanked Mr.Cenerelli, Mr. Annucci, and Mr. Tuorto for their assistance in coordinating the AED training.

Mr. Maina extended congratulations to the Girls Varsity Volleyball Team for becoming Suffolk County C, D and B Champions and Conference Champions of Nassau & Suffolk. The team, accompanied by Mr. Hogan and Mr. Tuorto, was in Cortland, New York competing for the New York State Championship.

Mr. Maina acknowledged 5 Elwood teachers for being named to *Who's Who among American Teachers* for educational excellence. Congratulations were offered to Solomon Buchman, Peter Foley, Linda Osvold, and Gary Ramonetti from John Glenn and to Eileen Sullivan from the Middle School.

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Follow up items asked from the last BOE meeting:

The question of acquiring the DeLea property and what current school taxes DeLea pays was researched by Assistant Superintendent Carl Fraser. Mr. Fraser reported that DeLea pays \$9,000; however, if the property is sold for non-agricultural use a fee of \$150,000 would be assessed.

The Board also requested Administration to review its field utilization plan and assess the impact of additional field space for our athletic programs. Mr. Tuorto, Mr. Scarola and Mr. Hogan will meet to review the needs.

Mr. Cameron and Mr. Madden requested information regarding enrollment projections, facilities utilization and class size. Mr. Maina reported on elementary class size, and Mr. Annucci, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, reported on secondary class sizes. A more lengthy discussion of facilities utilization is scheduled for the January 9th Board of Education meeting.

A copy of the new policy re the distribution of a students' individual education Program (IEP) was made available in the lobby. Section 4402 of the Education Law requires the district to adopt a policy ensuring copies of IEP be given to each teacher, Special Education teacher, and related service provider. The Board had a first reading of the policy and will vote for approval next month.

Mr. John Hogan, Principal of Elwood-John H. Glenn High School, presented a report regarding the current status of senior privilege. The report had been submitted to the Board several weeks ago. The Board thanked Mr. Hogan for his report and concluded that senior privilege should be referred back to the building's Site Based Committee.

E. COMMENDATIONS – (No Recommended Items)

F. RESIDENTS' REMARKS 9:01 – 9:51 p.m.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

H. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended September 30, 2002.
2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended October 31, 2002.
3. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Capital Projects Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2002.
4. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Extra Classroom Fund Reports (High School and Middle School) for the quarter ended September 30, 2002.

I. NEW BUSINESS (TAB C)

1. ACTION ITEMS

a. Mr. Madden moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve personnel items:

Resignations:

<i>Bonnie Ferriolo</i>	<i>Food Service Worker</i>
<i>Delma Rutkowski</i>	<i>Paraprofessional</i>
<i>Richard Turk</i>	<i>Custodial Worker I</i>

Appointments:

<i>Harold Bourne</i>	<i>Custodial Worker I p/t (.5)</i>
<i>Kathleen Fanara</i>	<i>Clerk Typist</i>
<i>Lisa Fassberger</i>	<i>Food Service Worker p/t 4.75 hr per day</i>
<i>Despina Karvazonis</i>	<i>Food Service Worker p/t 3. hr. per day</i>
<i>Melani Plackis</i>	<i>Paraprofessional (Bus Matron)</i>
<i>Virginia Steiger</i>	<i>Paraprofessional (Bus Matron)</i>

Other:

- *Compensation levels for Linda Amerigo, Michael Butler, Delia Neitzel, Nancy Raguzin, Ramesh Ramlogan, Jason Winters*
- *Appoint staff for Academic Intervention Services*
- *Emergency Appointments and Reappointments*
- *Additional 1.25 hours per day and transfer to Elwood Middle School for Demetra Haji-Georgi, food service worker*
- *Schedule of Co-curricular appointments for Boyd*
- *Changes in Co-curricular appointments at Middle School and High School*
- *Lead science teachers*
- *Schedule of 2002/03 Winter Inter-scholastic Coaching assignments*
- *William Hummel as on-call substitute guard*

The motion carried unanimously.

b. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve (TAB D)

the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services dated:

September 25; October 9; October 16; October 24; October 30.

The motion carried unanimously.

c. Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board approve (TAB E)

the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services dated: *October 10.*

The motion carried unanimously.

d. The Board had its first reading of Board Policy IHBA – *Provision of IEP (TAB F)*

to Teachers and Services Providers and scheduled a vote regarding adoption for the December meeting.

e. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded that the Board (TAB G)

approve the list of Mac computer equipment from Harley Avenue Primary School as obsolete and to be discarded.

The motion carried unanimously.

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- f. Mr. Cameron moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded that the Board approve the following Change Orders for work being performed at James H. Boyd School: by Hutton Electric in the amounts of \$3,170.55, \$8,287.70 and \$4,370.33 and by Fiber Control in the amount of \$36,000. The motion carried unanimously. **(TAB H)**
- g. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board approve the following Change Order for work being performed at James H. Boyd School: by Hutton Electric in the amount of \$7,148.49. The motion carried 4 ayes and 1 nay (Mr. Cameron)
- h. Mr. Santomauro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board accept with thanks the donation of a cello from Mr. Rui Yang, a resident. The motion carried unanimously. **(TAB I)**

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mrs. Annunziata will draft a letter to elected officials to expedite the finger printing clearance process of Elwood employees.

The Elwood Soccer Club requested lights be placed on the playing fields. The Board will continue its discussion at a future meeting.

Mr. Madden moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board of Education authorize an enrollment study by Western Suffolk BOCES. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Annunziata acknowledged the generous support of donors who have assisted the district with donations of defibrillators, musical instruments, and the like. She noted these contributions are particularly helpful given today's increasing financial demands on school districts. She proposed the District explore the formation of an Educational Foundation to maximize the potential for charitable contributions. Mr. Maina was asked to conduct research and recommend an action plan in this regard.

Mr. Cameron requested information on the retaining wall structure at Boyd, and questioned a student incident at the Middle School.

A discussion was had concerning the proposed Elwood library district vote. Mr. Madden and Mr. Kaszubski both read statements and comments were made by Mr. Cameron and Mr. Santomauro.

J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

K. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter of appreciation to Council of Elwood Administrators for their generous contribution toward the purchase of defibrillators.

(TAB J)

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L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

M. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Madden moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board adjourn at 10:57.
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Granieri
District Clerk