

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
ELWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
JUNE 14, 2001
ELWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

A. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 8:07 p.m.

Present: Peter Kelly, President
John Santomauro, Vice President
Tracey Edwards, Member (arrived at 9:18 p.m.)
Michael Kaszubski, Member

Absent: Fred Leone, Member

Staff: Michael A. Maina, Superintendent
Robert A. Annucci, Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources
Daniel E. Laub, Assistant Superintendent/Business
Patricia Godek, Director/Special Education & Pupil Personnel Services
Nancy Raguzin, Treasurer
Jill F. Mancini, District Clerk

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of May 3, 2001. The motion carried 3 ayes and 0 nays.

B. C. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

1. Thanks to the community for its support for the budget and library votes.
2. Excellent results on the 4th grade ELA exam – we came in third in the Town of Huntington, after Cold Spring Harbor and Harborfields, which was only 1 point ahead of us.
3. Status of the Universal Pre-K program – we are still waiting to hear about the grant we applied for – it is being held up because of the absence of the State Budget. If the Budget is not passed by September or early October, we will not be able to fund the program this year.
4. Moving up exercises for the 5th grade will be Wednesday evening, June 20th and high school graduation is June 24th. No tickets will be needed if the ceremony is outdoors; 3 tickets per student if it must be indoors.

D. COMMENDATIONS

The Board honored the following staff members for their contributions to the Elwood schools: Ruth Rohrsen: 25-year employee; and Jennie DiMaio, Christine Gaynor, Marilyn Katzoff, Jill Mancini, Barbara Quigley-Barba, Robert Schubert, Frances Spiegel and Linda Trotman: retirees.

E. RESIDENTS' REMARKS: 8:35 – 9:05 P.M.

F. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended April 30, 2001.

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F. FINANCIAL MATTERS – cont'd.

2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Reports for the months ended April 30 and May 31, 2001.

G. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

1. Personnel

- a. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board approve the Instructional Resignations of: John McGuire as English Teacher, Matthew Quintana as Teaching Assistant, and Andrea Reid as Part-time Elementary Teacher; and the Civil Service Resignation of Carol Murray as Paraprofessional, all as outlined in the Personnel Schedule P-3 A(1-3) and B(1). The motion carried 3 ayes and 0 nays.
- b. Mr. Santomauro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve the Instructional Leave of Jennifer Decker as Special Education Teacher as outlined in P-4A(1). The motion carried 3 ayes and 0 nays.
- c. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Santomauro 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:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<i>Carol Bienkowski</i>	<i>Teaching Asst.</i>	<i>Continuing</i>	<i>9/1/01</i>
<i>Margueritte Carvana</i>	<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Provisional</i>	<i>9/2/01</i>
<i>M. Nicole Clerisme</i>	<i>Foreign Languages</i>	<i>Permanent</i>	<i>9/1/01</i>
<i>Martha DeMartina</i>	<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Provisional</i>	<i>9/1/01</i>
<i>Robert Gilmor III</i>	<i>School Social Worker</i>	<i>Provisional</i>	<i>9/1/01</i>
<i>Biagina Guccione</i>	<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Provisional</i>	<i>9/1/01</i>
<i>Rita Guttilla</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Permanent</i>	<i>9/1/01</i>
<i>Elizabeth Hammell</i>	<i>Foreign Languages</i>	<i>Permanent</i>	<i>9/1/01</i>
<i>Louis J. Hanner, Jr.</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Permanent</i>	<i>9/1/01</i>
<i>Gregory Harris</i>	<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Provisional</i>	<i>9/1/01</i>
<i>Stefanie Lawrence</i>	<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Provisional</i>	<i>9/1/01</i>
<i>Lisa LoSardo</i>	<i>Counseling/Guidance</i>	<i>Permanent</i>	<i>8/31/01</i>
<i>Maria Meinken</i>	<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Provisional</i>	<i>9/1/01</i>
<i>Maria Smith</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Permanent</i>	<i>9/1/01</i>
<i>Cheryl Spielman</i>	<i>Music</i>	<i>Permanent</i>	<i>9/1/01</i>

- d. Mr. Santomauro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve the Instructional Appointments of:
 - Olga Alphonse – p/t Teacher of the Deaf & Hearing
 - Vita Beyer – Regular Substitute Elementary Teacher
 - KeriAnn Clark – Special Education/Inclusion Teacher
 - Karen Gellert – p/t (.6 FTE) Music Teacher
 - Megan Gieser – Regular Substitute English Teacher
 - Royston Hunte – p/t (.708 FTE) Art Teacher
 - Timothy Kenyon – p/t (.4 FTE) Music Teacher
 - Carrie Kropp – p/t (.5FTE) Mathematics Teacher
 - Susan Masserwick – English Teacher

Scott Mikelbank – Elementary Teacher
Joseph Pace – Regular Substitute Elementary Teacher
Lisa Resnick – Regular Substitute Elementary Teacher
Linda Romano – p/t (.708 FTE) Music Teacher

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Linda Scotto – p/t (.585 FTE) Elementary teacher
Alex Wrightman – Technology Teacher
Diane Wilenski – Regular Substitute Elementary Teacher
 all above as outlined in P-7(1-16). The motion carried 3 ayes and 0 nays.

- e. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board approve:
1. the requests of Gary Ramonetti and Nancy Eagan, probationary teachers, to extend their probationary period by one year in accord with a letter on file from them. New probationary expiration date for Gary Ramonetti and Nancy Eagan is August 31, 2002.

2. the guidance counselors listed below for summer employment. Compensation is 1/200th of regular salary per day worked:

Elwood/John Glenn High School

Lee Bertram	11 days
Lisa LoSardo	11 days
Robert Peters	11 days

Elwood Middle School

Lauren Buchholz	9 days
Todd Schwartz	9 days

3. the appointment of the following summer custodial help for the period June 5, 2001 to August 24, 2001. The rate pay is \$7.50 per hour:

Brian Eschbacher
 Frank Bokrosh

4. the following curriculum development proposals to adjust the curriculum in accord with changes in New York State Education curriculum and assessments (teachers' stipends in accord with District-ETA contract):

Elementary Proposals

K Celestial Motion
 Gr. 1 Water Cycle
 Energy/Matter
 Gr. 3 Earth/Air/Water
 Gr. 4 Water Cycle

Teachers

Francesca Mandato-Layne,
 Martha DeMartini – 10 hrs./ea.
 Lisa Smith, Patricia Lipari – 10 hrs/ea.
 Lisa Smith, Patricia Lipari – 10 hrs/ea.
 Margueritte Carvana, Marsha McLeod
 10 hrs/ea.
 Beth Noon, Christina Tellekamp
 10 hrs/ea,

Middle School Proposals

Gr. 7 Technology

Teachers

Michael Scarpinito, Alex Wrightman –
 20 hrs/ea.

High School Proposals

Mathematics A/B

Teachers

Kimberley Barnes, Thomas Mattina,

Sara Santos-Camacho, David Trabulsi,
15 hrs/ea.

Physical Setting/Chem.
(new course)

Kevin Harrington, Patricia Iadarola –
20 hrs/ea.

Living Environment

Therese Kessel, Rita Guttilla – 20 hrs/ea.

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5. the following staff members for the district's summer Title I Skills Program at James H. Boyd Intermediate School. This program will run from July 2 to July 27, 2001, operating from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. daily. Compensation in accord with District/ETA, nurse and teaching assistant agreements:

Teachers

Christine Guercio (lead teacher)
Alfred Adamo
Vita Beyer
KeriAnn Clark
Randi Hansen
Matthew Lauro

Joseph Loscalzo
Lisa Magrino
Marsha McLeod
Lisa Smith
Susanne Woods

Nurse Linda Wilson

Teaching Assistants

Eileen Byrne
Terry LoPipero
JoAnn Tedeschi

Security Denis Burke

6. the attached Lists of Approved Substitute Teachers, Nurses, Teaching Assistants, Clericals, Food Service Workers, Paraprofessionals and Custodians. The motion carried 3 ayes and 0 nays.
2. Mr. Santomauro 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 dated April 4,5,6,19; May 8. The motion carried 3 ayes and 0 nays.
3. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services dated April 27; May 8,30. The motion carried 3 ayes and 0 nays.
4. Mr. Santomauro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve the proposed NYSSBA Resolution concerning the composition of the Executive Committee of its Board. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays (Mrs. Edwards arrived).
5. Mrs. Edwards moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve the following textbooks for use at the Middle and High Schools during the 2001/02 school year:
Middle and High Schools
New York Math A Semesters 1 & 2 (Educational Design: New York), 2000
High School

Government by the People (Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ), 2000
Criminalistics (Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ), 2001
Buen Viaje, Spanish 1 & 2 (Glencoe/McGraw Hill, New York, NY) 2000
Biology (Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ), 2002
Literature: The Reader's Choice (Glencoe/McGraw Hill, New York, NY) 2000
The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

6. Mr. Santomauro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board authorize the Resolution for joint bidding by Elwood and Long Island Food Service Directors Association Cooperative for CAFETERIA SUPPLIES. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

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7. Mr. Santomauro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve the disposal of obsolete computer hardware. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
8. Mrs. Edwards moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board approve Credit Change Order No. 1 for Capital Projects to Peninsula Contracting. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
9. Mr. Santomauro moved and Mrs. Edwards seconded that the Board approve a health service contract for students attending the following private/parochial school:
Westbury UFSD (Crescent School) . . . 2 students . . . \$900.30
The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
10. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board approve the extension of the REFUSE BID with Ecology Sanitation for the 2001/02 school year under the same terms and conditions. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
11. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board adopt revised Board Policy ID-R – School Day. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
12. Mrs. Edwards moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board designate SCOPE as the designated provider of service for Elwood's 2001/02 Universal Prekindergarten Program. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
13. Mr. Santomauro moved and Mrs. Edwards seconded that the Board approve the extension of the following TRANSPORTATION contract with:
Acme Bus; Educational Bus, Inc.; Huntington Coach; Roy K. Davis; Towne Bus.
The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
14. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board adopt the Resolution amending the lists of inspectors and assistant clerks at the Annual District Election on May 15, 2001 and at the Special Election on June 12, 2001. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
15. Mr. Santomauro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve the bid for PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT to the lowest responsible bidders meeting specifications. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
16. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Elwood Board of Education and the Council of Elwood Administrators regarding the 2001/05 contract. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

H. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS – First Reading

1. Policy ECA – Safe Schools
2. Policy IJND – Computer Network for Education
3. Policy JIK – Students with Disabilities and Section 504

I. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Honors, proclamations, plaques, and gifts presented to out-going Board member Peter Kelly for his outstanding service to the entire educational community during his 12 years on the Elwood Board of Education by our Board of Education; Dr. David Gee and Mr. Sydney Finkelstein, Western Suffolk BOCES Superintendent and Board member, respectively; Harley PTA President Julie Badlato; Judith Chen, President of the Nassau/Suffolk School Boards Association and President of the Harborfields Board of Education; Lorraine Deller, Executive Director of the Nassau/Suffolk School Boards Association..

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J. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board adjourn at 9:58 p.m. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Jill F. Mancini
District Clerk