

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 9, 2020

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**A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:45 p.m.**

**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions related to the status of untenured administrators at 6:45 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Present at Executive Session were: Becky Marcus, Michael LaMena, Heather Mammolito, James Tomeo, Deborah Weiss, Dr. Kenneth Bossert, Dr. Maureen Hull and Lorraine Dunkel.

2. Mr. LaMena moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:39 p.m.**

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene into Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Library at 7:39 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Present:	Becky Marcus	President
	Michael LaMena	Vice President
	Heather Mammolito	Member
	James Tomeo	Member
	Deborah Weiss	Member

Absent: None

Staff:	Dr. Kenneth Bossert	Superintendent of Schools
	Dr. Maureen Hull	Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
	Lorraine Dunkel	Assistant Superintendent/Business
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation
	Dianne Wilkinson	Exec. Director/Special Education
	Mary Lou Marx	District Clerk

Absent: None

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

**E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Person of the Year Recognition – Dr. Bossert
2. Holiday Season follow-up

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

1. December 12, 2019 Regular Meeting  
Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of December 12, 2019.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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**H. DISCUSSION ITEMS** – None

**I. PRESENTATION**

1. 2019-2020 Goals Update – Dr. Bossert

**J. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following donations with gratitude:

From the Elwood Athletic Club:

- 1) \$1,440 to support the Harley AM Intramural Program (Gym Games) for the Fall 2019 Session

From Leo Garden and Landscape Corp:

- 1) The installation of all of the materials related to the baseball field brick paver fundraising project with an estimated value of \$5,000.

From the Elwood Booster Club:

- 1) The materials necessary to construct the baseball field brick paver fundraising project with an estimated value of \$5,000.
- 2) Eleven (11) spin bikes valued at \$1,700 for use in the fitness centers at Elwood Middle School and John Glenn High School.

Mr. LaMena moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve Item J.1, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**K. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items L.1, M.1-M.15) as presented the Board at this meeting.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**L. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt for audit of the following reports:

- a) Treasurer's Report for November, 2019
- b) Revenue Report through November 30, 2019
- c) Cash Flow Report for November, 2019
- d) Budget Status Report through November 30, 2019
- e) Trial Balance Report through November 30, 2019
- f) Executive Summary through November 30, 2019
- g) Budget Transfer Report for November, 2019
- h) School Lunch Fund Report for November, 2019

**M. ACTION ITEMS (Personnel, Business, Special Education)**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Alex Itzler as a Permanent Substitute, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at a rate of \$120.00 per day worked, effective December 18, 2019 through June 12, 2020.
  
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Darienne Bergman as a Permanent Substitute Psychologist, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at a rate of \$120.00 per day worked, effective December 13, 2019 through June 12, 2020.
  
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Flavia Colucci-Lampone as a Permanent Substitute, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at a rate of \$120.00 per day worked, effective January 10, 2020 through June 12, 2020.
  
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Tamah Pagan as a part-time Paraprofessional (2.5 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing January 10, 2020, at an hourly rate of \$14.74 per hour for the 2019-2020 school year.
  
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Alexandra Ross, from her position as permanent substitute, effective December 20, 2019.
  
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as the Advisor/Coach to the corresponding club/activity for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting:
  - 1) Harley AM Intramural Program (Elwood Athletic Club) - Gym Games, Fall of 2019 [stipend \$80 per session for eighteen sessions]: Thomas Brocking
  
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the additional Substitute teachers, for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
  
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2019-2020, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the 2020-2021 School Budget Development & Annual Meeting Calendar, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2020-2021 School Calendar, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK (THE "SCHOOL DISTRICT") DECLARING THE FINDINGS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE FINANCING OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC. AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER DETERMINATIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by a majority vote of all the members of said Board) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Following the solicitation of proposals, the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District (the "School District") received proposals from seven (7) firms to provide financing for the cost of the energy conservation measures to be implemented under the Energy Performance Contract (the "Agreement"), between the School District and Johnson Controls, Inc.

Section 2. Following a discussion of the Board of Education of the School District, and based upon the written recommendation received from Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, the School District's Municipal Advisor, it is hereby determined that the proposal received from Key Government Finance, Inc., or its wholly-owned subsidiaries or affiliates (the "Lessor") is hereby accepted subject to the negotiation of one or more lease purchase agreements approved by counsel.

Section 3. The President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent for Business and/or District Treasurer (collectively the "Authorized Representatives" and individually, the "Authorized Representative"), acting on behalf of the School District and with the advice of counsel, are hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver one or more lease purchase agreements (the "Equipment Lease") with the Lessor. The Authorized Representatives are hereby further authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver such other documents relating to the Equipment Lease (including, but not limited to, escrow agreements), as the Authorized Representatives deem necessary and appropriate with the advice of counsel. All other related contracts and agreements necessary and incidental to the Equipment Lease are hereby authorized, and such documents shall be filed in the office of the District Clerk and made available for public inspection.

Section 4. The aggregate original principal amount of the Equipment Lease shall not exceed \$8,118,926 and shall bear interest and mature as set forth in the Equipment Lease.

Section 5. The School District's obligations under the Equipment Lease shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the Board of Education of the School District as set forth in each Equipment Lease and the School District's obligations under the Equipment Lease shall not constitute a general obligation of the School District or indebtedness

under the Constitution or laws of the State of New York.

Section 6. The proceeds of the Equipment Lease may be applied to reimburse the School District for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said proceeds are authorized, or on or prior to such date if the Board of Education of the School District has adopted a prior statement of intent to issue lease obligations for such purpose. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 7. The Authorized Representatives are hereby authorized to take any and all other actions necessary in connection with the Agreement, the Equipment Lease, and all matters related thereto.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board of Education President to sign and execute an Agreement with the Kings Park Central School District to provide special education services for student(s) who reside in the Kings Park Central School District, at the most current special education non-resident tuition rates as approved by New York State, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 inclusive, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
13. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that pursuant to Section 912 of the Education Law, the Board of Education President and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the Elwood Union Free School District and the Huntington Union Free School District for health and welfare services for resident students of the Elwood Union Free School District attending non-public schools in the Huntington Union Free School District, in the amount of \$635.36 per eligible child for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 inclusive, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
14. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares the following items as surplus and obsolete as they are beyond repair or outdated and allow for their appropriate removal:
  - 1-Library Books (JGHS), as presented
  - 2-Three (3) Weight Room Machines (JGHS), as presented
15. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Committee and Subcommittee on Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 11/15/19, 11/22/19, 11/26/19, 12/5/19, 12/9/19, 12/11/19, 12/12/19, 12/16/19 and 12/18/19, for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes and appropriates the use of District funds necessary to implement the special education programs and services consistent with said recommendations.

**N. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA** - None

**O. COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**P. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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**Q. RECONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:11 p.m.**

Mr. LaMena moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene into Executive Session for the purpose of confidential discussions regarding the mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools at 8:11 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**R. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 9:52 p.m.**

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to reconvene into Open Session at 9:52 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**S. ADJOURNMENT – 9:53 p.m.**

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx  
District Clerk