

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:31 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions related to a stipulation agreement regarding a particular certificated employee at 6:31 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

Present at Executive Session were: Heather Mammolito, Thomas Scarola, Dr. Sara Siddiqui, Deborah Weiss, Dr. Kenneth Bossert, Dr. Maureen Hull and Lorraine Dunkel

2. Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:34 p.m.

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to reconvene Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 7:34 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

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| Present: | Heather Mammolito | Vice President |
| | Thomas Scarola | Member |
| | Dr. Sara Siddiqui | Member |
| | Deborah Weiss | Member |

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| Absent: | James Tomeo | President |
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| Staff: | Dr. Kenneth Bossert | Superintendent of Schools |
| | Dr. Maureen Hull | Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum |
| | Lorraine Dunkel | Assistant Superintendent/Business |
| | Mary Lou Marx | District Clerk |

Absent: None

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board Vice President

E. NO PLACE FOR HATE PLEDGE

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. February 11, 2021 Regular Meeting
Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of February 11, 2021.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert

1. “Opening the Valve” Continued
2. Legislative Committee Letter regarding testing

It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the Reopening Plan and the legislative committee letter, as presented.

H. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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I. DISCUSSION ITEM – NYSSBA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee – Dr. Siddiqui

J. PRESENTATION

1. Budget Workshop #3 – Ms. Lorraine Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business

K. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items L.1-L.14) as presented to the Board at this meeting.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

L. ACTION ITEMS (Personnel, Business, Special Education)

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Helen Aliano, for the purpose of retirement from her position as a Speech Language Pathologist, effective June 30, 2021.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Jacqueline Musto, for the purpose of retirement from her position as an Elementary Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Lisa Friend, for the purpose of retirement from her position as an Elementary Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Shari Rizzuto, for the purpose of retirement from her position as an Elementary Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Susanne Woods, for the purpose of retirement from her position as an ESL Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Jaime Kelly, from her position as a Permanent Substitute, effective February 12, 2021.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Lisa Heldberg, from her position as Teaching Assistant, effective February 24, 2021.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Troy Kohn and John Laiosa as Permanent Substitutes, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at a rate of \$120.00 per day worked, effective March 5, 2021 through June 25, 2021.
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District, having reviewed a Settlement Agreement and General Release involving a member of the instructional staff in Executive Session, hereby approves such Settlement Agreement and authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education President to execute such Settlement Agreement.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and 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 Brentwood 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 Brentwood Union Free School District, in the amount of \$660.95 per eligible child, for the period September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 inclusive, and said agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
11. 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 Smithtown Central School District for health and welfare services for resident students of the Elwood Union Free School District attending non-public schools in the Smithtown Central School District, in the amount of \$1,111.18 per eligible child for the period September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 inclusive, and said agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
12. 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 South 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 South Huntington Union Free School District,

in the amount of \$798.86 per eligible child for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 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 Syosset Central School District for health and welfare services for resident students of the Elwood Union Free School District attending non-public schools in the Syosset Central School District, in the amount of \$1,020.20 per eligible child for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 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, 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 West Islip 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 West Islip Union Free School District, in the amount of \$927.77 per eligible child for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 inclusive, and said agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

M. POLICY

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board Policy Sub-Committee, the Board of Education hereby approves the second reading and adoption of the following policy, as presented to the Board at this meeting:
2270 School Attorney

Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve Item M.1 as presented to the Board at this meeting.

Motion carried. Vote: 3-yes (Mammolito, Scarola, Siddiqui), 1-no (Weiss).

N. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

O. COMMUNICATIONS - None

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Q. ADJOURNMENT – 9:59 p.m.

Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk