

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 18, 2021

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**A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 p.m.**

**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions related to a pupil personnel matter made confidential under FERPA at 6:02 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

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

2. Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:35 p.m.**

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to reconvene Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 7:35 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

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

Absent: None

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 President**

**E. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The Board, and those in attendance, observed a moment of silence for the passing of Arthur Stark, grandfather of Board President James Tomeo and long-time resident of our community.

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

1. March 4, 2021 Regular Meeting  
Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of March 4, 2021.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**G. COMMENDATIONS**

This section of the agenda gives the Board of Education an opportunity to publicly recognize and commend individuals for outstanding accomplishments or contributions made to Elwood Schools. We honored the following students:

NYS Reflections Contest Winner for Music Composition - Christopher Addeo (JGHS)  
NYS Reflections Contest Winner of the Award of Merit for Literature - Lily Brown (EMS)  
NYS Reflections Contest Award of Excellence for Music Composition - Sally Ferruzzi (Boyd)

**H. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT – Daniel Rourke**

**I. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert**

1. “Opening the Valve” Update
2. Legislative Committee Update

**J. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS**

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**K. DISCUSSION ITEM – None**

**L. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Facilities Committee Update: Mr. John McDonald, Director of Facilities
2. Capital Bond Project Update - BBS Architects & Energy Performance Contract Update - JCI

**M. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items N.1-N.2, O.1-O.18) as presented to the Board at this meeting.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**N. 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 January 2021 & February 2021
  - b) Revenue Status Report July 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021
  - c) Cash Flow Reports through February 28, 2021
  - d) Budget Status Report July 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021
  - e) Trial Balance Report July 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021

- f) Executive Summary through February 28, 2021
- g) Budget Transfer Report for January, 2021 through February, 2021
- h) School Lunch Fund Report for January, 2021 & February, 2021
- i) Claims Auditor Report for February, 2021

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the budget transfer as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby endorses the nomination of Mr. James Kaden as a candidate for the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Linda Aims-Jablonski, who possesses a Business Certificate, to a 0.7 FTE part-time Business teaching position, at an annual salary of \$49,660.80 pro-rated (0.7 of \$70,944-MA Step 4), to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective March 8, 2021 through 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 Sandra Ackley for the purpose of retirement, from her position as Food Service Worker, effective April 30, 2021.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Scott Brennan, from his position as Business Teacher, effective March 5, 2021.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Christine Messina, from her probationary appointment as an Elementary teacher, effective June 25, 2021.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Luisa LaCorte, from her position as a Teaching Assistant, effective April 2, 2021.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Emily Donigian as a Permanent Substitute, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at a rate of \$120.00 per day worked, effective March 19, 2021 through June 25, 2021.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the additional provider, as listed, to provide Intensive Behavioral Intervention Services for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, as mandated by the Committee on Special Education (CSE), with compensation of \$66 per hour:  
William Riedel
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves extra hours to the following staff members, as needed, to provided 1:1 support to students who wish to participate in after-school related

clubs and events, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, with compensation as per their collective bargaining agreement:

Name	Position
Donna Vidulich	Teaching Assistant
Maria Gransasso	Paraprofessional
William Riedel	Paraprofessional

**10.** BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Lisa Gorman as a substitute teacher, for the purpose of assisting in the administration and scoring of the New York State NYSESLAT Assessment for the period April 11, 2021 through June 6, 2021, pending fingerprint clearance, with compensation of \$150 per diem.

**11.** BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as advisors for the 2020-2021 school year:

Name	Stipend	Title
Carolyn Zielinski	\$3,459	EMS School Musical Director
Karen Maggio	\$2,429	EMS School Musical Producer
Denise Crean	\$1,858	EMS School Musical Sets
Alexa Gottesman	\$1,796	EMS School Musical Music Scores
Alexa Gottesman	\$950	EMS School Musical Asst. Director
Carolyn Zielinski	\$817	EMS School Musical Costumes
Denise Crean	\$761	EMS School Musical Stage Manager
Denise Crean	\$601	EMS School Musical Art Director

**12.** BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following coaches and equipment supervisors, at the corresponding stipends as per the ETA Agreement, for the spring season of the 2020-2021 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**13.** BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitute Teachers, for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**14.** BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Elwood-John H. Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School Co-Curricular Club Charters, for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting, and authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on the Board's behalf.

**JGHS**

Acappelwood, Alpha to Omega, Anime Club, Art Service Club, Chamber Strings, Class of 2021, Class of 2022, Class of 2023, Class of 2024, Community Service Club, Cooking Club, Fashion Club, Freshman Buddies, GSA Club, Habitat for Humanity, Instagram Club, International Club, Italian Club, Jazz Band, Kickline, Knight Times Newspaper, Knights for Nature, Knowledge Masters, Marching Band, Mock Trial, Musical Club, National Art Honor Society, National Honor Society, Natural Helpers, NYSSMA Solo Festival, Photo Club, Stage Crew Club, Step Team, Student Council, SADD, Tri-M Music Honors Society, Ultimate Frisbee Club, Unity with Diversity, Video Yearbook, World Language Honor Society, Yearbook Business Advisor,

**EMS**

Art Club, Virtual Cooking Club, Knightly News, Math Club, National Junior Art Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, 6th Grade

- 15.** BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Legal Notice of the Annual School District Election, Budget Vote and Budget Hearing and establishes the following dates for said Elwood Union Free School District's Annual School District Election and Budget Vote:  
**BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION**

Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Time: 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Place: Elwood Middle School Cafeteria

**PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES:**

- 1) April 1 for Long Islander, April 2 for LIBN
- 2) April 15 for Long Islander, April 16 for LIBN
- 3) April 29 for Long Islander, April 30 for LIBN
- 4) May 13 for Long Islander, May 14 for LIBN

**BUDGET HEARING**

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Elwood Middle School

- 16.** BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the terms and conditions of the stipulation of settlement and release resolving a certain matter between the District and the parents of a student classified by the District's CSE and identified by student ID 000215122; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to execute the stipulation of settlement as approved in the Board's behalf.
- 17.** BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute an Agreement with All Seasons Contractors Corp. and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing walkway installation services to the District, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
- 18.** 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 4/22/20, 12/15/20, 1/13/21, 2/2/21, 2/3/21, 2/9/21, 2/12/21, 2/24/21, 2/25/21, 3/1/21, 3/2/21 and 3/9/2021, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 1/26/21, 2/8/21, 2/11/21, 2/12/21, 2/25/21, 2/26/21 and 3/5/21 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.

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

**Q. COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**R. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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**S. ADJOURNMENT – 9:32 p.m.**

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx  
District Clerk