

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of confidential discussions with legal counsel at 6:00 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, John Gross, Esq. and Christine Durant, Esq.

2. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:37 p.m.

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene in to Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Library at 7:37 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
	Mary Lou Marx	District Clerk

Absent: Lorraine Dunkel Assistant Superintendent/Business

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING

1. December 8, 2022 Regular Business Meeting & December 14, 2022 Special Meeting
Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022 Regular Business Meeting and December 14, 2022 Special Meeting, as presented to the Board at this meeting. Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

F. COMMENDATIONS

1. 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:

- Assemblyman Steve Stern

- Reflections Winners
 - Harley Avenue Primary School
 - Kyle Clancy for Visual Arts
 - Mia Mueller for Visual Arts
 - James H. Boyd Intermediate School
 - Ella Colongeli for Literature
 - Aria Pineda for Photography
 - Mia Giacalone for Visual Arts
 - Jolie Roman for Visual Arts
 - Elwood Middle School
 - Melina Leonidou for Literature
 - Jewel Li for Photography
 - Sophia Brown for Visual Arts
 - Julia Giardina for Visual Arts
 - John H. Glenn High School
 - Brayden Klement for Photography
 - Emily Yang for Visual Arts
- PTA and Booster Club Presidents
 - Agapi Bell - Elwood PTA Council President
 - Marlene Costanza - Elwood SEPTA President
 - Kim Rourke - Elwood Music Sponsors President
 - Lisa Polese - Elwood Booster Club President

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

- Introduction – Dr. Sonia Hood
- UPK Update

H. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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I. DISCUSSION ITEM – None

J. PRESENTATION – Budget Workshop #2 – Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert, Superintendent of Schools

K. ACCEPT 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:
 - 1) \$50,000 procured by the New York State Assembly, for the purpose of enhancing and upgrading our technology infrastructure, with appreciation to Assemblyman Steve Stern for his efforts on the District's behalf.
 - 2) \$640 and \$240 from Elwood SEPTA to support the advisors of the before-school Friendship Clubs at Harley Avenue Primary School for the period December, 2022 through February, 2023.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve Item K.1, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

L. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

1. Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items M.1-M.24), as presented to the Board at this meeting.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

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 adopts the 2023-2024 Elwood Union Free School District Calendar, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Gene Tranchino for the purpose of retirement, from his position as Executive Director of Technology & Transportation, effective June 30, 2023.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Wendy Blair-Braxton for the purpose of retirement, from her position as a Social Studies teacher, effective June 30, 2023.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Kristine Frisone, from her position as Teaching Assistant, effective December 23, 2022.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Kara Salierno, from her position as Teaching Assistant, effective December 23, 2022.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Shannon Cal, from her position as a Permanent Substitute, effective January 13, 2023.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the unpaid leave of absence for Alex Pangourelas, Teaching Assistant, for the purpose of completing his student teaching assignment at John H. Glenn High School, for the period January 23, 2023 through May 19, 2023.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as Permanent Substitute Teachers, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at a rate of \$120.00 per day worked:

Name	Effective Date
Joseph Papaleo	January 13, 2023 through June 9, 2023
Peter Flanagan	January 13, 2023 through June 9, 2023
Susanne Woods	January 13, 2023 through June 9, 2023

9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Diane Sargent, who holds a Teaching Assistant Level III Certificate, to a four-year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant, commencing on January 17, 2023 and terminating on January 16, 2027 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$25,337 (Step 1, pro-rated).

10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the unpaid leave of absence for Employee #823, effective January 9, 2023 through June 30, 2023, as requested.
11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the August 10, 2022 appointment of Emily Donigian, who possesses a Childhood Ed 1-6 Certificate, to a leave replacement regular substitute position for the duration of the leave of Employee #823 as an Elementary Teacher, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, from the previously appointed per diem rate of \$120 per day to a salary of \$53,841 (BA Step 1) retroactive to September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the September 1, 2022 appointment of Cassandra Teevan, who possesses an English Language Arts 5-6 & 7-12 Certificate, to a leave replacement regular substitute position for the duration of the leave of Megan Gieser as an English Teacher, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, from the previously appointed per diem rate of \$120 per day to a salary of \$64,452 (MA Step 1) retroactive to September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
13. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves after-school hours for Cassandra Teevan for the purpose of teaching an SAT Prep Course at John H. Glenn High School, with the number of after-school hours not to exceed 41 hours, effective January 13, 2023, with compensation of \$66 per hour and funded through the Covid grant initiative.
14. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as before-school or after-school advisors to the corresponding clubs as presented:

Name	Club	School	Dates	Compensation
Elizabeth Held	EBC MakerSpace Club	Boyd	October-November, 2022	10 sessions @ \$80 per session
Loren Levine	EBC Crazy 8's Math Club	Boyd	October-December, 2022	8 Sessions @ \$80 per session
Kyle McMahon	EBC MakerSpace	Harley	January-February, 2023	5 sessions @ \$80 per session
Jillian LoFaso	EBC Dance	Harley	January-February, 2023	5 sessions @ \$80 per session
Leslie Seilback	EBC Literacy/Craft	Harley	January-February, 2023	5 sessions @ \$80 per session
Jill Greenblatt	EBC Math Crazy 8's	Harley	January-March, 2023	8 sessions @ \$80 per session
Nicole Franz	EBC Art Club	Harley	January-February, 2023	5 sessions @ \$80 per session
Julian Gordon	SEPTA Readers' Theater Club	Boyd	January-March, 2023	8 sessions @ \$110 per session
Nicole Correia	SEPTA Virtual Sign Language Club	Boyd	January-March, 2023	8 sessions @ \$110 per session
Elizabeth Held	EBC MakerSpace Club	Boyd	January-February, 2023	5 sessions @ \$80 per session
Loren Levine	EBC Crazy 8's Math Club	Boyd	January-February, 2023	8 sessions @ \$80 per session
Nicole Franz	EBC Art Club	Boyd	January-February, 2023	5 sessions @ \$80 per session
Kevin Lavey	SEPTA Friendship Clubs (two separate groups-8 sessions each)	Harley	December, 2022-February, 2023	16 sessions @ \$110 per session
Kerri Baggetta	SEPTA Friendship Clubs (two separate groups-8 sessions each)	Harley	December, 2022-February, 2023	16 sessions @ \$40 per session
Chelsea Wexler	SEPTA Friendship Clubs (two separate groups-8 sessions each)	Harley	December, 2022-February, 2023	16 sessions # \$40 per session

15. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the following previously approved co-curricular appointment, for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting:

Club	Building	Previously Appointed	Previous Appointment	New Appointment
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		Advisor(s)	Date	
Step Team	JGHS	Sheri Davis	11/10/2022	Amend stipend from \$2,800 to \$1,120. Club will not run after January 2, 2023.

16. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitutes, for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
17. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as a volunteer coach, for the 2022-2023 school year:
Matthew Carrino: Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach
18. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the 2023-2024 School Budget Development & Annual Meeting Calendar, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
19. 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 South Huntington Union Free School District to provide special education services for student(s) who reside in the Elwood Union Free School District, at a cost pursuant to this Agreement and in accordance with the Education Law and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 inclusive, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
20. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and that pursuant to Section 912 of the Education Law, the Board of Education President is 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 \$770.53 per eligible child for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 inclusive, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
21. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and 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 \$1,052.74 per eligible child for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 inclusive, and said agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. special education programs and services consistent with said recommendations.
22. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute a Rider to Agreement with WorldStrides and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for Elwood-JGHS Kickline Team to travel to Orlando, Florida in March of 2023 and provide related services to the District, and said Rider to Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
23. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent for Business is hereby authorized to sign and execute a Grant Disbursement Agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York

(DASNY) and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for Project ID #24950 for district wide security camera and safety upgrades, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

24. 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 11/3/22, 11/16/22, 11/21/22, 11/30/22, 12/1/22, 12/13/22, 12/16/22, 12/20/22, 12/21/22 and 12/22/22 and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 11/16/22, 11/30/22, 12/6/22, 12/7/22, 12/14/22, 12/20/22, 12/21/22 and 1/4/23, 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. ADJOURNMENT – 9:35 p.m.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk