

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:06 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions related to the employment and medical history of a particular certificated employee at 6:06 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, Lorraine Dunkel and Dr. Sonia Hood.

2. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:40 p.m.

1. Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene in to Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Library at 7:40 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

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

Absent: None

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| Staff: | Dr. Kenneth Bossert | Superintendent of Schools |
| | Dr. Maureen Hull | Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum |
| | Lorraine Dunkel | Assistant Superintendent/Business |
| | Dr. Sonia Hood | Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum |
| | Mary Lou Marx | District Clerk |

Absent: None

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING

1. January 12, 2023 Regular Business Meeting
Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2023 Regular Business 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:

- Dr. Maureen Hull, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

G. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT – James Rourke, Student Liaison to the Board

H. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert

- BOE Committee Update – Curriculum Committee

I. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS

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J. DISCUSSION ITEM – None

K. PRESENTATIONS

1. Elwood Middle School iReady and Curriculum Initiatives-Dr. Christina Moran, Principal of Elwood Middle School, Mrs. Julie Bilello, Assistant Principal, Mr. Burke, Restorative Practices Teacher and Dr. Maureen Hull, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
2. Federal Grants Update: Science & Math Programs-Dawn Valle, Director of Math, Science, Technology and Federal Grants K-12 & Dr. Maureen Hull, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

L. 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) \$500 from the James H. Boyd PTA to support the STEAM Fair
 - 2) \$4,080 from the Elwood Booster Club to support the following after school clubs for the 2022 Fall Session:
 - a) Boyd Maker Space Club (5 weeks, 1 session - \$400)
 - b) Boyd Art Club (5 weeks, 1 session - \$400)
 - c) Boyd Math Club (8 weeks, 1 session - \$640)
 - d) Harley Maker Space Club (5 weeks, 2 sessions - \$800)
 - e) Harley Dance Club (5 weeks, 1 session - \$400)
 - f) Harley Literacy/Craft Club (5 weeks, 1 session - \$400)
 - g) Harley Math Club (8 weeks, 1 session - \$640)
 - h) Harley Art Club (4 weeks, 1 session - \$400)

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

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

M. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items N.1-N.2, O.1-O.17), 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 November, 2022 & December, 2022
 - b) Revenue Status Report through December, 2022
 - c) Cash Flow Report for November, 2022 & December, 2022
 - d) Budget Status Report through December, 2022
 - e) Trial Balance Report through December, 2022
 - f) Executive Summary for November, 2022 & December, 2022
 - g) Budget Transfer Report for November, 2022 & December, 2022
 - h) School Lunch Fund Reports for November, 2022 & December, 2022
 - i) Extraclassroom Reports for EMS and JGHS for October, 2022 through December, 2022
 - i) Claims Auditor Report for December, 2022
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that 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, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Sheila Farrell for the purpose of retirement, from her position as a Paraprofessional, effective January 2, 2023.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Jenna Harrigan, from her position as Paraprofessional, effective January 11, 2023.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Yadira Flores, as a Permanent Substitute, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective January 30, 2023 with compensation of \$120 per day worked; and,
BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Yadira Flores to a 0.8 FTE leave replacement substitute position as an English Teacher and 0.2 Permanent Substitute, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, for the duration of the leave of Employee #3192, at a per diem rate of \$120 per day worked.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Denise Mastrangelo as an Account Clerk, in the competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twenty-six week probationary term commencing February 6, 2023, with compensation of \$43,378 (Step 1) pro-rated, for the 2022-2023 school year.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Leave of Absence of William Riedel, from his

position as a Teaching Assistant, effective September 6, 2022 through June 30, 2023, contingent on his subsequent appointment as a Leave Replacement Regular Substitute.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints William Riedel, who possesses a Students with Disabilities Generalist 7-12 Certificate, to a leave replacement regular substitute position for the duration of the leave of Employee #3113, as a Special Education Teacher, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective September 6, 2022 through June 30, 2023, at a salary of \$64,452 (MA Step 1).
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following liaisons, at no additional salary, for the 2022-2023 school year, effective July 1, 2022:
Homeless Liaisons: Jesse Marroquin & Harrison Scheier
Foster Care Liaison: Joanna Sepp
Neglected/Delinquent Transition Liaison: Joanna Sepp
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the August 22, 2019 appointment of Julie Testa, as a Teaching Assistant, from a probationary period commencing March 4, 2019 and terminating on March 3, 2023 to a probationary period of March 4, 2019 and terminating on October 12, 2023.
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Elizabeth Held as a mentor for the 2022-2023 school year (second semester only), with compensation of \$500.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves after-school hours for the following teachers, to participate in a curriculum writing project during the 2022-2023 school year, with compensation of \$66 per hour:

| Curriculum Writing Project | Total Hours per Teacher | Number of Participants | Teacher Participants |
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| Seal of Civic Readiness, High School Research Projects | 6 Hours | 2 | Allen Epstein Richard Greening |

11. 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.
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 2022-2023 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 authorizes the Board of Education President to sign and execute an Agreement with the Martin De Porres School, to provide for the instruction of handicapped children, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, 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 authorizes the Board of Education President to sign and execute an Agreement with the Martin De Porres School, to provide for the instruction of handicapped children, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
15. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District advertised for the Base bid EC-1, GC-1, MC-1 and PC-1 - Bond Phase IV Building and Site Improvements at John H. Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School;
WHEREAS, the Elwood Union Free School District received bids for the Base bid EC-1, GC-1, MC-1 and PC-1 - Bond Phase IV Building and Site Improvements at John H. Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School; on January 17, 2023; and
WHEREAS, the District's Architect and Administration have reviewed the bids submitted by the bidders in connection with the Bond Phase IV Building and Site Improvements at John H. Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School contract; and
WHEREAS, based upon said review, CDJ Electric Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder on Base Bid No. EC-1 - Building and Site Improvements at John H Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School in accordance with General Municipal Law section 103, Construction Consultants/LI, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder on Base Bid No. GC-1 - Building and Site Improvements at John H Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School in accordance with General Municipal Law section 103, Inshallah Mechanical Corporation is the lowest responsible bidder on Base Bid No. MC-1 - Building and Site Improvements at John H Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School in accordance with General Municipal Law section 103 and WHM Plumbing & Heating Contractors, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder on Base Bid No. PC-1 - Building and Site Improvements at John H Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School in accordance with General Municipal Law section 103.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby awards the contract for the Bond Phase IV Building and Site Improvements at John H. Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School (EC-1 ELECTRICAL & DATA) to CDJ Electric Inc., for the Bond Phase IV Building and Site Improvements at John H. Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School (GC-1 GENERAL CONSTRUCTION) to Construction Consultants/LI, Inc., for the Bond Phase IV Building and Site Improvements at John H. Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School (MC-1 MECHANICAL) to Inshallah Mechanical Corporation, for the Bond Phase IV Building and Site Improvements at John H. Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School (PC-1 PLUMBING) to W.H.M. Plumbing & Heating Contractors, Inc., in accordance with the bid specifications.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business is hereby authorized to approve change orders in the maximum amount of \$25,000 per change order for this project.
16. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion to adopt the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Board of Education, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, has invited sealed bids for Site General Construction for Bond Phase IV Building and Site Improvements at John H. Glenn High School and Elwood Middle

School, which bids for the Bond Phase IV Building and Site Improvements at John H. Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School were opened publicly on January 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the bids for the Bond Phase IV (SC-1) Site General Construction came in over budget and the Board of Education believes it to be in the best interests of the School District to reject all bids;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, in the best interests of the School District, hereby rejects all bids for the Bond Phase IV (SC-1) Site General Construction for Building and Site Improvements at John H. Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School.

17. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board President and Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to sign and execute the Memorandum of Agreement dated January 17, 2023 between the District and the Elwood Teachers' Alliance to establish a new coaching position, titled, Unified Bowling Coach, as presented to the Board at this meeting, a copy of which Memorandum of Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

18. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and pursuant to Education Law Section 913, that a tenured employee whose identity is known to the Board of Education, is hereby directed to report for an examination in order to determine the capacity of such person to perform said employee's duties with the Elwood Union Free School District. Said examination will be conducted on Friday, March 17, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve Item O.18, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

P. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

Q. COMMUNICATIONS - None

R. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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S. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – 9:18 p.m.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of confidential discussions regarding the mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools at 9:18 p.m.

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

T. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 10:26 p.m.

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to reconvene into Open Session at 10:26 p.m.

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

U. ADJOURNMENT – 10:26 p.m.

Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk