

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 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 collective bargaining for expiring contracts at 6:04 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, Lorraine Dunkel and Dr. Sonia Hood.

2. Dr. Siddiqui 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 – 7:41 p.m.

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene in to Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Library at 7:41 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. Sonia Hood	Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
	Lorraine Dunkel	Assistant Superintendent/Business
	Mary Lou Marx	District Clerk

Absent: None

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING

1. January 26, 2023 Regular Business Meeting
Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss 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:

Elwood Wrestling Team

Coaches: TJ Brocking, Rick Nardelli, Ryan Patrovich

Tommy Aiello

Ashton Presti

David Futeran

Chris Boccard

Khalief Anthony

Anthony Mirando

Aiden Lee

Karahh King

Dylan Bulger

Kevin Vides

Peter Bell

Jasai McKay

Anthony Bell

Walter Zalak

Dan Elling

Jack Sikes

Chris Flores

Carmine Gerbino

Anthony Palencia

Zach Berger

Elijah Porpora

Melkin Chavez

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

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

- BOE Committee Report – Facilities Report

I. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS

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J. DISCUSSION ITEM – None

K. PRESENTATIONS

1. Inclusive Culture & Community – Eileen Kelly-Gorman, Executive Director of Special Education
2. Budget Workshop #3 – Lorraine Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business

L. ACCEPT DONATION

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts a \$500 donation, with gratitude, from the Harley Avenue PTA to support the 2023 STEAM Fair.

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

N. FINANCIAL MATTERS - None

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 Lisa Kastel, from her position as Office Assistant, effective February 10, 2023.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Magdalena Repetti, from her position as a Paraprofessional, effective February 3, 2023.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Leave of Absence of Morgan Goldstein, from her position as a Teaching Assistant, effective close of business on February 10, 2023 through June 30, 2023, contingent on her subsequent appointment as a part-time Special Education Teacher and part-time Permanent Substitute.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Morgan Goldstein, who possesses a Students with Disabilities 1-6 Certificate, to a 0.5 FTE part-time Special Education teaching position, at an annual salary of \$28,403.50 (0.5 of BA+15 Step 1 - \$56,807), to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective February 13, 2023 through June 30, 2023; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Morgan Goldstein as a 0.5 Permanent Substitute, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective February 13, 2023 through June 9, 2023, at a daily rate of \$60 (0.5 of \$120 per day worked).
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Karen Keuhen, who holds Reading and Special Education Certificates, to a four-year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant, commencing on February 27, 2023 and terminating

on February 26, 2027 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$25,337 (Step 1, pro-rated).

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the January 26, 2023 appointment of Denise Mastrangelo as an Account Clerk from a commencement date of February 6, 2023 to a commencement date of February 9, 2023, as requested.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the January 26, 2023 appointment of Yadira Flores as a 0.2 Permanent Substitute and 0.8 FTE leave replacement substitute.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Yadira Flores, who holds an English Language Arts 7-12 Certificate, as a Leave Replacement Regular Substitute as an English Teacher, 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.
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following after-school advisors to the corresponding clubs at Harley Avenue Primary School and James H. Boyd Intermediate School, with compensation per advisor in the amount of \$2,800 (prorated) for the 2022-2023 school year, effective February 13, 2023 with funding provided by the ARP Grant.

Name of Advisor	Club	Rate
Domenica Piccoli	Grade 2 Homework Club	\$2,800, prorated
Marley Carhart	Grade 3 Homework Club	\$2,800, prorated
Margueritte Carvana	Grade 4 Homework Club	\$2,800, prorated
Beth Theodorellis	Grade 5 Homework Club	\$2,800, prorated

10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as after-school Literature Club Advisors for James H. Boyd Intermediate School, with compensation per advisor in the amount of \$807.08 for the period as presented below:

Name of Advisor	Number of Sessions	Dates
Elizabeth Held	13 Sessions	November, 2022 - June, 2023
Devon Dickens	13 Sessions	February, 2023 - June, 2023
Julian Gordon	13 Sessions	November, 2022 - March, 2023
Meagan Faraone	13 Sessions	March, 2023 - June, 2023
Marsha McLeod	13 Sessions	March, 2023 - June, 2023
Amy Chiarello	13 Sessions	December, 2022 - March, 2023

11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Nicole Correia as the ASL Club Advisor at Elwood Middle School, with compensation in the amount of \$2,800 for the 2022-2023 school year with funding provided by the ARP Grant.

12. 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 Participant	Number of Participants	Teacher Participants
Computer Science & Digital Literacy Scope and Sequence K-8	6 Hours	5	Krista Albrecht Lauren Baker Brittany Chalmers Jessica Guercio Cheri Murcott
Mathematics-Update Scope & Sequence Grade 6-8, Algebra 1	5 Hours	4	Erica Cuomo Jenine Harris Joseph Pushee Carolyn Zielinski
News Literacy, Grade 6	6 Hours	2	Ilene Fucci Donna Fife

13. 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.
14. WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Education Law Section 3012-d and Part 30-3.10 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the individual named below has completed all the necessary training to be certified as a lead evaluator of building principals;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby certifies the following individual as a lead evaluator of building principals for the 2022-2023 school year:
Dr. Sonia Hood
15. WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirement of Education Law Section 3012-d and Part 30-3.10 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the individual named below has completed all of the necessary training to be certified as a lead evaluator of classroom teachers;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby certifies the following individual as a lead evaluator of classroom teachers for the 2022-2023 school year:
Dr. Sonia Hood
16. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares the gymnasium mats as surplus as they are worn beyond repair or obsolete, as presented to the Board at this meeting, and allow for their appropriate removal.
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 Daytop Preparatory School and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing academic tutoring services to the District, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, 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 11/16/22, 11/22/22, 12/1/22, 12/12/22, 12/16/22, 12/21/22, 1/4/23, 1/5/23, 1/9/23, 1/10/23, 1/11/23, 1/12/23, 1/19/23, 1/20/23 and 1/24/23 and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 12/7/22, 1/11/23, 1/18/23, 1/27/23 and 2/1/23, 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.

P. POLICIES

1. Draft Policies Reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools and the Policy Committee and Submitted for a First Reading
- 0100 & 0100-R Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity
 - 1400 Public Complaints
 - 1405 Complaints About Certain Federally-Funded Programs
 - 2160 School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics
 - 2330 Executive Sessions
 - 5420 & 5420-R Student Health Services
 - 6680 Internal Audit Function
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The Board President, Mr. Tomeo, requested the policies to be placed on the March 16, 2023 agenda for a second reading.

Q. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

R. COMMUNICATIONS - None

S. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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T. ADJOURNMENT – 9:18 p.m.

Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk