

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:06 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions related to the potential promotion of certificated employees 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, Lorraine Dunkel and Dr. Sonia Hood.

2. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:38 p.m.

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to reconvene in to Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Library at 7:38 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. March 16, 2023 Regular Business Meeting
Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 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:

New York State Champion

- Thomas Aiello

2022-2023 James H. Boyd JMVP's

- Elizabeth Arana
- Casey Curran
- Arden Moshos
- Jameson Koch
- Mosa Mosa
- Emma Barzilai
- Andrew Senatus
- Colton Gillis
- Kalina Jasinska
- Frank Ofrias
- April Knox
- Braelyn Pribyl
- Elizabeth Lyons
- Molly DeMarco
- Stelios Giamos
- Sakina Shazad
- Gabrielle Smith
- Abby Zbytniewski

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

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

- BOE Committee Report – Technology Committee

I. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS

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J. DISCUSSION ITEM – District-Wide Security

K. PRESENTATIONS

1. Budget Workshop #5 – Ms. Lorraine Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business

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) Golf equipment, as listed, from the Shah family, to support the John H. Glenn Golf Team, with an estimated value of \$6,681.98.

2) \$14,800 from the Elwood Booster Club to support the purchase of music posture chairs to be used at James H. Boyd Intermediate School, Elwood Middle School and John H. Glenn High School.

3) \$8,000 from the Elwood Booster Club to support the purchase and installation of new wall padding for the Elwood Middle School gymnasium.

4) \$2,800 from the Elwood Booster Club to support the funding of the following after-school clubs for the 2023 Early Spring Session:

a. Boyd Maker Space Club (5 weeks-1 session \$400)

b. Boyd Dance Club (5 weeks-1 session \$400)

c. Harley Maker Space Club (5 weeks-2 sessions \$800)

d. Harley Dance Club (5 weeks \$400)

e. Harley Literacy/Craft Club (5 weeks \$400)

f. Harley Art Club (5 weeks-1 session \$400)

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Mammolito 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. Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items N.1, O.1-O.11, P.1-P.14, Q.1), 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 approves the budget transfers 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 John McDonald for the purpose of retirement, from his position as Director of Facilities, effective September 29, 2023.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Arnold Kamhi for the purpose of retirement, from his position as Science Teacher, 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 Donna Scudieri for the purpose of retirement, from her position as Account Clerk, effective June 29, 2023.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Sara Viesta, who holds Early Childhood B-2, Childhood 1-6, and Students with Disabilities B-2 & 1-6 Certificates, to a four-year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant, commencing on April 17, 2023 and terminating on April 16, 2027 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$25,337 (pro-rated).

5. 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:

Scott Mikelbank: Volunteer Elwood Middle School Baseball Coach

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves up to forty (40) additional hours for Moira Citko, to provide CPSE screening and case management services to the District, for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year, effective April 14, 2023, at a rate of \$66.00 per hour.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as the advisors to the corresponding after-school Booster Club sessions, as presented:

Advisor	Club	School	Number of Sessions	Dates
Amanda Culbertson	Maker Space	Harley	4 sessions @ \$80 per session	January-February, 2023
Elizabeth Held	Maker Space	Boyd	5 sessions @ \$80 per session	March-April, 2023
Joanna Capitelli	Crazy 8's Math	Boyd	5 sessions @ \$80 per session	March-April, 2023
Kyle McMahon	Maker Space	Harley	5 sessions @ \$80 per session	March-April, 2023
Chelsea Wexler	Maker Space	Harley	5 sessions @ \$80 per session	March-April, 2023
Jillian LoFaso	Dance	Harley	5 sessions @ \$80 per session	March-April, 2023
Leslie Seilback	Literacy/Craft	Harley	5 sessions @ \$80 per session	March-April, 2023
Nicole Franz	Art	Harley	5 sessions @ \$80 per session	March-April, 2023
Kyle McMahon	Maker Space	Harley	5 sessions @ \$80 per session	May-June, 2023
Chelsea Wexler	Maker Space	Harley	5 sessions @ \$80 per session	May-June, 2023
Jillian LoFaso	Dance	Harley	5 sessions @ \$80 per session	April-May, 2023
Leslie Seilback	Literacy/Craft	Harley	5 sessions @ \$80 per session	April-May, 2023
Nicole Franz	Art	Harley	6 sessions @ \$80 per session	April-June, 2023
Jill Greenblatt	Crazy 8's Math	Harley	5 sessions @ \$80 per session	April-May, 2023

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves after-school hours for the following to participate in the after-school Intensive Intervention Program during the 2022-2023 school year, with compensation of \$66 per hour, effective April 2023:

Name	Subject Area	Total Hours
Jessica Kennedy	English	Not to exceed 16 hours
James Maue	Social Studies	Not to exceed 16 hours
Richard Rose	Social Studies	Not to exceed 16 hours
Jennifer Champouillon	Science	Not to exceed 16 hours
Sima Lis	Science	Not to exceed 16 hours
Brittany Chalmers	Mathematics	Not to exceed 16 hours
Laura Raimondi	ENL	Not to exceed 16 hours
Jaime Lauth	Special Education	Not to exceed 16 hours
Allen Epstein	Social Studies	Not to exceed 16 hours

9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves additional compensation for the following teachers for the Intensive Intervention Program held during the school day, for the 2022-2023 school year, with compensation as presented:

Name	Subject Area	Number of Periods Within the School Day	Compensation
Brittany Chalmers	Mathematics	Not to exceed 20 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
Samantha Heuer	Math	Not to exceed 20 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
Richard Rose	Social Studies	Not to exceed 20 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
James Maue	Social Studies	Not to exceed 20 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
Jessica Kennedy	English	Not to exceed 20 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
Arnold Kamhi	Science	Not to exceed 20 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
Sima Lis	Science	Not to exceed 20 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
Allen Epstein	Social Studies	Not to exceed 20 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
Linda Doyle	Science	Not to exceed 20 periods	One additional period of pay

10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves additional compensation for the following teachers for the duration of the leave of Employee #2391, effective April 12, 2023, with compensation as presented:

Name	Subject Area	School	Compensation
Jill Locascio	Resource Room	EMS	0.2 FTE
Megan DeSimone	Special Education Science Class	EMS	0.2 FTE
Richard Greening	Living Environment	JGHS	0.2 FTE
Lori Fornaro	Living Environment	JGHS	0.2 FTE
Shannon Flores	Special Education Living Environment Lab	JGHS	0.1 FTE
Shannon Swan	Special Education Earth Science Lab	JGHS	0.1 FTE

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.

P. ACTION ITEMS - BUSINESS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the expenditure appropriation of \$73,077,631 (The Budget) to operate the schools for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and present such budget appropriation to district residents for a vote on May 16, 2023.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the 2023-2024 Property Tax Report Card as presented to the Board at this meeting; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business is directed to submit the Property Tax Report Card to the State Education Department by the end of the next business day following this approval; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business is authorized to amend and subsequently resubmit the Property Tax Report Card to the State Education Department at a later date if our state aid changes as a result of the final adoption of the New York State budget.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Elwood Union Free School District solicited proposals for universal pre-kindergarten services for four-year-old students residing in the Elwood Union Free School District pursuant to a request for proposals ("RFP");

WHEREAS, on or about March 17, 2023, the School District received four sealed proposals in response to the RFP;

WHEREAS, said proposals were reviewed and evaluated by the School District in accordance with the RFP;

WHEREAS, upon said review, the Administration recommends that the following eligible agencies/community-based organizations be awarded contracts for the provision of universal pre-kindergarten services as the proposals best meeting the criteria in the RFP:

- Elwood Care
- Kiddie Care
- Suffolk Y JCC

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby awards the contracts for the 2023-2024 universal pre-kindergarten services to Harley Care, Kiddie Care, and Suffolk Y JCC at a cost of \$5,400.00 per student; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education.

4. 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 Contract with Half Hollow Hills Central School District and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing special education services to parentally placed students with disabilities who attend private school within the Half Hollow Hills Central School District, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 inclusive, and said contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
5. 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 \$849.10 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.
6. 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 \$1,150.92 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.
7. 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 Smithtown Central School District to provide special education services for student(s) who reside in the Elwood Union Free School District, at the most current special education non-resident tuition rates as approved by New York State, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 inclusive, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

8. 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 Consultant Service Contract with Jerry Figgiani and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing professional development services to the District, effective April 21, 2023 through April 21, 2023, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
9. 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 Consultant Service Contract with Targeted Tenacity and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing professional development services to the District, effective April 21, 2023 through April 21, 2023, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
10. 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 Consultant Service Contract with EAC, Inc. and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing professional development services to the District, effective April 21, 2023 through April 21, 2023, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion to adopt the following resolution:
WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and
WHEREAS, the Elwood Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Participant") is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and
WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and
WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES' standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and
WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding the bids, and reporting the results to the Participant.
BE IT RESOLVED that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as

described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President and Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to sign and execute a Multi-year Lease Agreement with Western Suffolk BOCES and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing Chromebooks and other technology related services to the District with financing under Coser A501.020 for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting:

Equipment	\$214,408
Coordination	\$21,441
Insurance/Legal	\$5,500
Financing	\$20,276
Total Payment	\$261,625

13. 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 bid of Bond Phase IV Site Improvements at John Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School: Re-Bid;

WHEREAS, the Elwood Union Free School District received bids for the Bond Phase IV Site Improvements at John Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School; on February 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the District's Architect and Administration have reviewed the bids submitted by the bidders in connection with the Bond Phase IV Site Improvements at John Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School; and

WHEREAS, based upon said review, Gatz Sitework and Landscape Construction, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder on Base Bid No. SC-1 Site Construction (Glenn HS Track and Field) and United Paving Corporation is the lowest responsible bidder on Base Bid No. SC-2 Site Construction (Elwood MS Parking Lot) 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 Site Improvements at John Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School (SC-1 Site Construction) to Gatz Sitework and Landscape Construction, Inc., and (SC-2 Site Construction) to United Paving Corporation 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.

14. 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 following change orders for Bond Phase III Building and Site Work at Elwood Middle School:

Change Order No. 1 : for WJ Northridge Construction related to the demolition and completion of the EMS music suite areas in the amount of \$28,347.00.

Change Order No. 2R : for WJ Northridge Construction related to the additional steel for the cafeteria folding partitions at EMS in the amount of \$25,880.00.

Q. ACTION ITEMS – OTHER

1. 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 11/11/22, 2/2/23, 2/28/23, 3/7/23, 3/9/22, 3/13/22, 3/16/22, 3/17/23 and 3/22/23 and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 1/24/22, 2/8/23, 2/16/23, 2/18/23, 3/1/23, 3/8/23, 3/10/23, 3/15/23, 3/17/23, 3/22/23, 3/29/23, 3/31/23 and 4/13/23, 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.

R. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

S. COMMUNICATIONS - None

T. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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U. ADJOURNMENT – 9:55 p.m.

Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk