

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 11, 2024

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**A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:06 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 negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law) 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, Kelly Fallon, Lorraine Dunkel, Dr. Sonia Hood and Eileen Kelly-Gorman.

2. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:45 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 7:45 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:	Kelly Fallon	Interim Superintendent of Schools
	Lorraine Dunkel	Assistant Superintendent/Business
	Dr. Sonia Hood	Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
	Eileen Kelly-Gorman	Assistant Superintendent/Special Education
	Mary Lou Marx	District Clerk

Absent: None

**D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President**

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1. December 14, 2023 Public Hearing and Regular Business Meeting and December 20, 2023 Special Meeting  
Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2023 Public Hearing and Regular Business Meeting and December 20, 2023 Special Meeting, as presented to the Board at this meeting.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**F. 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:

Benjamin Ross-Top Scholar Athlete for all of Suffolk County High School football  
Davin Li-All State Honors for Orchestra

**G. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT** - Anthony Bell, Student Liaison to the Board

**H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Ms. Kelly Fallon

**I. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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**J. PRESENTATIONS**

1. ParentSquare-Christopher Onorato, Director of Instructional and Information Technology
2. Final Grade Calculations-Dr. Sonia Hood, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
3. Budget Workshop #2-Lorraine Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business

**K. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following donations, with gratitude, to support the annual STEAM event:
  - 1) \$500 from the Harley Avenue Primary School PTA.
  - 2) \$500 from the James H. Boyd Intermediate School PTA.
  - 3) \$300 from the Elwood Booster Club.
  - 4) \$250 from Elwood SEPTA.

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola 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. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items M.1, N.1-N.8, O.1-O.2, P.1), as presented to the Board at this meeting.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**M. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt for audit of the following reports:

- a) Treasurer's Report for November, 2023
- b) Revenue Status Report through November 30, 2023
- c) Cash Flow Report for November, 2023
- d) Budget Status Report through November 30, 2023
- e) Trial Balance Report through November 30, 2023
- f) Executive Summary for November 30, 2023
- g) Budget Transfer Report for November, 2023
- h) School Lunch Fund Report for November, 2023
- i) Claims Auditor Report for November, 2023

**N. ACTION ITEMS -PERSONNEL**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Megan Gieser, from her position as an English Teacher, effective January 12, 2024.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Cassandra Teevan, from her positions as a 0.2 FTE English Teacher position and her 0.8 FTE Permanent Substitute position, effective January 12, 2024 contingent on her subsequent appointment as a probationary English Teacher.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Cassandra Teevan, who possesses English Language Arts 5-6 & 7-12 Certificates, to a three-year probationary term as an English Teacher, in the English tenure area, effective January 15, 2024 through January 14, 2027 at a salary of \$67,440 (MA Step 2, prorated). In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said teacher must have at least three years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d during the four year period prior to the proposed effective date of tenure and may not receive a rating of ineffective during the final year of probation.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Dylan Steger as a Maintenance Mechanic III, in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twelve-month probationary term commencing January 29, 2024, at a rate of \$66,215 prorated, for the 2023-2024 school year, pending fingerprint clearance.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Alice Wolcott as the Online Learning Site Coordinator for the Virtual High School, effective January 12, 2024, with compensation of \$6,000 (prorated) for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as Harley after-school advisors to the corresponding clubs as presented:
  - 1-Cheri Murcott to Maker Space Club (5 Sessions, January through February, 2024) - \$400
  - 2-Bari Shapiro to Maker Space Club (5 Sessions, January through February, 2024) - \$400
  - 3-Leslie Seilback to Literacy/Craft Club (4 Sessions, January through February,

2024) - \$320

4-Nicole Franz to Art Club (12 sessions, January through February, 2024) - \$960

- 7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the following previously approved co-curricular appointment, for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting:

Club	Building	Previously Appointed Advisor(s)	Previous Appointment Date	New Appointment
Knight Times Newspaper	JGHS	Garrett Chesnoff	10/12/2023	Garrett Chesnoff and Deidra O'Brien will each serve as co-advisors for the 2023-2024 school year with a stipend of \$4,846 (50/50 split)

- 8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitutes, for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**O. ACTION ITEMS - BUSINESS**

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024 inclusive, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
- 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board of Education President to sign and execute an Agreement with the Oyster Bay-East Norwich 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024 inclusive, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

**P. ACTION ITEMS – OTHER**

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Committee and Subcommittee on Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 10/23/23, 11/28/23, 12/5/23, 12/7/23, 12/14/23, 12/15/23 and 12/19/23 and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 11/28/23, 12/5/23, 12/7/23, 12/12/23, 12/14/23 and 12/21/23 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.

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

**R. COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**S. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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**T. ADJOURNMENT – 9:26 p.m.**

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx  
District Clerk