

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

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:06 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss 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: 4-yes, 0-no.

Present at Executive Session were: James Tomeo, 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 7:35 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:43 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 7:43 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

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

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. March 21, 2024 Regular Business Meeting and March 27, 2024 Special Meeting
Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2024 Regular Business Meeting and March 27, 2024 Special Meeting, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

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

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Ms. Kelly Fallon

H. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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I. PRESENTATIONS

1. Science of Reading - Dr. Denise Toscano, Principal of Harley Avenue Primary School, Elissa Millan, Principal of James H. Boyd Intermediate School and Pamela Fine, Director of Humanities
2. Facilities Update - Ron Carritue, Director of Facilities
3. Budget Workshop #5 - Ms. Lorraine Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business

J. 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:
 - 1) Four (4) books from the Elwood Middle School PTA to the Elwood Middle School Library with an estimated value of \$59.72:
 - Spider-Man Fake Red by Yusuke Osawa (2 copies)
 - One of Us is Lying by Karen M. McManus
 - Heroes by Alan Gratz
 - 2) \$1,000 from the Suffolk County Chapter of the NYS School Facilities Association to be used to fund a scholarship to be awarded to a deserving graduating senior.
 - 3) \$721.64 from the Elwood Booster Club to support the purchase of Solar Eclipse Glasses for the students and staff at Harley Avenue Primary School and James H. Boyd Intermediate School.
 - 4) \$3,240 from the Elwood Booster Club to support the following after-school clubs for the 2024 Spring Season:
 - Boyd Maker Space Club (5 weeks-1 session=\$400)
 - Boyd Dance Club (5 weeks-1 session=\$400)
 - Harley Maker Space Club (6 weeks-1 session \$480 for advisor and \$120 for TA)
 - Harley Dance Club (6 weeks-1 session=\$480)
 - Harley Art Club (6 weeks-2 sessions=\$960)
 - Harley AM Gym Games (5 weeks-1 session=\$400)
 - 5) 85" HD Samsung TV and mounting bracket from the Elwood Booster Club for the cafeteria at James H. Boyd Intermediate School valued at \$1,286.16.

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

Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

K. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items L.1, M.1-M.10, N.3-N.8, O.1), as presented to the Board at this meeting. Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

L. 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 report:
 - a) Claims Auditor Report for March, 2024

M. 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 Catherine Terranova, from her position as School Psychologist, effective June 30, 2024.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Kristi Umina, from her position as a Literacy Teacher, effective June 30, 2024.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby recalls Samantha (Maddalena) Abruscati, who possesses a Mathematics Certificate, to a two-year probationary term as a Mathematics Teacher, in the Mathematics tenure area, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026, at an annual salary of \$68,452 (MA Step 2). 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 terminates the employment of Employee #4408, a leave replacement Teaching Assistant, effective April 8, 2024.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the previous Board of Education approval on March 21, 2024 of the John H. Glenn staff members participation of the Intensive Intervention Program commencing April 8, 2024 and concluding on June 11, 2024, with compensation of 0.2 FTE, prorated by period, not to exceed 40 periods per person with the amended addition of Shannon Chetuck and the removal of Richard Rose and Sima Lis.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves after-school hours for the following certificated staff members, to participate in Parent University presentations on April 15, 2024 and April 16, 2024, with compensation of \$66 per hour, not to exceed six (6) hours per person:

	Number of Participants	Teacher Participants
Parent University at John H. Glenn High School April 15, 2024 and April 16, 2024	13	Diane Locascio Lisa Sallie Sarah Daly

		Maria Trucios Christine Shay Elle Chan Renee Spanos Allen Epstein Lindsey Merrow Amy Schombs Christiana Dobra Nicole Gendjoian Nicole Correia
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7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves additional compensation to the following teachers for the purpose of performing after-school Regents review, for the 2023-2024 school year, with compensation at the hourly rate of \$66.00 per hour:

Name	Subject Area	School	Hours
David Trabulsi Jessica Guercio	Algebra I	EMS	Not to exceed 4.5 Hours each
Valentina Parisi Kristen Turano	Spanish	EMS	Not to exceed 1 Hour each
Alessia Franco	Italian	EMS	Not to exceed 2 Hours

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as the advisor to the corresponding after-school Booster Club sessions, as presented:

Advisor	Club	School	Number of Sessions	Dates
Kevin Lavey	Harley Morning Gym Games	Harley	5 sessions @ \$80 per session	March-April, 2024

9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the amended hours for the following paraprofessional, with compensation at her 2023-2024 hourly rate:

Name	Previous Hours/Day	New Hours/Day	Effective Date
Hatifa Tokhi	3.0 Hours	6.50 Hours	April 12, 2024

10. 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.

N. ACTION ITEMS - BUSINESS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the expenditure appropriation of \$76,760,609 (The Budget) to operate the schools for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and present such budget appropriation to district residents for a vote on May 21, 2024.

Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve Item N.1, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
 Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the 2024-2025 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.

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve Item N.2, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute the Special Education Data Collection, Analysis, and Reporting (SEDCAR) Agreements for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting, and said Agreements will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting:
All About Kids
Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC
4. Upon the recommendation of the Interim 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, evaluating bids, awarding via Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board approval, 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.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim 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 2024-2025 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	\$362,556
Coordination	\$36,256
Insurance/Legal	\$7,938
Financing	\$34,288
Total Payment	\$441,038

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that pursuant to Section 912 of the Education Law, the Board of Education President and the Interim 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 \$1,244.00 per eligible child for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 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 Interim Superintendent of Schools, that pursuant to Section 912 of the Education Law, the Board of Education President and the Interim Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the Elwood Union Free School District and the Hicksville School District for health and welfare services for resident students of the Elwood Union Free School District attending non-public schools in the Hicksville School District, in the amount of \$1,073.02 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.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, and pursuant to Section 912 of the Education Law, the Board of Education President and the Interim Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the Elwood Union Free School District and the Brentwood 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 Brentwood

Union Free School District, in the amount of \$961.24 per eligible child for the period September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 inclusive, and said agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

O. ACTION ITEMS-OTHER

1. BE IT RESOLVED, 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 3/20/23, 1/26/24, 2/1/24, 2/5/24, 2/12/24, 2/16/24, 2/26/24, 3/1/24, 3/5/24, 3/6/24, 3/7/24, 3/12/24, 3/18/24, 3/20/24, 3/21/24, 3/22/24, 4/2/24 and 4/3/24 and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 6/22/23, 3/8/24, 3/11/24, 3/12/24, 3/19/24 and 3/26/24 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. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

Q. COMMUNICATIONS - None

R. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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S. RECONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION-9:20 p.m.

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene into Executive Session for the purpose of confidential discussions regarding personnel at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.
2. Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to extend Executive Session beyond 11:30 p.m. as per Board Policy 2310. Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

T. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION-11:35 p.m.

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to reconvene into Open Session at 11:35 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

U. ADJOURNMENT – 11:36 p.m.

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk