

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 15, 2011
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER – Deputy District Clerk (7:45 p.m.)

Present:	Joseph Fusaro Dan Ciccone Andrew L. Kaplan Michael LaMena William Gutekunst	President Vice President Trustee Trustee Trustee
Staff:	Peter C. Scordo William Pastore Maryann Llewellyn Gene Tranchino Dianne Wilkinson	Superintendent Asst. Supt./Business Asst. Supt./Curriculum Exec. Dir. Adm. & Instructional Technology & Trans Exec. Director Special Ed
Counsel:	John Gross	Ingerman Smith
Absent:	Peggy Pietzak	District Clerk

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Special Meeting – July 14, 2011
Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Mr. Fusaro, Mr. Kaplan)
2. Regular Meeting – August 25, 2011
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 1 abstention (Mr. Gutekunst)
3. Special Meeting – August 30, 2011
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays
4. Special Meeting/Work Session – September 1, 2011
Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan)

D. COMMENDATIONS -- None

**E. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS/SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT’S AGENDA – Mr. Peter C. Scordo
Report from Michael Diesu, Student Liaison**

Mr. Fusaro thanked the Elwood Taxpayers Association for the gift to the high school and organizing the 9/11 ceremony. He also thanked Dr. Mulieri, Chris Kalinowski, Vicki Henson, Karen Gellert, and Rachel Neway.

Mr. Fusaro read a statement which was previously read at July 5th reorg meeting.

F. PRESENTATION:

Audit Report – Christopher Reino and Michael Leone of Cullen & Danowski, LLP

G. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS – (8:10 – 9:30 p.m.)

H. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Preliminary discussion concerning setting the 2011-12 tax rate at the October 6 meeting
2. Future fund balance implications
 - a. Setting the 2012-13 tax rate
 - b. Planning for future tax rates
 - c. Financial outlook
3. Policy: Whether or not to amend Board of Education Policy #2310 (Board meetings) to include the following statement: "At 10:30 p.m. for public meeting and 11:30 p.m. for executive session, if a Board meeting is still in progress, the meeting will be automatically adjourned immediately unless the Board passes a motion to extend the meeting."
4. Kindergarten: transportation for ElwoodCare students

I. FINANCIAL MATTERS -- No Recommended Items

(TAB B)

J. BUSINESS MATTERS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following business matters be approved:

1. Personnel Agenda -- as per attached

(TAB C)

Recommend the Board approve personnel agenda.

Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Recommend the Board approve the addition of Jazz Band at Elwood Middle School three times a month.

Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2. Special Education

- a. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on: May 17th, August 31st (2 meetings).

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

3. Miscellaneous

- a. Recommend the Board approve the proposal for the 2012 Elwood Relay for Life on June 2-3, 2012 at Elwood-John Glenn High School.

(TAB D)

Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. LaMena seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- b. Recommend the Board adopt Policy 4742 - High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian (*second reading*).

(TAB E)

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. LaMena seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

4. Business Agenda -- as per attached

(TAB F)

Recommend the Board approved business agenda excluding B5a.

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Business Item B5a was tabled until October 6th.

J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA -- Dr. Mulieri discussed the 50th anniversary celebration event.

K. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

L. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – (10:45 – 11:00 p.m.)

- M. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 11:00 p.m. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters, contract negotiations, and legal matters. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

At 12:13 a.m. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to leave executive session.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. ***Recommend the Board approve the settlement in the matter of a certain special education student, #164622, subject to negotiation by Board counsel of a mutually acceptable agreement, and the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education.***
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
2. ***Recommend the Board adopt Policy 432.14 – Educational Evaluations and Observations (first reading).***
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

At 12:15 a.m Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- N. ADJOURNMENT** – At 12:42 a.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- O. WORK SESSION/SPECIAL MEETING:** October 6, 2011 *
NEXT REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING: October 20, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

William L. Pastore
Deputy District Clerk

* Agenda item: To establish the tax rate for the 2011-2012 school year.