

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 20, 2011
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President (7:35 p.m.)

B. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Business Meeting – September 15, 2011
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Special Meeting/Work Session – October 6, 2011
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

C. COMMENDATIONS

Tonight we honored:

1. Students selected by NYSSMA for the All-State Conference: *Emily McPherson* (Soprano), *Christina Dimitriou* (Violin), *Ji In Kim* (Violin)
2. Elwood Board of Education

D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS/SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT’S AGENDA – Mr. Peter Scordo

Mr. Scordo thanked the Board of Education and gave each of them certificate.

Michael Diesu, Student Liaison, gave his report.

Mr. Gutekunst read a statement.

F. PRESENTATION: ***[POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 3]***

~~Property Tax Cap Implications on Future Budgets—Vincent Cullen of Cullen & Danowski, LLP~~

G. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS – (8:01 – 8:10 p.m.)

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS -- None

I. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Treasurer’s Report for the months ended July 31 and August 31, 2011,

2. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the months ended July 31 and August 31, 2011,
3. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the months ended July 31 and August 31, 2011,
4. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the months ended July 31 and August 31, 2011,
5. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Trial Balances for all funds as of July 31 and August 31, 2011.

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. Kaplan 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: August 29th, September 16th, September 22nd, September 27th, and September 28th,
 - b. **and** the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on September 21st (2 meetings), and October 11th.
3. **Miscellaneous** **(TAB D)**
 - a. Recommend the Board approve the following policies (*second reading*) as amended.
 Policy 2310 – Regular Meetings
 Policy 5300.65 – Visitors to Schools
 Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
4. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached **(TAB E)**
 Recommend the Board approve business agenda items B1-B5a.
 Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

 Recommend the Board approve business item B5b.
 Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan)

K. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA -- None

L. COMMUNICATIONS

M. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – (9:05 – 9:10 p.m.)

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 9:15 p.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and LaMena seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations and legal matters. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

O. ADJOURNMENT – At 11:24 p.m. Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak
 District Clerk