

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (7:33 p.m.)**

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| Present:   | Michael Kaszubski   | President                                  |
|            | Joseph Fusaro       | Vice President                             |
|            | Dan Ciccone         | Trustee                                    |
|            | Andrew L. Kaplan    | Trustee                                    |
|            | Patricia Matos      | Trustee                                    |
| <br>Staff: | <br>Peter C. Scordo | <br>Superintendent                         |
|            | William Pastore     | Asst. Superintendent/ Business             |
|            | Maryann Llewellyn   | Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum            |
|            | Ronald L. Friedman  | Asst. Superintendent/Human Resources       |
|            | Gene Tranchino      | Exec. Dir. Adm. & Instructional Technology |
|            | Peggy Pietzak       | District Clerk                             |

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

- Harley students performing Earth Day presentation:  
from Ms. Gallagher's class:  
 Cameron Abrams, Justin Gambardella, Brandon Lewis, Ashley Mammolito,  
 Cara Schombs, Chloe Schelin  
from Ms. Lipari's class:  
 Lauren Hoolahan, Rithika Narayan, Alexandra Schelin, Ava Campfield,  
 Andrew Nguyen, Brendan Maher, Isabella Bento  
from Ms. Schombs' class:  
 Daniel Rourke, Penelope Pando, Jack Schelin, Princess Onyianta,  
 Julia Mady-Aguiar, Elizabeth Musi  
from Ms. Sheahan's class:  
 Kathryn Kuroda, Caitriona Meehan, Daniel Mullan, Juliana Weber,  
 Gavin Goldstein, Christopher Dunne  
from Ms. Simpson's class:  
 Katelyn Cozzi, Emily Ferguson, Isabella Lee, Andrew Mullan, Michele Park,  
 Daniel Poblete-Infante  
from Mr. Washousky's class:  
 Jack Flanagan, Devin Lee, Matthew Szokoli, Arianna Mata, Julianna Josey,  
 Sarah Kleinman  
from Ms. Wilenski's class:  
 Kerri Giambruno, Molly Miller, Stephanie Mullan, Kayla Nunes, Dylan Poblete-Infante,  
 Jake Haddad, Victoria DiDiego

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

(TAB A)

1. Business Meeting – May 19, 2011  
 Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Special Meeting/Work Session – June 2, 2011  
 Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays,  
 2 abstentions (Mr. Kaplan/Mr. Kaszubski)

**D. COMMENDATIONS** – This evening we honored:

- Board President Michael Kaszubski
- Board Trustee Patricia Matos
- Student Liaison Gwen Rosen
- Girl Scout Silver Award Recipients -- introduced by Dianne Wilkinson
  - Troop 1307: Diana Bartolotta, Julianne Bartolotta, Leeann Emmi, Jessica Filippone, Christina Lizzo, Gillian Murphy, Briana Rixon
  - Troop 3838: Erika Gross, Julia Molano, Barbara-Anne Ryder, Maeve Fitzgerald, Kathryn Claffey, Carly Sanginario, Hayley Lee, Gillian Pelkonen
- Gary Hamilton – inducted in the National Technical Honor Society

**E. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS/SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA** – Mr. Peter C. Scordo

1. Gwen Rosen, Student Liaison, gave her report and introduced Michael DeJesus as the new student liaison for next year.

**F. PRESENTATION:**

- Board of Regents decision to eliminate January Regents examinations and its impact on the High School program – Eileen Kelly-Gorman
- Recognition of the three math teachers who graciously volunteered (at no cost to the District) to tutor High School students during the school day in preparation for the Regents examination: Christina Kerensky-DeSimone, Michael Prykuta, Eileen Kelly-Gorman

**G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – (9:15 – 9:35 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 month ending April 30, 2011,
  2. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ending April 30, 2011,
  3. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ending April 30, 2011,
  4. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the month ending April 30, 2011,
  5. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Trial Balances for all funds as of April 30, 2011.
- Recommend the Board approve the budgetary transfers.  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**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 items excluding P8 f.  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Recommend the Board approved personnel item P8 f.  
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Kaplan).

**2. Special Education**

- a. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services of meetings held on: March 1<sup>st</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup> (2 meetings), March 22<sup>nd</sup> (2 meetings), March 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup> (2 meetings), April 1<sup>st</sup> (2 meetings), April 6<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 25<sup>th</sup>,

- 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:  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> (2 meetings), March 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup> (3 meetings), April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup> (2 meetings), May 13<sup>th</sup> (2 meetings), May 18<sup>th</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup> (3 meetings), May 20<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**3. Miscellaneous**

- a. Recommend the Board approve the following High School trip: *(TAB D)*  
1. Music Department trip to Salzburg/Vienna/Prague – February 15-23, 2013  
during the winter recess period.  
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- 4. Business Agenda** -- as per attached *(TAB E)*  
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

K. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA -- None

L. COMMUNICATIONS

M. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – (9:42-9:46 p.m.)

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 9:46 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss labor relations/contract negotiations and personnel matters.  
The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

At 12:46 a.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded the motion to go out of executive session.  
The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded the motion to have the July reorganization meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. or July 5<sup>th</sup> at superintendent's discretion. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

O. ADJOURNMENT – At 12:49 a.m. Mrs. Matos moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded the motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

P. **NEXT MEETING:** July 5, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak  
District Clerk