

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 8, 2008
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (7:38 p.m.)

Present:	Michael Kaszubski	President
	Joseph Fusaro	Vice President
	Dina Annunziata	Trustee
	Dan Ciccone	Trustee
	Andrew Kaplan	Trustee
Staff:	Dr. William Swart	Superintendent
	William Pastore	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Robert Annucci	Asst. Superintendent/Human Resources
	David Cenerelli	Asst. Superintendent/Pupil Personnel Services
	Dr. Sophia Gary	Director Curriculum/Instruction
	Peggy Pietzak	District Clerk

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Regular Business Meeting – April 10, 2008
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Special Meeting – April 29, 2008
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Mr. Fusaro, Mr. Ciccone).

D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Dr. William J. Swart
“PRESENTATION OF THE 2008/2009 BUDGET”

E. COMMENDATIONS – At this meeting we honored:

Lauren Fried, recipient of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award (presented by Mr. Thomas Ronayne, Assistant Director of Veterans Affairs)
Elwood Middle School – for \$6,800 contribution (presented by Ms. Ellen Hold, Make-A-Wish Foundation)
Elwood Teachers Alliance – recipients of Community Service Award

F. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS –(8:20 – 8:30 p.m.)

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- No Recommended Items

H. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer’s Report for the month ended March 31, 2008,
2. **and** the Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended March 31, 2008,

3. Recommend the Board accept the Trial Balances for all funds as of February 29, 2008.
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan).
4. Recommend the Board accept the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended March 31, 2008.
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan).
5. Recommend the Board accept the Budget Status Report for the month ended March 31, 2008.
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan).
6. Recommend the Board approve budgetary transfers.
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan).

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS -- No Recommended Items

2. ACTION ITEMS

- a. 1. Recommend the Board of Education approve personnel items excluding P8b.
Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously. **(TAB C)**

Recommend the Board of Education approve personnel item P8b.
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. Fusaro).
- b. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on: March 14th (2 meetings), 17th (3 meetings), April 1st (2 meetings), 2nd (3 meetings), 3rd (2 meetings), 4th, 7th, 8th (2 meetings), 9th, 14th, 15th (2 meetings),
- c. **and** the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Educations's recommendations for student's classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on: February 28th (2 meetings), March 3rd (3 meetings), 19th (2 meetings), 31st (2 meetings), April 7th (2 meetings)
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Recommend the Board approve the service contract with the Institute for Children With Autism for 2007/2008. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried unanimously. **(TAB D)**
- e. Recommend the Board accept the following donations: **(TAB E)**
 - \$99 from Elwood Middle School PTA for awards
 - \$500 from Mrs. Maina for the Michael A. Maina Memorial Scholarship
 - \$255.99 from Target Stores for John H. Glenn High School
 - \$73.58 from Washington Mutual for John H. Glenn High School
 - \$14,500 from Elwood Booster Club for various uses
 - \$76.72 from Washington Mutual for Boyd
 - \$353.74 from Target for Boyd
 Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Recommend the Board accept the donation of \$14, 500 from the Elwood Booster Club for various uses and the donation of three video cameras: one for Harley, Boyd, and John Glenn High School. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mrs. Annunziata).
- g. Recommend the Board approve the following health services contract for students residing in Elwood and attending private/parochial schools for the 2007-2008 school year: **(TAB F)**

<i>Westbury UFSD</i>	<i>1 student</i>	<i>\$668.79</i>
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 Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- h. Recommend the Board approve the proposed resolution for issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes for the 2008/2009 in an amount not to exceed \$12,750,000. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes 0 nay 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan). (TAB G)

- i. Recommend the Board approve the HealthSmart K-12 curriculum. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously. (TAB H)

- j. Recommend the Board adopt the following policies (*first reading*): (TAB I)

<i>Policy DICA</i>	<i>Capital Assets Account</i>
<i>Policy DG/DGA-R</i>	<i>Depository of Funds/Authorized Signatures for Cash Disbursements and Wire Transfers Regulation</i>

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- k. Recommend the Board approve the retention of Frazer & Feldman (successor to the firm of Ehrlich, Frazer & Feldman) as special education counsel to cover the period May 1 to June 30, 2008 at the rate of \$175.00 per hour. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes 1 nay (Mr. Kaplan) (TAB J)

- l. Recommend the Board approve a transportation contract with Eastern Suffolk BOCES through June 30, 2008 for a special education student. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded. The motion carried unanimously. (TAB K)

J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

K. COMMUNICATIONS

L. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – (8:55 – 9:00 p.m.)

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 9:05 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations and personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT – At 10:40 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to end executive session and to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak
District Clerk