

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 13, 2008
Elwood-John Glenn High School - 6:45 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 6:50 p.m. the meeting was called to order and Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations. The motion passed unanimously, 4 ayes, 0 nays. (Mr. Ciccone arrived during executive session.)

At 7:32 p.m. Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to end executive session. The motion carried unanimously, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (7:40 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
	Louis Tuorto	Director of Physical Education/Athletics
	Peggy Pietzak	District Clerk

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB K)

1. Regular Business Meeting – February 12, 2008
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Mrs. Annunziata, Mr. Ciccone)
2. Special Meeting – January 15, 2008
Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Mr. Ciccone, Mr. Kaplan)

D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Dr. William J. Swart

Yolanda Nelson, student liaison, gave her report.

The Senate and Assembly are looking to increase funding for public school education. Within the next two weeks there will probably be an additional 450 - 500 million dollars in additional state aid to be redistributed among New York State school districts. There is no guarantee Long Island will get its fair share. I implore everyone to write letters. There is a sample letter on the website which you can modify and email or snail mail to any one of the five people listed on the bottom.

E. COMMENDATIONS – At this meeting, the Board of Education and County Legislator Steven Stern honored: *National Merit Finalists: Meghan Courbanou and Gregory Manas and the Undefeated MS Girls' Volleyball Team.*

F. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – (7:55 – 7:58)

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- No Recommended Items

H. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended January 31, 2008, and
2. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended January 31, 2008, and
3. Recommend the Board accept the Trial Balances for all funds as of January 31, 2008. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Recommend the Board accept the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended January 31, 2008. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Recommend the Board accept the Budget Status Report for the month ended January 31, 2008. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Recommend the Board approve Budget Transfers. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS -- No Recommended Items

2. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Recommend the Board approve personnel items excluding P-8e. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Recommend the Board approve personnel item P-8e. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes 0 nays 2 abstentions (Mr. Ciccone, Mr. Kaplan)
- 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 January 23, 24th, February 6th, 26th, 27th, and March 6th,
- c. and the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for the meetings held on February 6th, 7th, and 15th. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Recommend the Board approve the proposed resolution to set dates for the 2007 Public Budget Hearing on May 3, 2008 and for the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 20, 2008. **(TAB N)**
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Recommend the Board approve the proposed resolution appointing members of the Board of Registration for the Annual District Election, **(TAB O)**
- f. **and** the Board approve the proposed resolution appointing the Permanent Chairperson and other personnel to act at the Budget Hearing and Annual Vote and election. **(TAB P)**
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- g. Recommend the Board approve the following health services contracts for students residing in Elwood and attending private/parochial schools for the 2007-2008 school year: **(TAB Q)**

<i>Jericho UFSD</i>	<i>2 students</i>	<i>\$ 1,599.24</i>
<i>Farmingdale UFSD</i>	<i>1 student</i>	<i>\$ 660.09</i>
<i>South Huntington UFSD</i>	<i>45 students</i>	<i>\$ 32,377.50</i>
<i>West Islip UFSD</i>	<i>1 student</i>	<i>\$ 532.74</i>

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

- h. Recommend the Board accept the donation of \$500 from Elwood Youth Wrestling. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes 0 nays 1 abstention (Mr. Fusaro)
- i. Recommend the Board approve the disposal of a broken and obsolete Traulsen single door refrigerator from the cafeteria at Elwood Middle School. (TAB R)
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- j. Recommend the Board approve the EXCEL "Grant Disbursement Agreement". (TAB S)
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- k. Recommend the Board approve the agreement with the American Red Cross to designate various education facilities in the Elwood UFSD as mass care shelters in the event of a disaster. (TAB T)
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes 0 nays 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan)
- l. Recommend the Board approve the enrollment of Elwood UFSD through Educational Data Services, Inc. in the Skilled Trades Time and Material Bid from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 at the rate of \$1,600.00 per year.
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- m. Recommend the Board accept the engagement letter from R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP for professional internal auditing services in the amount of \$42,000 for the year ending June 30, 2008. (TAB U)
Mr. Kaplan made a motion to table; Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- n. Recommend the Board approve policy changes (*second reading*) as recommended by R.S. Abrams, Internal Auditors: (TAB V)

<i>Policy DLC –R-2</i>	<i>Attendance Confirmation</i>
<i>Policy EH</i>	<i>Computer Resources and Data Management</i>
<i>Policy EH-R</i>	<i>Computer Resources and Data Management Regulation</i>

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

- 1. Remarks from Michael Kaszubski, Board of Education President, regarding district counsel
- 2. Letter from Joseph Fusaro, Trustee

K. COMMUNICATIONS

(TAB W)

- 1. Correspondence from Julia Badlato to Trustees, Board of Education , February 12, 2008
- 2. Correspondence from Gerard K. Hannon to Mr. Michael Kaszubski, President, and Trustees of the Board of Education, February 12, 2008

L. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – None

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION - At 8:20 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT – At 9:59 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded a motion to end executive session and to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak
District Clerk