

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 10, 2008
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

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

1. Regular Business Meeting – March 13, 2008
Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Special Meeting – February 28, 2008
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Special Meeting -- March 6, 2008
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

High school liaison, James Tomeo, gave his report.

Dr. Swart recommended the BOE adopt the proposed resolution and submit the proposed 2008-2009 budget to voters.

In the proposed budget, there is no provision for full day kindergarten.

I believe the 4.7% increase in next year's budget is the lowest recommended to this and any BOE in my career.

Projected average tax increase is less than 4.99%. That increase is comparable or less than most Western Suffolk County school districts.

We learned we will receive approximately \$570,000 more in state aid than previously anticipated. I recommend using the majority of these additional funds to reduce school taxes.

I want to thank our legislators and community members for their efforts to bring more state aid to Long Island.

I know that the legislature and legislators desire that all public school districts on the Island use increased state aid to reduce school taxes.

Clearly, this nation is in the midst of a recession. New York State, particularly Wall Street, is the poster child of our economic woe.

In this proposal, there is a recommended restoration of two elementary teaching positions that I previously recommended to abolish. The positions restored are in grade 2 and grade 5. In essence, I believe the funds in the recommended budget sustain reasonable class sizes at all grade levels.

However, there are staff reductions associated with the proposed budget: an elementary assistant principal position and three elementary teaching positions.

As many of you know, the enrollment at the elementary level of our District has decreased by 125 students over the past 31/2 years. Unfortunately, reduction of staff is required for prudent use of District resources.

There are funds in the budget to expand programmatic offerings at John Glenn High School. Those expansive programs were described in my presentation before the BOE last week, which is available at the back of the room.

I believe this is a balanced budget and a responsible budget in the present climate of dismal National and State economic news. I believe I am putting forth an appropriate budget recommendation.

- E. COMMENDATIONS** – At this meeting we honored:
Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball Teams (League Champions)
Varsity Wrestling Team (Suffolk County Dual Meet Champions)
Middle School Wrestling Team (undefeated)
Girls Track: 4x200 Meter Relay Team (Suffolk County Champions)

- F. RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – (8:10 – 8:35 p.m.)

- G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -- No Recommended Items

H. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended February 29, 2008,
2. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended February 29, 2008,
3. **and** the Board accept the Trial Balances for all funds as of February 29, 2008.
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **and** the Board accept the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended February 29, 2008.
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **and** the Board accept the Budget Status Report for the month ended February 29, 2008.
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **and** the Board approve budgetary transfers.
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS -- No Recommended Items

2. ACTION ITEMS

- a. 1. Recommend the Board of Education approve personnel items excluding P8B.
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried unanimously. **(TAB C)**

Recommend the Board of Education approve personnel item P8B.
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes,
1 nay (Mr. Kaplan).

2. Recommend the Board of Education confer tenure effective July 1, 2008 upon Eileen Maiori, an Assistant Principal (Permanent Certification) at the Elwood-John Glenn High School, whose service during her probationary period has been found to be competent, efficient and satisfactory.
 Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion did not carry: 2 ayes (Mrs. Annunziata, Mr. Kaplan), 3 abstentions (Mr. Kaszubski, Mr. Fusaro, Mr. Ciccone).

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 February 25, 26, 28, 29, March 8, 11 (2 meetings), 12 (2 meetings), 13 (2 meetings), 14, 18, 19,

c. **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 14, 23, 25 (3 meetings), 26, 27 (2 meetings), 29, March 3, 11, 27.

Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

d. Recommend the Board approve the resolution “Exhibit 1” for the Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program CoSer 612 with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the 2008/2009 school year. **(TAB D)**

Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

e. Recommend the Board accept the donation of \$2,250 from Elwood PTA Council for the Arts in Education Program. The appropriate revenue and expenditure budget codes will be adjusted accordingly. **(TAB E)**

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

f. Recommend the Board accept the donation of tennis shirts to be worn by the tennis team and given to the members at the end of the season.

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone 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 F)**

<i>Huntington UFSD</i>	<i>11 students</i>	<i>\$ 6,590.76</i>
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Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

h. Recommend the Board adopt the following proposed resolution to submit the proposed 2008/2009 budget to district voters: **(TAB G)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elwood Board of Education submit the proposed 2008/2009 budget to the district voters on May 20, 2008 in the amount of \$47,806,914, **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education submit the proposed tax report card as required by Sections 1608,1716(7) and 2601-a(3) of the Education Law. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay (Mrs. Annunziata)

i. Recommend the Board approve the disposal of obsolete/broken items from Buildings and Grounds: **(TAB H)**

Bunton Reel Mower
Panasonic PD-2400 Fax Machine
Hewlett Packard Laser Jet Plus Printer

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

j. Recommend the Board approve the disposal of obsolete computer equipment from Elwood Middle School. **(TAB I)**
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

k. Recommend the Board approve the point-of-sale system from Nutrikids to automate the school lunch cash registers. **(TAB J)**
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

J. **ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA** - None

K. **COMMUNICATIONS**

L. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – (10:00 – 10:15 p.m.)

M. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 10:15 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations. The motion carried unanimously.

N. **ADJOURNMENT** – At 10:55 p.m. Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to end executive session and to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak
District Clerk