

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 15, 2012
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President (7:30 p.m. – 7:35 p.m.)
- B. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)** (7:35 p.m. – 7:40 p.m.) (TAB A)
1. Business Meeting – October 18, 2012
- D. COMMENDATIONS**
This section of the agenda gives the Board of Education an opportunity to publicly recognize and commend individuals for outstanding accomplishments or contributions made to Elwood schools. (*deferred*)
- E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS** (*see Tab D-4*) (7:40 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.)
1. \$1,000 from Elwood SEPTA toward the playground equipment for the fifth grade playground at Boyd.
2. \$3,000 from Elwood Youth Wrestling to purchase additional wrestling mats for the wrestling room at the high school
- F. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS / SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT’S AGENDA** – Mr. Peter C. Scordo (7:45 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.)
1. Report from Lauren Fried, Student Liaison
- G. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS** (7:50 p.m. – 8:05 p.m.)
The Board encourages all residents to attend its meetings, and this section of the agenda affords them the opportunity to speak. Persons wishing to speak should identify themselves and any organization they represent at the meeting. Comments should be kept as brief as possible and may not exceed three minutes (Board Policy 3452). Public discussion of matters relating to staff, students, or others at which their reputations, privacy or right to due process could be in some way violated is prohibited.
- H. PRESENTATIONS** (8:05 p.m. – 8:35 p.m.)
1. Proposed Boyd Playground – Mr. Pastore, Mr. Rouse, Mrs. Mammolito
2. Review of Audit Report for Year Ending June 30, 2012 by Cullen & Danowski – Mr. Reino, Mr. Leone
- I. DISCUSSION ITEMS** (8:35 p.m. – 9:05 p.m.)
1. Pension system increases and the 2% tax cap
2. Proposed calendar for 2013-14 (TAB A-1)
- J. FINANCIAL MATTERS** (9:05 p.m. – 9:10 p.m.) (TAB B)
1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Treasurer’s Report for the month ended September 30, 2012.

2. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended September 30, 2012.
3. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended September 30, 2012.
4. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the month ended September 30, 2012.
5. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Trial Balances Report for the month ended September 30, 2012.
6. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Extra Classroom Activity Fund for quarter ended September 30, 2012.

K. ACTION ITEMS

(9:10 p.m. – 9:20 p.m.)

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)

2. **Special Education**

- a. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Special Education’s recommendations for students’ classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services:

<u>Submitted to the Board</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>
October 15	October 12
October 17	October 4
October 18	October 15
October 19	September 12, October 15, 17

- b. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education’s recommendations for students’ classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services:

<u>Submitted to the Board</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>
October 24	October 12
October 25	October 19
November 6	October 22
November 8	October 15

3. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached

(TAB D)

4. Recommend the Board approve the following emergency resolution (*roof damage and roof-related damage at Elwood Middle School has been estimated to be \$334,000*):

“**WHEREAS**, on or about October 29, 2012, the schools in the Elwood School District incurred significant damage to its facilities as a result of Hurricane Sandy which condition requires immediate action to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the students and staff in the facilities and to preserve the facilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declares the remediation work required to be performed in the schools of the District to be an emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes said remediation work as an ordinary contingent expense and authorizes the Superintendent, or his designee, to take the necessary legal steps to perform said remediation.”

L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

M. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Proposed letter to the Town of Huntington regarding the Oak Tree property

(TAB E)

N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

(9:20 p.m. – 9:35 p.m.)

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O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(9:35 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.)

1. Labor relations/contract negotiations
2. Personnel matters

P. ADJOURNMENT

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION PERSONNEL ACTIONS

November 15, 2012



KEY:	P-1: Position Abolition	P-6: Tenure Appointments
	P-2: Position Creation	P-7: Other Appointments
	P-3: Resignations	P-8: Other
	P-4: Leaves	P-9: Changes in Table of Organization
	P-5: Terminations/Excessed	

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the following personnel action items:

P-9-- Recommend the Board of Education approve the following changes in Table of Organization:

No Recommended Actions

P-1-- Position Abolitions: No Recommended Actions

P-2-- Position Creations: No Recommended Actions

P-3-- Resignations: No Recommended Actions

P-4-- Leaves: No Recommended Actions

P-5-- Terminations/Excessed Staff: No Recommended Actions

P-6-- Tenure Appointments: No Recommended Actions

P-7-- Other Appointments: No Recommended Actions

P-8-- Other:

- a) Recommend the Board of Education approve Ann Reichert as a substitute teacher for a Special Education teacher on maternity leave at the Elwood-John H. Glenn High School at the per diem rate of \$185.22. Ms. Reichert is currently an AIS Tutor at the high school. This assignment is expected to last for a period of six weeks.
- b) Recommend the Board of Education approve Douty Mamadou, a substitute teacher, as the AIS Tutor at the Elwood-John H. Glenn High School to replace Ms. Reichert for six periods per day. The rate of pay is \$30.87 per period and this assignment is expected to last for a period of six weeks.

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Elwood, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION PERSONNEL ACTIONS
ADDENDUM TO THE ORIGINAL PERSONNEL AGENDA

November 15, 2012

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The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the following personnel action items:

P-7-- Other Appointments:

A) Instructional: No Recommended Actions

B) Civil Service:

1) **FLORA MORAITIS**

Position	Paraprofessional
Civil Service Title	School Monitor
Type of Appointment	Part-time, 2.5 hours per day, 10 months
Assignment	James H. Boyd Intermediate School
Effective Date	November 19, 2012
Permanent Status Date	April 19, 2015
Certification	Civil Service (Labor Class)
Salary	In accord with the contract between the District and the Elwood Paraprofessional Association
Reason	To fill a vacant position on the Table of Organization

P-8-- Other:

- a) Recommend the Board of Education approve Yvonne Brantuas and Joseph Lynch Loscalzo for the Grade 6 Reading and Writing Lab and Math Lab Curriculum Writing Project for 20 hours each at the professional development compensation rate of \$64.00 per hour.

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Elwood, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION PERSONNEL ACTIONS
ADDENDUM II TO THE ORIGINAL PERSONNEL AGENDA



November 15, 2012

KEY:	P-1: Position Abolition	P-6: Tenure Appointments
	P-2: Position Creation	P-7: Other Appointments
	P-3: Resignations	P-8: Other
	P-4: Leaves	P-9: Changes in Table of Organization
	P-5: Terminations/Excessed	

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the following personnel action items:

P-9-- Changes in Table of Organization

A) Clerical: Increase of 1.0 FTE (from 5.0 to 6.0) for a Confidential Principal Clerk position in the Special Education Office. This is a temporary increase which will expire when Eugenia Egan, Secretarial Assistant, retires effective January 30, 2013.

P-7-- Other Appointments:

A) Instructional: No Recommended Actions

B) Civil Service:

1) **DEMETRA DOSCAS**

Position	Principal Clerk (Confidential)
Civil Service Title	Principal Clerk
Type of Appointment	Permanent, Full time, 12 months
Assignment	District Office, Special Education Office
Effective Date	December 10, 2012
Permanent Status Date	June 10, 2013
Certification	Civil Service (Competitive Class)
Salary	In accord with the terms and conditions established by the Superintendent and the Board of Education
Reason	To fill a vacant position on the Table of Organization as described above.

P-8-- Other:

a) Recommend the Board of Education approve the Salary and Benefits Agreement for Demetra Doscas, Confidential Principal Clerk, effective December 10, 2012 through June 30, 2013 and further authorize the Board of Education President to execute said Agreement.

Elwood Union Free School District
Board of Education Business Items

November 15, 2012
Board Agenda

Key:	1: Contracts	5: Other
	2: Bid awards	
	3: Health Services	
	4: Donations	

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the following business action items:

1: Contracts *(Tab 1)*

- a. Recommend the Board approve the **Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Resolution** with **Western Suffolk BOCES** for provision of electricity for the 2012/2013 school year; **and** that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education.

2: Bid Awards *No Recommended actions* *(Tab 2)*

3: Health Service Contracts *No Recommended actions* *(Tab 3)*

4: Donations *(Tab 4)*

- a. Recommend the Board approve the **donation** of \$1,000 from Elwood SEPTA towards the playground equipment for the fifth grade playground at James H. Boyd Intermediate School. The appropriate revenue and budget codes will be adjusted accordingly.
- b. Recommend the Board approve the **donation** of \$3,000 from Elwood Youth Wrestling to purchase additional wrestling mats for the wrestling room at John H. Glenn High School. The appropriate revenue and budget codes will be adjusted accordingly.

5: Other *(Tab 5)*

- a. Recommend the Board approve the **Budget Calendar** for the fiscal year 2013/2014.
- b. Recommend the Board approved the following resolutions:
 “**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Elwood Board of Education accepts the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, as prepared by the firm Cullen & Danowski, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.”

 “**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Elwood Board of Education accepts the Corrective Action Plan for 2011/2012.”

- c. Recommend the Board approve the **disposal** of a broken and non-repairable Xerox 620 Memorywriter #C80-088324 from the Main Office in the Middle School.



- d. Recommend the Board approve the **Change Order** for **Total Construction Corp.** in the amount of \$1,050 to create a new masonry opening to accommodate an existing fire extinguisher and create & install a new sheet metal extensions around two new ceiling-hung mechanical units in the Boys & Girls toilet at Harley Avenue Primary School; **and** that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education.



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November 15, 2012

Mr. Anthony J. Aloisio
Director
Department of Planning and Environment
Town of Huntington
100 Main Street
Huntington, New York 11743

RE: Change of Zone Application: **#2012-ZM-389**
Application Name: **BK Elwood LLC (The Seasons)**
Street Location: w/s Elwood Road (CR10), n/o Fair Oaks Ct.
Elwood Tax Map: 0400-170-02-015.001
Change of Zone Request: R-40 Residence to R-RM Retirement Community District

Dear Mr. Aloisio:

This letter is being written in response to Mr. Turner's letter of April 2, 2012 asking for comments or questions on the proposed zone change application for the Oak Tree Dairy property. The Elwood Board of Education discussed this matter at our open meetings on May 3, May 17, in which we entertained a presentation from the developers, The Engel Burman Group, and August 24. At its meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2012, the Board of Education once again invited The Engel Burman Group to field questions from to the Board of Education and Elwood community residents. The meeting focused on an interactive discussion of the most recent plans to develop a retirement community on the property currently owned by Oak Tree Dairy. Additionally, several established civic organizations, specifically the Elwood Taxpayers Association, Old Chester Hills Civic Association, and the District's Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee were asked to speak on behalf of their members.

Since receiving your letter, the Elwood School Board spent considerable time discussing the proposed development with representatives of The Engel Burman Group and the Elwood Community. We are now looking to you for assurances and responses to our comments and questions.

Please note that Trustee Andrew L. Kaplan recused himself from any discussion on this topic and the composition of this letter.

The Elwood School Board acknowledges that a down zoning application of this nature has broad issues and considerations that must be addressed in detail, and we expect that town officials will reach out to a number of groups within the Elwood Community for questions and comments. We further acknowledge that the review of all issues pertaining to the proposed development is the responsibility of the Town of Huntington as the only authority to make a final decision on the re-zoning application. However, your decision will have a significant impact on the Elwood School District; therefore, the Elwood Board of Education will address our questions and comments exclusively to issues that are relevant to our schools, its operations, and our concern for the student population.

Please respond to the following comments and questions:

1. The ability to have our students arrive to and from home and school safely and on time is of paramount importance. We do not believe safe and timely transportation will be achieved without additional traffic lights and updated signals surrounding the area between the entrance of our high school / middle school campus and Jericho Turnpike along Elwood Road. Specifically, we believe town officials must insist on a traffic signal at the entrance of the proposed development as well as additional crosswalks and sidewalks if the development is approved.

Additionally, Elwood School District transportation is on a very tight and efficient schedule. We are concerned that the additional traffic/traffic patterns created as a result of this development will require the District to alter its current bus routes or cause the District to contract for more buses at an annual cost of about \$65,000 per bus.

- a. Will the Town conduct an independent traffic study to evaluate the impact of additional traffic on Elwood Road and all connecting roads affected as a result of the increased number of cars and the change in traffic pattern from the new community?
2. We need assurances on the increase to the Elwood School District tax base. What is the Town Assessor's forecasted assessed value of the proposed development? What is the projected amount of the Elwood School District's overall assessed value in the near-term and over time? We must be able to accurately inform the Elwood taxpayer of the proposed development's affect on the school tax rate. Additionally, please include any information on STAR, Enhanced Star and tax credits as they relate to the proposed development.
3. Can the Elwood School District be guaranteed that school age children under eighteen years of age be restricted from living in the proposed development with its 55+ requirement?
4. Will the District be allowed more access to Elwood Park to use for the athletic programs as a result of the path that The Engel Burman Group agreed to build to link the school district property with Elwood Park?

Notwithstanding the fact that the Elwood Board of Education has no legal standing in making a decision on the rezoning of this property, we thank you for the opportunity to share these questions and concerns.

Respectfully,

Elwood Board of Education

By _____
Joseph Fusaro, President

Michael LaMena, Trustee

Daniel Ciccone, Vice President

William Gutekunst, Trustee

- cc: Mr. Frank P. Petrone, Town Supervisor
- cc: Town Board Members
- cc: JoAnne Raia, Town Clerk

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