

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 18, 2012
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

B. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (7:45 p.m.)

Present:	Joseph Fusaro	President
	Dan Ciccone	Vice President
	Andrew Kaplan	Trustee
	William Gutekunst	Trustee
	Michael LaMena	Trustee

Staff:	Peter C. Scordo	Superintendent
	William Pastore	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Ellen Best-Laimit	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation
	Dianne Wilkinson	Exec. Director/Special Education
	Nancy Mancini	District Clerk

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Business Meeting – September 20, 2012
Mr. Gutekunst motioned and Mr. LaMena seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Special Meeting/Workshop – October 4, 2012
Mr. Kaplan motioned and Mr. LaMena seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Mr. Gutekunst/Mr. Kaplan).

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. Tonight we honor:

Long Island Arts Alliance Scholar-Artist: **Emily McPherson**

PTA Reflections Award of Excellence: **Jillian Coscio** (Dance Choreography)

PTA Reflections Award of Merit: **Amanda DiMartini** (Photography)

All-State Musicians: **Christina Dimitriou** (String Orchestra), **Ryan Harrigan** (Mixed Chorus)

All-County Musicians:

Kyle Banks (Mixed Chorus), **Christina Dimitriou** (Women's Choir), **Ryan Harrigan** (Mixed Chorus); **Michael Hissey** (Mixed Chorus), **Ji In Kim** (Orchestra), **Alissa Liebler** (Mixed Chorus), **Elizabeth Mortati** (Mixed Chorus), **Bryan O'Connor** (Mixed Chorus), **Thomas O'Rourke** (Band), **Dylan Pincus** (Mixed Chorus), **Colleen Proietto** (Women's Choir)

National Merit Letter of Commendation Recipients:

Michael Gilmor, Thomas Jannace, Dylan Pincus, Jeffrey McLuckie

National Achievement Scholarship Program Outstanding Participant: **Nicole Hamilton**

E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS (see TAB 4)

- Donation of \$1,652.50 from the Elwood Athletic Club to cover buses to take the volleyball team to tournaments
- Donation of \$25,416.50 from Elwood Care to purchase equipment for a playground at Boyd
- Donations from Target Take Charge of Education: \$610.07 for Middle School, \$646.18 for Boyd, \$564.90 for High School

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

1. Report from Lauren Fried, Student Liaison

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

H. PRESENTATIONS -- None

I. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended August 31, 2012,
2. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended August 31, 2012,
3. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended August 31, 2012,
4. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the month ended August 31, 2012.

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)

2. **Special Education**

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

Submitted to the Board

September 24

September 25

September 28

October 10

Meeting Dates

September 12

September 21

September 10, 27 (2 meetings)

August 21, September 12, 21

3. **and** the Board adopt the staff 2012-2013 Table of Organization as of October 11, 2012.

(TAB D)

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

(TAB E)

Mr. Ciccone motioned and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Change of Zone Application before the Town of Huntington re: Oak Tree Dairy property

L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA -- None

M. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

At 11:30 p.m. Mr. LaMena motioned to extend the meeting and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- O. Board of Education vote regarding the change of zone application before the Town of Huntington re: Oak Tree Dairy property.

Mr. LaMena motioned to table the vote and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan).

P. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. LaMena made a motion to table executive session and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Q. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:40 p.m. Mr. LaMena made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk