

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

MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

B. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk

Present:	Joseph Fusaro	President
	Dan Ciccone	Vice President (8:10 p.m.)
	Andrew Kaplan	Trustee
	William Gutekunst	Trustee
Absent:	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 – October 18, 2012
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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)

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

1. Report from Lauren Fried, Student Liaison

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

H. **PRESENTATIONS**

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**

1. Pension system increases and the 2% tax cap
2. Proposed calendar for 2013-14

(TAB A-1)

J. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

(TAB B)

K. **ACTION ITEMS**

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. **and Special Education**

- a. 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. **and** 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. **and Business Agenda** -- as per attached (Tab D1 contracts later rescinded)

(TAB D)

4. **and** 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 the storm which conditions 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.”

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

M. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Proposed letter to the Town of Huntington regarding the Oak Tree property
(Discussion postponed)

(TAB E)

N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:00 p.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss labor relations/contract negotiations and personnel matters. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

At 11:30 p.m. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to extend executive session. The motion carried 3 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Kaplan).

At 12:10 a.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to go back into regular session. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

At 12:15 a.m. Mr. Ciccone made a motion and Mr. Kaplan seconded the motion to rescind and table Business Item (tab D), Contracts – Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Resolution with Western Suffolk BOCES until December. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Fusaro)

P. ADJOURNMENT

AT 12:15 a.m. Mr. Kaplan moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk