

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 10, 2013
Elwood Middle School Cafeteria - 7:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. PRESENTATIONS

(7:40 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.)

1. Middle School student presentation re: garden club and hydroponics lab
2. Proposed AP courses for the 2013-14 school year -- Dr. Mulieri
3. Evaluation of Freshman Seminar and Sophomore Study Hall initiatives – Dr. Mulieri
4. Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) – Ms. Wilkinson, Ms. Mitchell
5. Review of Safety Protocols, Procedures and Assessments – Mr. Pastore

C. BUDGET WORKSHOP #2

(8:40 p.m. – 9:40 p.m.)

1. Instructional Budget

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Board of Education vote regarding the proposed letter to the Town of Huntington concerning the change of zone application for the Oak Tree Dairy property *(TAB A)*
2. Recommend the Board approve the personnel agenda. *(TAB B)*

E. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

(9:05 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.)

Remarks are limited to items voted on and/or discussed at this business meeting. 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. *(up to 30 minutes)*

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(9:15 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.)

- a. Personnel Matters
- b. Negotiations

G. ADJOURNMENT

(Next regular meeting January 24, 2013)



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January 10, 2013

Draft as of December 19, 9:00 AM

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 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. In addition, we have had an opportunity to review the Expanded EAF, recently filed by the developer with the Town. 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. We would ask that the Town review the findings in the Expanded EAF concerning transportation and traffic impacts and verify if the statements made therein accurately reflect the impact on the school district community, as well as its surrounding communities. In addition, 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. The Expanded EAF includes information concerning the tax revenues which will be generated as a result of the development. We need assurances on the increase to the Elwood School District tax base. What is the Town Assessor's most informed, best forecast assessed value of the proposed development and how is it expected to be realized over time? 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 effect 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. Please provide the Elwood UFSD with the specific constraints and covenants in place to ensure that the proposed development actually results in what was articulated, specifically a community restricted to residents 55 plus and clearly no school age children under 22. Further, can the Town Board please provide a clear understanding of the processes and paths by which changes to the current proposal could be modified via the standard Town Zoning Board protocol or any other possible way?
4. The District would like more access to Elwood Park to use for 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. The District would like input into the design of the path that would link the school district property to 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, and would request that this correspondence be put into the public record within the Town of Huntington.

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: JoAnn Raia, Town Clerk

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Elwood, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION PERSONNEL ACTIONS

January 10, 2013

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-1-- Position Abolitions: No Recommended Actions

P-2-- Position Creations: No Recommended Actions

P-3-- Resignations:

A) Instructional:

1) **EMILY DELGIORNO**

Position	Teaching Assistant
Assignment	James H. Boyd Intermediate School
Effective	January 11, 2013
Reason	Resignation

2) **NICHOLAS PANTALEO**

Position	Teaching Assistant
Assignment	Elwood-John H. Glenn High School
Effective	January 2, 2013
Reason	Resignation

B) Civil Service: No Recommended Actions

P-4-- Leaves: No Recommended Actions

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

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P-6-- Tenure Appointments: No Recommended Actions

P-7-- Other Appointments: No Recommended Actions

P-8-- Other:

- a) Recommend the Board of Education approve the Agreement between the Elwood Union Free School District and Louis Tuorto, Director of Athletics and authorize the Board of Education President to execute said Agreement.
- b) Recommend the Board of Education approve the Agreement between the Elwood Union Free School District and the Elwood Teachers' Alliance in regard to credit recovery classes and authorize the Board of Education President to execute said Agreement.
- c) Recommend the Board of Education approve an increase in hours for Pamela Schlachter, a paraprofessional at the Harley Avenue Primary School from 4.0 hours per day to 5 hours, 45 minutes effective January 14, 2013. This will fill a vacant position on the Table of Organization.
- d) Recommend the Board of Education approve an increase in hours for Nancy Evans, a paraprofessional at the Elwood Middle School from 2.5 hours per day to 4.0 hours effective January 14, 2013. This will fill a vacant position on the Table of Organization.
- e) Recommend the Board of Education approve Donna McPartlan, a Registered Nurse, to provide CPR/First Aid/AED classes at the rate of \$125.00 per class for 1 – 6 persons, and \$25.00 each person thereafter.
- f) Recommend the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to Education Law Section 913, that a civil service employee, whose identity is known to the Board of Education, is hereby directed to report for a medical examination in order to determine the capacity of such person to perform said employee's duties with the Elwood Union Free School District. Said examination will be conducted by a physician selected by the School District on a mutually agreeable date (s) and time.

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

No Recommended Actions

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ADDENDUM TO THE ORIGINAL PERSONNEL AGENDA

January 10, 2013

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

P-4-- Leaves:

A) Instructional:

1) **EILEEN KELLY GORMAN**

Position	Instructional Technology Specialist
Assignment	District Office, Curriculum Office
Effective	January 14, 2013 – June 30, 2013
Reason	To accept Director of Elementary Curriculum position

P-7-- Other Appointments:

A) Instructional:

1) **EILEEN KELLY GORMAN**

Position	Director of Elementary Curriculum
Type of Appointment	Part-time (0.95 FTE)
Assignment	Harley Avenue Primary School and James H. Boyd Intermediate School
Effective Date	January 14, 2013
Certification	Initial School Building Leader
Expiration Date	June 30, 2013 or sooner at District discretion
Tenure Eligibility	Not applicable
Tenure Area	Director
Salary	95% of Director, Step 3
Reason	To fill a vacant position on the Table of Organization

P-8-- Other:

- a) Recommend the Board of Education approve the correction to Donna McPartlan's CPR/First Aid/AED class rate of pay as \$125.00 per class for 1 - 5 persons (*not 1-6*), and \$25.00 each person thereafter.