

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 24, 2013  
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 (8:00 p.m.)
	Dan Ciccone	Vice President
	Andrew Kaplan	Trustee
	William Gutekunst	Trustee (8:45 p.m.)
	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
	Nancy Mancini	District Clerk
Absent:	Dianne Wilkinson	Exec. Director/Special Education

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

**(TAB A)**

1. Business Meeting – December 13, 2012  
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Special Meeting – January 10, 2013  
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

**D. COMMENDATIONS -- (deferred)**

**E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. General Mills Box Tops for Education \$1,465.30 for Harley
2. General Mills Box Tops for Education \$206.30 for Boyd
3. Amerec 610 Rowing machine from Mr. & Mrs. Paul Charbonnel

**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. PRESENTATION**

Remote cloud computing using Google Chromebooks – Mr. Tranchino and Ms. Hanley

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**J. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(TAB B)**

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
  - a) Treasurer's Report for the month ended December 31, 2012
  - b) **and** Revenue Report for the month ended December 31, 2012
  - c) **and** Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended December 31, 2012
  - d) **and** Budget Status Report for the month ended December 31, 2012
  - e) **and** Trial Balances Report for the month ended December 31, 2012.

**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)**

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve the Personnel agenda excluding P1 and P5B. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve P1 and P5B. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (D. Ciccone).

**2. Special Education**

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

Submitted to the Board

Meeting Dates

December 7

November 16, 29

December 12

December 5

December 13

December 13

December 14

December 6

December 17

December 14

December 21

December 20

December 27

November 19

January 9

November 20

January 10

January 3, 4

January 15

December 10, January 9

January 16

December 13, 20

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

Submitted to the Board

Meeting Dates

December 18

November 15, 20, 30

January 7

December 14, 21

January 9

December 14

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

**(TAB D)**

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

**L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

**M. COMMUNICATIONS** -- None

**N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:40 p.m., Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and negotiations. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

At 10:00 p.m., Mr. Fusaro exited the meeting.

At 10:30 p.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to end executive session and vote on the following resolution.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the recommendation of the CSE the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District hereby authorizes its special counsel Frazer & Feldman, LLP, to prepare and serve a demand for due process upon the parents of a student suspected of having a disability, student ID number 000400457, to pursue an order for authority to conduct an initial evaluation in an Impartial Hearing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby appoints Barbara J. Ebenstein to serve as the impartial hearing officer in said proceeding, such impartial hearing officer being the next hearing officer available to serve on the alphabetical list of hearing officers certified to serve by the New York State Education Department.

The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:35 p.m., Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini  
District Clerk