

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 28, 2013  
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Andrew Kaplan, Trustee (presided until arrival of BOE president)

**B. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk (7:35 p.m.)

Present: Joseph Fusaro                      President (8:45 p.m.)

Andrew Kaplan                              Trustee

William Gutekunst                        Trustee

Michael LaMena                            Trustee

Absent: Dan Ciccone                        Vice President

Staff: Peter C. Scordo                      Superintendent

William Pastore                            Asst. Superintendent/Business

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 – January 24, 2013

Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

2. Special Meeting -- February 7, 2013

Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the minutes. 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. Tonight we honor students selected to perform in the Long Island String Festival's Honors String Ensembles in January and February:

Boyd:    *Mina Ban (violin)*

Middle School:                          *Elizabeth Choi (violin), Derek Lee (double bass), Tyler Song (violin)*

High School:                              *Christina Dimitriou (violin), Emily Dimitriou (violin), Ji In Kim (violin), Avery McLocklin (double bass), Jennifer Most (violin)*

**E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. \$700 from Scholarship America – a scholarship awarded to Beth Noon and Liz Held from the Target Field Trip Grants Program. It will be used for the buses for the third grade trip to the Holtsville Ecology Center and Safety Town in May 2013.

2. \$4,500 from James H. Boyd Intermediate School PTA to be used for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip on Skyline Cruises in June 2013.

3. An ATEC full size batting cage for the baseball program from the DeFalco Family.

**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. Addition of an Advanced Placement statistics course at the High School for 2013-14

I. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** -- None

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
  - f) **and** Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report for the quarter 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. LaMena moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve the personnel agenda with an amendment to P7 A1 (Ms. McCormick will be assigned to Elwood Middle School). The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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

January 18

January 9

January 22

January 9

January 25

January 11

January 28

January 17

February 1

January 4, 16, 18 (2 meetings), 22

February 19

January 4, 22, 30, 31; February 5, 6, 12 (3 meetings)

February 21

January 22

- 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

January 24

January 16, 18 (2 meetings)

January 25

January 11, 13, 14, 22

January 29

January 11

Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

- c. Recommend the Board approve Joanna Sepp as a Chairperson for CSE and CPSE meetings and Dr. Anthony Pantaleno as a Chairperson for CSE meetings.

(TAB D)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

- d. Recommend the Board approve Barbara J. Ebenstein as an Impartial Hearing Officer for the 2013-14 school year.

(TAB E)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

3. Recommend the Board approve the revised calendar for the 2013-14 school year.

(TAB F)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

4. Recommend the Board approve the addition of an AP Statistics course at the High School for 2013-14.

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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

**(TAB G)**

Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve the business agenda which included the additional donation from the DeFalco Family. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

**L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

**M. COMMUNICATIONS** -- None

**N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:05 p.m., Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and individual student matters. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:47 p.m., Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini  
District Clerk