

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 21, 2013
Elwood Middle School Auditorium**

7:30 p.m. Executive Session

8:00 p.m. (Approximately) – Public Meeting

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER District Clerk (7:35 p.m.)

Present:	Joseph Fusaro	President
	Dan Ciccone	Vice President
	Andrew Kaplan	Trustee (7:40 p.m.)
	William Gutekunst	Trustee
	Michael LaMena	Trustee

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

At 7:35 p.m., Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to go into executive session to meet with the claims auditor. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

At 8:13 p.m., Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to end executive session and begin the public meeting. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Business Meeting – February 28, 2013
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2013. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Mr. Ciccone and Mr. Fusaro).
2. Special Meeting – March 7, 2013
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2013. The motion carried 4 ays, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Gutekunst).

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:

Anthony Pantaleno – recipient of the 2013 School Psychologist of the Year Award from the National Association of School Psychologists

Alexa Kluepfel – New York State Champion – Race Walking

Sarah Hardie – Suffolk County Champion – 1000 meters

E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. James H. Boyd Intermediate School PTA
 - a. \$5,000.00 for the Boyd playground
 - b. \$920.00 for the third grade trip to Town of Brookhaven's "Safety Town"
2. Elwood Booster Club -- \$1,000.00 to upgrade the team uniforms for the JGHS tennis team
3. Elwood Middle School PTA – 24 books for the Middle School library
4. Elwood Education Endowment – 14 grants totaling just over \$60,000

F. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS / SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA – Mr. Peter C. Scordo (8:20 p.m. – 8:35 p.m.)

1. Report from Lauren Fried, Student Liaison
2. Presentation of the Elwood Education Endowment awards

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

H. PRESENTATIONS

1. Report from the CF/BAC

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2013-14 budget and revenue status, including TRS and ERS payment options – Mr. Pastore
2. Review of High School course tallies for 2013-14 – Dr. Mulieri (postponed until the April 4, 2013 Work Session)
3. Reconfiguration of the Elementary and Secondary Curriculum Director positions to K-12 ELA/Humanities and MST (Math, Science and Technology) Director positions - Mr. Furman

J. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a) Treasurer's Report for the month ended January 31, 2013
 - b) **and** Revenue Report for the month ended January 31, 2013
 - c) **and** Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended January 31, 2013
 - d) **and** Budget Status Report for the month ended January 31, 2013
 - e) **and** Trial Balances Report for the month ended January 31, 2013
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers.
The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Submitted to the Board

March 11

March 13

March 14

Meeting Dates

December 17, January 16, 31, February 5, 12, 13, 14, March 7 (3 meetings)

February 7, 8, 19, 22, 27, March 5, 6, 11

February 15

- 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

February 22

March 4

March 12

March 13

Meeting Dates

January 22, February 19

March 1

March 1 (4 meetings), 6

January 25, March 8 (2 meetings)

3. **and** Recommend the Board approve the following parents to serve as parent members on the **(TAB D)** Committee on Special Education for the 2012-13 school year:

Rhonda Navon
Fontini Argyros
Renee Walsh

4. **and** Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby certifies the following administrators as APPR lead evaluators for the 2012-13 school year according to Section 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents:

TITLE	NAME
Superintendent of Schools	Peter C. Scordo
Assistant Superintendent	Dr. Ellen Best-Laimit
Directors	Dianne Wilkinson Gary Furman Eileen Kelly-Gorman
Principals	Lynn Burke Pamela Fine Dr. Hugh Gigante Dr. Vincent Mulieri
Assistant Principal	Eileen Maiori

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

(TAB E)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve items 1-5 excluding item 5B2a. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to approve item 5B2a. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Ciccone).

L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

M. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:30 p.m, Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

At 11:36 p.m., Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to extend executive session. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

P. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:15 a.m., Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk