

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
and BUDGET WORKSHOP #4, Part II  
March 20, 2014  
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President (7:30 p.m. – 7:35 p.m.)
- B. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)** (7:35 p.m. – 7:40 p.m.) (TAB A)
1. Special Meeting – November 7, 2013
  2. Business Meeting – January 30, 2014
  3. Hearing – February 27, 2014
  4. Special Meeting – February 27, 2014
  5. Special Meeting -- March 6, 2014

- D. COMMENDATIONS** (7:40 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.)
- 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:

**PTA Reflections Contest Award of Excellence/Merit Winners:**

*Middle School:*        **Drew Kuroda** (literature)  
                                 **Olivia Mule** (photography)  
                                 **Christopher Givi** (photography)  
                                 **Peter Givi** (film production)

*High School:*        **Morgan Jae Schwartz** (photography)  
                                 **Ryan Harrigan** (music composition)  
                                 **Michael Porter** (literature)  
                                 **Mathew Anekstein** (visual arts)  
                                 **Megan Priest** (Literature)

**Donna Fife, Middle School Librarian** – for winning an \$800 award in the Suffolk County ASSET 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Shark Tank Competition. The award is being used to purchase Follett eBooks.

- E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS** (7:50 p.m. – 8:10 p.m.)
- a. Elwood Education Endowment donation for grants totaling \$38,034.12:

**EEE grants to be presented**

Melissa Sheahan	Kindle Fires in the Classroom
Donna Fife & Lisa Gorman	Listen and Learn (audiobooks)
Karen Gellert	Adding Elements of Dance to the JGHS Tango Project
Kathleen Marinelli	Using iPads to Enhance Speech Language Services
Gillian Candelaria	Clicking to Higher Student Achievement
Kelly DiBiase, Claudio Lasurdo & Katie Parker	Mobile Literacy e-Library at Harley
Matthew McGuire	STEM Education Through Robotics
Eleanor Grady & Amy Lindenbaum	Drawing – Back to Basics
Vickie Henson	Integrating Technology with the Music Curriculum at JGHS
Liz Held	Mobile iPad Learning System for Boyd Students

- b. Elwood Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade class donation of \$500 toward the Elwood Middle School courtyard furniture project.
- c. James Boyd PTA donation of \$4,500 to fund the 5<sup>th</sup> grade year end trip.
- d. James H. Boyd PTA donation of \$7,786.77 to fund the cultural arts programs at Boyd for the 2013-14 school year.
- e. Elwood Middle School PTA donations of \$140 and \$210 to fund Elwood Middle School Recreation Nights.
- f. Girl Scout Troop 331 donation of benches for Boyd playground.
- g. Elwood Booster Club donations:
  - 1. \$1,000 for the high school Class of '14 for lost deposits related the senior banquet and prom originally scheduled for the Thatched Cottage.
  - 2. \$5,300 for Chromebook carts for Boyd as proposed by the James H. Boyd Shared Decision Making Committee

**F. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS / SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA – Mr. Peter C. Scordo (8:10 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.)**

- 1. Report from Giro Dilillo, Student Liaison

**G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS (8:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)**

The Board encourages all residents to attend its meetings, and this section of the agenda affords them the opportunity to speak. 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.

**H. PRESENTATIONS -- None**

**I. BUDGET WORKSHOP #4, PART II (8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)**

- 1. Review of Middle School and High School staffing/class size averages and offerings
- 2. Update on revenue

**J. FINANCIAL MATTERS (9:00 p.m. – 9:05 p.m.) (TAB B)**

- 1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
  - a) Treasurer's Reports for the months ended December 31, January 31, and February 28, 2014
  - b) Revenue Report for the period of July 1, 2013 to January 31, 2014
  - c) Trial Balances Report for the period July 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014
  - d) Cash Flow Report (projected) for general funds through June 30, 2014
  - e) Budget Status Report for the period July 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014
  - f) Executive Summary through February 28, 2014
- 2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.

**K. ACTION ITEMS (9:05 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.)**

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. 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

January 24

February 11

February 12

February 14

February 18

February 27

March 5

March 6

March 10

March 12

Meeting Dates

November 21, 25, December 13

December 20, February 6

September 19, December 12, 18, January 14,  
17, 21, 24, February 6

October 14, 17, December 12

December 17, January 8

November 25

January 16

December 19

January 23 (2 meetings), February 25

January 15

3. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

**(TAB D)**

**"BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts the Federal Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, as prepared by the firm Cullen & Danowski, LLP, Certified Public Accountants."

*(A corrective action plan for the year ended June 30, 2013 is not required.)*

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

**(TAB E)**

**L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

**M. COMMUNICATIONS** -- None

**N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**(9:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.)**

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**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Personnel
2. Negotiations

**P. ADJOURNMENT**