

**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.**

MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

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

Present:	Joseph Fusaro	President
	Dan Ciccone	Vice President
	Andrew L. Kaplan	Trustee
	William Gutekunst	Trustee
	Michael LaMena	Trustee
 Staff:	 Peter C. Scordo	 Superintendent
	William Pastore	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Gary Furman	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Diane Wilkinson	Exec. Director/ Special Education
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation
	Nancy Mancini	District Clerk

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Special Meeting – November 7, 2013
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve the November 7, 2013 minutes. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Mr. Ciccone and Mr. Fusaro).
2. Business Meeting – January 30, 2014
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to approve the January 30, 2014 minutes. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Gutekunst).
3. Hearing – February 27, 2014
4. Special Meeting – February 27, 2014
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to approve the February 27, 2014 Hearing and Special Meeting minutes. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
5. Special Meeting -- March 6, 2014
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve the March 6, 2014 minutes. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions

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:

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 1st Annual Shark Tank Competition. The award is being used to purchase Follett eBooks.

E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

a. Elwood Education Endowment donation for grants totaling \$38,034.12:

EEE grants to be presented

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

- b. Elwood Middle School 8th grade class donation of \$500 toward the Elwood Middle School courtyard furniture project.
- c. James Boyd PTA donation of \$4,500 to fund the 5th 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

- 1. Report from Giro Dilillo, Student Liaison

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

H. PRESENTATIONS -- None

I. BUDGET WORKSHOP #4, PART II

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

J. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 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

(TAB B)

- 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.
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. **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 24

November 21, 25, December 13

February 11

December 20, February 6

February 12

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

February 14

October 14, 17, December 12

February 18

December 17, January 8

February 27

November 25

March 5

January 16

March 6

December 19

March 10

January 23 (2 meetings), February 25

March 12

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)

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve Action Items 1, 2 & 4 excluding #3 and #4 e and f. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

M. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:55 p.m., Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. LaMena a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and negotiations. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

At 11:40 p.m., Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to leave executive session to vote on Addendum II of the Personnel Agenda. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to approve the Addendum II of the Personnel Agenda. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

P. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:45 p.m., Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk