

<p>ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND BUDGET WORKSHOP #1 December 12, 2013 Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.</p>

MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board Vice President

B. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk 7:36 p.m.

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Special Meeting – November 7, 2013 - tabled
2. Business Meeting – November 21, 2013
 Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve the November 21st 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:

Middle School students and staff who participated in a fundraiser “Dodge Cancer.” Special thanks to the staff who organized the event:

<i>Patrick Burke</i>	<i>Jonathan Guercio</i>
<i>Kevin Lavey</i>	<i>Marianne Migut</i>
<i>Darren Szokoli</i>	<i>Christopher Vandernoeth</i>

National Merit Commended Scholars:

<i>Danielle Fisenne</i>	<i>Angelina Gabrielli</i>
<i>Ryan Harrigan</i>	<i>Gillian Murphy</i>
<i>Esther Pak</i>	<i>Jinwoo (Jeff) Park</i>

Anna Mendosa, whose artwork was feature in Long Island Teachers Annual Conference Program

Girls Varsity Volleyball Team – winners of the Long Island Championship

Coach: Kevin Harrington

Assistant Coach: Alessia Franco

<i>Camryn Ackley</i>	<i>Madison Ackley</i>
<i>Grace Cergol</i>	<i>Brittany Coulsting</i>
<i>Leeann Emmi</i>	<i>Simi Familusi</i>
<i>Gillian Graifman</i>	<i>Alexis Groark</i>
<i>Madisyn Hausch</i>	<i>Laurie Malloy</i>
<i>Julia Molano</i>	<i>Monika Sivilli</i>
<i>Rebecca St. Paul</i>	<i>Julianne Tesi</i>
<i>Stephanie Viteritti</i>	

E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. James H. Boyd School PTA donation of \$500 towards the fifth grade trip

F. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS / SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA – Mr. Peter C. Scordo

1. Report from Giro DiIillo, Student Liaison

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

H. PRESENTATIONS --

Budget Workshop #1 – Presentation of the draft 2013-14 budget

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. High School Course Selection Guide for 2013-14 (TAB B)
2. Letters from Western Suffolk BOCES Superintendents and the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association to Commissioner King (TAB C)
3. inBloom – resolution regarding the security of student data (TAB D)

J. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following: (TAB E)
 - a) Treasurer's Report for the month ended August 31, 2013
 - b) **and** Treasurer's Report for the month ended September 30, 2013
 - c) **and** Cash Flow Report for general funds for the months ended July 31, August 31 and September 30, 2013.

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 F)

2. **and 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

November 14

November 15

November 19

November 21

December 2

December 12

Meeting Dates

June 5; October 9, 10, 18 (4 meetings), 24, 25, 30

October 15, 17; November 6, 12

October 23; November 18

September 27

November 7, 21, 25

December 9

- b. 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

December 2

December 3

December 5

Meeting Dates

November 6, 20, 25, 26 (3 meetings)

November 26

November 20

3. **and** Recommend the Board approve the High School Course Selection Guide for 2014-15. **(see TAB B)**
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve action items 1-3.
The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

4. On August 29, 2013, the Suffolk County Legislature approved an updated Industrial and Commercial Incentive Plan, which contains individual plans from local towns and villages outlining the areas and types of property which are eligible for a business investment exemption. School districts are, by default, opted into the exemption.

School districts are statutorily authorized to opt out of participation in the business investment exemption by means of passing a resolution. The Board may choose to opt in or opt out at any time, but the resolution to opt out will not affect those properties which have already begun construction or which already have received the exemption.

Action Item: Resolution (attached) authorizing the district to opt out of participation in the business Investment exemption, reducing said exemption to 0% of school taxes which would ordinarily have been paid on the increased assessed value.

(TAB G)

Action Item #4 tabled until the January meeting.

5. Recommend that the Board of Education approve the attached letters to Commissioner King and Governor Cuomo, endorsing the letters from Western Suffolk BOCES and the Suffolk County Superintendents offering concrete ideas and informed recommendations so that the implementation of initiatives surrounding the Common Core and APPR may be effective and productive.

(TAB H)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve action item # 5.
The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

6. Recommend the Board approve the attached resolution calling upon the State Education Department officials and local legislators to take all necessary actions to protect data security and privacy rights of students. **(see TAB D)**

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve action item #6.
The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve the Business Agenda.

The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

(TAB I)

L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

The Board of Education letter to the Town of Huntington regarding the Oak Tree Dairy property will be placed on the January meeting agenda.

M. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:10 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to go in to executive session to discuss negotiations and personnel matters. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

At 10:47 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to end executive session and vote on a personnel addendum and a business addendum. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

P. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:50 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk