

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Elwood, New York

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**January 12, 2006**  
**Elwood Middle School Auditorium**

- A. CALL TO ORDER 7:30 p.m.**
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| Present | Michael Kaszubski    | President      |
|         | Joseph Fusaro        | Vice President |
|         | Dina Annunziata      | Member         |
|         | Julie Badlato        | Member         |
|         | Dan Ciccone          | Member         |
| Staff   | Dr. William J. Swart | Superintendent |
- B.** Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss personnel items.  
The motion carried unanimously.
- C.** At 8:14 p.m. Mrs. Badlato moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded to adjourn Executive Session and to continue the Regular Business Meeting.  
The motion carried unanimously.
- D. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk 8:20 p.m.**
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| Present | Michael Kaszubski    | President                                |
|         | Joseph Fusaro        | Vice President                           |
|         | Dina Annunziata      | Member                                   |
|         | Julie Badlato        | Member                                   |
|         | Dan Ciccone          | Member                                   |
| Staff   | Dr. William J. Swart | Superintendent                           |
|         | Carl Fraser          | Superintendent/Business                  |
|         | Robert Annucci       | Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources |
|         | John Hogan           | Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum      |
|         | David Cenerelli      | Director/Special Education               |
|         | Carlene Granieri     | District Clerk                           |
- E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President**
- F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) (TAB M)**  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of December 8, 2005 pending a review of a certified transcript of the entire meeting.  
The motion carried unanimously.
- G. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Dr. William J. Swart**  
The District will do an e-mail notification system and we hope to have it operational soon. We are currently collecting e-mail addresses. To register please go to our District website. Eventually we will use electronic mail to send notices, communiqués and bulletins to parents rather than the

traditional mailing. When fully functional, it will provide cost savings and will also be a more effective way to communicate.

At the Feb. 9 Board Meeting we will recognize the BAE Corporation. BAE has given us a grant that will go directly to Harley for staff development. We are excited to have another corporate partner and a provider for external funding.

At the March 9 Board Meeting we will honor 2 outstanding students, Tara Linitz for her achievement in science and Emily Feldman for her achievement as a scholar athlete.

Our lead teachers are working hard to complete the K-12 written curriculum. Each framework will probably be operational by May of 2006. He believes they will accomplish their task on time. The first leg of the Strategic Plan has been completed.

The first budget development meeting with the Board will be on 2/16 at 8:00 p.m. in the Glenn Library.

He publicly thanked the PTA for their role in the Cultural Arts programs. They have had many fine programs thus far and more are scheduled for the second half of the academic year.

He is pleased to report on the work of our Guidance Counselors. They have taken a pro-active role and have planned numerous programs. Upcoming activities include the following:  
1/27 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation at the EMS auditorium, 2/1 - Wilson Tech Orientation, 2 /15 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Orientation, 3/9 - Wilson Tech Visitors Day, 3/16 - College Admissions Presentation for Student Athletes, 3/ 29 - H.S. College Consortium and 4/25 - H.S. Career Day. All activities are listed on the district web-site.

**Student Liaison** – Vicki Cangero gave the following report:

The Senior Volleyball Tournament took place 12/23. She thanked Mrs. Byers, Mr. Shanahan, Mr. Hanner, Mr. Brocking, and the entire Physical Education Department for their assistance. The students had a good time.

Mr. Glenn was held on 12/14. The audience enjoyed watching 12 senior boys vie to be named Mr. Glenn. This year's Mr. Glenn was Patrick Nowack.

The Coffee House will be held on 1/18. All teachers and students are invited to demonstrate their talents.

The Honor Society Induction has been changed to 1/19.

Tickets will go on sale for the revival of the Winter Dance.

The musical will be "Seussical, the Musical." It will be held 2/10-2/12. Tickets will be going on sale soon. The Community Service Club run by Mrs. Carol Dano will hold a senior citizens dinner on 2/8 followed by the performance of the musical.

Mid-terms and the Regents will be on 1/24-1/27.

The Volleyball-a-thon will be held on 3/3 starting at 2:30. The funds raised will go to charity.

The Student Council Teacher of the Month Award went to Mr. Kevin Harrington. Mr. Harrington is a remarkable chemistry teacher and dedicated coach. He has coached the Girls Varsity Volleyball team to 3 consecutive State Championships. He strives for excellence both on and off the court.

(Mrs. Annuziata wished her niece, Vicki Cangero, a Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

**H. COMMENDATIONS** – Tonight we honored the Elwood Education Endowment.

Dr. Swart read the EEE's mission statement and thanked its members for their generous donation of \$42,300 in grant money to the District. (The District has looked for external funding from corporations, and the average grants received have been from \$2,000-\$3,000. Grants from our Congressmen, State Senators, State Assemblymen and other Legislators have totaled \$25,000-\$30,000).

The EEE has been prolific and this small group of dedicated community members has given a total of \$42,300. The funds will be distributed as follows:

- \$7,500 each to Harley & Boyd for the Columbia Teachers College Program Writing Project
- \$2,300 to the Middle School for the Rachel's Challenge Program
- \$2,300 to Glenn for the Rachel's Challenge Program
- \$2,700 for the Greenhouse Project at Glenn
- \$20,000 in Teacher Grant Awards

Mr. Keith McDermott, President of the EEE, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Mr. McDermott thanked the EEE Board and its members for their hard work over the last 3 ½ years and the generosity of our community. He stated the EEE's goal is to provide \$100,000 of annual giving. He requested interested community members to become trustees, to look at their web page for further information, and to read their newsletter.

Future fundraising events will be the "Coconutz" performance on 1/27 at the Boyd auditorium, (tickets are now on sale) and an auction on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. McDermott thanked Dr. Swart, Mr. Fraser, the Board, administration and staff for their organizational help.

Mrs. Kathy Koster, Vice President of the EEE, explained the criteria used in awarding the grants. She presented 40 Teacher Grant Awards to the deserving recipients. A total of \$20,000 was awarded. The grants were up to \$500 each and 69 applications were received.

The audience gave several rounds of applause to the EEE and to the grant recipients.

**I. RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – 9:02 – 9:35 p.m.

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -- (No Recommended Items)

**K. FINANCIAL MATTERS** **(TAB N)**

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended November 30, 2005.
2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended December 31, 2005.
3. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the period ended December 31, 2005.

**L. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Joint Harley/Boyd PTA request for the Board to waive building and custodial fees for the annual Fun Fair to be held February 4, 2006 at Elwood Middle School. **(TAB O)**  
As a way of thanking the PTA for their support, the Board will continue its policy of waiving the building fee.  
Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board approve to waive the building and custodial fees for the annual Fun Fair to be held February 4, 2006 at the Elwood Middle School.  
The motion carried unanimously.

2. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board approve personnel items: **(TAB P)**

|                          |                |                            |
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| <u>Child Care Leave:</u> | Kelly Dibiase  | Reading Teacher            |
| <u>Appointments:</u>     | Jaime Herrmann | Regular Substitute Teacher |

Other:

- Emergency appointments and reappointments
  - Changes in co-curricular appointments for High School musical
  - Appoint costumes advisor for Middle School musical
  - Change in assignments for Boys' and Girls' Varsity Track Coaches
  - Accept special education administrative intern for spring semester
  - Addendum to Schedule of Substitute Teachers/Nurses for 2005/06 school year
- The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Mrs. Badlato moved and Mrs. Anunziata seconded that the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on November 30, December 7 and December 14.

- c. **and** that the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on December 8 and December 15.  
The motion carried unanimously.

- d. Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve the health service contract with Deer Park UFSD in the amount of \$1,850.94 for three students attending private/parochial school. **(TAB Q)**  
The motion carried unanimously.

- e. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board approve the disposal of an obsolete Xerox 6015 Memory Writer that is located in the Business Department at the District Office. **(TAB R)**  
The motion carried unanimously.

- f. Mrs. Anunziata moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve Change Order SW-002 to Ruttura & Sons Construction in the **credit** amount of \$1,500.00. **(TAB S)**  
The motion carried unanimously.

- g. Recommend the Board approve the following policies: **(TAB T)**  
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve Policy JLG – Education of Homeless Children (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)  
The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve as amended Policy BBF – Board of Education Code of Ethics (1<sup>st</sup> reading)  
The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board approve Policy BBFR.

The motion carried 3 ayes and 1 nay (Mr. Ciccone)

Mrs. Badlato moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded that the Board approve the amended Policy BBFA – Board Member Conflict of Interest (1<sup>st</sup> reading)  
The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve  
Policy BBFAR  
The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve  
Policy DIF -- Audit Committee (*1<sup>st</sup> reading*)  
The motion carried unanimously.

- h. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board approve the bid award to Storr Tractor Company for TORO Infield Pro 5020 with groomer in the amount of \$15,680. **(TAB U)**  
The motion carried unanimously.
- i. Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve the donation of 15 old/obsolete computers to families in the District. **(TAB V)**  
The motion carried unanimously.
- j. The Board **tabled** the motion regarding the donation of a Solo Hitter (baseball equipment). The equipment was found to be defective. **(TAB W)**

**M. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

Mr. Kaszubski thanked the Board, administration, staff, and the community for their kind messages of sympathy, support and comfort expressed to him and his family upon the passing of his father.

A lengthy discussion ensued re a donation of fill. The issue remains unresolved.

The Board thanked the teachers, students and parents who have worked hard in preparing for the first of many state exams. Their efforts are appreciated.

**N. COMMUNICATIONS -- None**

**O. RESIDENTS' REMARKS 11:30 p.m. – 12:40 a.m.**

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting at 12:41 a.m.  
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Granieri  
District Clerk