

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 11, 2006

Elwood Middle School Auditorium

A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk 8:05 p.m.

Present	Michael Kaszubski	President
	Joseph Fusaro	Vice President
	Dina Annunziata	Member
	Julie Badlato	Member
	Dan Ciccone	Member
Staff	Dr. William J. Swart	Superintendent
	Dr. Howard Koenig	Acting Superintendent/Business (arrived 8:25)
	Robert Annucci	Assistant Superintendent/Human Recourses
	John Hogan	Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
	David Cenerelli	Director/Special Education
	Carlene Granieri	District Clerk

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve the amended minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of April 20, 2006 (re: Abolition of Physical Education Teacher Position at Elwood-John H. Glenn High School).
The motion carried unanimously.

D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Dr. William J. Swart

He thanked everyone who participated in our Spring Community Gathering. He is proud of our students and also our educators whose efforts made last night so successful.

The Budget Vote is on Tuesday, May 16.

He read an excerpt from an article that appeared in Suffolk Life concerning inflation. Inflation in Suffolk County has been less than 3% during the last year. Basically, inflation is what it will cost you now to achieve the same quality of life you had the previous year. Is it reasonable for all tax entities to keep their increases at or below the rate of inflation? We believe it is. We congratulate five Suffolk County school districts – Amityville, Elwood, Greenport, New Suffolk and Quogue. These schools have held their tax increases at or below inflation. These are both large and small districts. If they can do it, what happened to the others? Dr. Swart stated that we are very proud to be in the article.

He congratulated the educators who will receive tenure tonight.

He wanted to announce publicly the Board of Education has not sold the Boyd property. We own the Boyd property. Normally, if a Board of Education wanted to lease property, it could do so without a vote by the citizens of the school district. He clarified the conveyance and/or gift of property; if there is a sale of property, his understanding is that it has to be voted upon. The Board has not made any decision about this issue and at this point, we own the Boyd property, end of discussion.

He reminded the audience to please keep their commentary on school business matters during the Residents' Remarks. This is a Business Meeting, not a Meet the Candidates Night. He intends to stay within a business agenda.

REPORT FROM STUDENT LIASION – Vickie Cangero

The Spring Concert will be held on May 15 & May 22.

The Music Sponsors Awards will be held on May 31 in the cafeteria.

The Academic Awards will be held on May 30 in the auditorium.

The Senior Banquet will be held on June 1 at the Thatched Cottage and the students will get their Yearbooks that evening.

Varsity Awards will be held on June 7 at Glen. However, if the weather is warm, it will be held in the Middle School Auditorium.

She thanked everyone who participated at the Community Gathering. The clubs raised money and they all had a good time.

Mrs. Carol Dano and her Community Service students held a Pre-School Day. The students helped the Pre-K children make arts & crafts and also helped to decorate cup cakes.

The A.P. exams were held on May 1 – 9.

The Junior Prom is on May 20.

The high school elections are coming up. Speeches for those running for Student Council will be held on May 23 and voting is on May 24.

The Band will march in the Memorial Day Parade on May 29.

The Student Council Recognition Award went to Paraprofessional Kim Walsh who is wonderful to be around, and also to Head of Security Denis Burke who is well loved by all.

Mr. Kaszubski asked Vickie that if she heard people stating that the Board was looking to remove Mr. Brocking that maybe she could correct them as she knew this was not accurate.

E. COMMENDATIONS – We honored and awarded Certificates of Achievement to:

National Merit Finalists: Michael Manas, David Sau and Ming-Jie Wang. Ming-Jie is also a National Winner!

Mr. Lou Tuorto presented Certificates of Achievement to:

Elwood Middle School's Undefeated Football Team for their first undefeated season in 26 years. Congratulation to the boys and their coaches (Darren Szokoli, Kevin Lavey and Chris Lafferty)

Elwood Middle School's Undefeated Wrestling Team for their first undefeated season in 30 years. Congratulations to the boys and their coaches (Darren Szokoli and Pat Burke)

John Glenn H.S. Scholar/Athlete Teams (and their representatives): Football - Ben Fishman and Jason Issacs, Boys Soccer - Mark Fazio, Girls Soccer – Justine Cefalu, Boys Cross Country – Mike Zeller, Girls Cross Country - Brooke Scott, Girls Volleyball – Kathleen Bute, Girls Tennis - Allie Matarasso, Golf - Mike Manas, Girls Basketball - Ashley Albin, Girls Winter Track - Jackie Wild and Brittany Loedico, Boys Winter Track - Billy Miltenburg, and Wrestling – Andrew Erlagen. Congratulations to all and to their coaches.

F. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – 8:37p.m. – 9:25 p.m.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- No Recommended Items

H. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended March 31, 2006.

2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended April 30, 2006.
3. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Extra Classroom Fund Reports (High School and Middle School) for the quarter ended March 31, 2006.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS -- No Recommended Items

2. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board approve personnel item P-1 thru P-5, P-7, P-8. **(TAB C)**

Resignations: Christopher Verdone Social Studies Teacher
Laurie Raspler Food Service Worker

Retirement: William McCarthy English Teacher
Ruth Rohrsen Paraprofessional (AV)

Appointments: Doreen O'Brien Paraprofessional (AV)

Other:

-- Emergency appointments and reappointments

-- Staff for Summer Skills Program

-- Special Education staff for summer 2006

-- Staff for Social Studies Curriculum Writing Project

-- Summer employment for guidance counselors

-- Addendum to Schedule of Approved Substitute Teachers/Nurses for 2005/2006

The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention (Mr. Kaszubski).

Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board approve P-6, tenure to:

Tenure: KeriAnn Clark-Stewart Elementary
Eileen Kelly Special Education
Matthew McDonald Special Education
Keri McKenna Elementary
Stephen Robins Physical Education
Janet Simonsen Social Studies
Jennnifer Trounsen ESL
Bianca Adamo Elementary
Jessica Gates Elementary
Marianne Migut Physical Education
Mary Kate Romaine Elementary
Keri Colmone Elementary
Kristy Mancinelli Elementary

The motion carried unanimously.

(Mr. Annucci introduced and congratulated each of the newly tenured teachers).

- b. Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Ciccone 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 April 5, 6, 18, 25 (2 meetings), 26, 27, 28, May 1, 2.
- 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 April 7, 19, 20, May 1.
The motion carried unanimously.

- d. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded the Board approve the health service contract for students attending private/parochial schools: **(TAB D)**

Smithtown CSD 10.6 students \$ 6,235.87

The motion carried unanimously.

- e. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve the proposed resolution for issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes for the 2006/2007 school year in the amount not to exceed \$11,000,000. **(TAB E)**

The motion carried unanimously.

- f. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve the Revised Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens submitted by Sondra Faivre from Safe-T Awareness. (TAB F)
The motion carried unanimously.

- g. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve the following policies (*second reading*): (TAB G)
 JEFA Open Campus
 JEFA-R Senior Privilege.
The motion carried unanimously.

- h. Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board accept the donation of furniture from H2M Engineering Engineering Corp. as follows: (TAB H)
 7 file cabinets
 8 desks
 4 bookcases
The motion carried unanimously.

- i. Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve the enrollment of a foreign exchange student from Germany, Hannah Julika Bosch, at Elwood-John Glenn High School for the 2006/2006 school year. (TAB I)
The motion carried unanimously.

- j. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve the submission of the student transportation eligibility proposition to the voters on June 27, 2006. (TAB J)
The motion carried unanimously.

J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

K. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Reissued letter 4/21/06 to Supervisor Frank Petrone and Members of the Huntington Town Board Re: Orchard Park Development at Manor Road and Jericho Turnpike (TAB K)

L. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – waived

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION – No Recommended Items

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Granieri
District Clerk