

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
 September 24, 2015
 Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President (7:35 p.m.)

B. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk

Present:	Andrew L. Kaplan	President
	Michael LaMena	Vice President (7:37 p.m.)
	Julia Fried	Trustee
	Heather Mammolito	Trustee
	James Tomeo	Trustee
 Staff:	 Peter C. Scordo	 Superintendent
	Keri Loughlin	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Gary Furman	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation
	Diane Wilkinson	Exec. Director/ Special Education
	Nancy Mancini	District Clerk

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) **(TAB A)**

1. Business Meeting – August 27, 2015
 2. Special Meeting – September 10, 2015
- Mrs. Fried moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the minutes of August 27th and September 10th. The motion carried 4 ayes and 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:

- **Grace Francese** -- *National Merit Semifinalist*
- **Zachary Wollman** for *achieving a perfect score on the ACT examination*
- **Spanish teacher Nicole Gendjoian** for *being selected for a study abroad scholarship to Spain by the American Association of Teaching Spanish and Portuguese*

E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$12,000 to fund the purchase of an electronic billboard at the entrance of Elwood-John H. Glenn High School
2. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$8,345 to fund the following clubs at Elwood Middle School through January 2016: International Club, TV/Media Club, Mathematics Club, Robotics Club, ESL Homework Club

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

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

H. **PRESENTATIONS** -- None

I. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Superintendent Search Update
2. Legislative Committee

J. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a) Treasurer's Report for the months of June, July and August, 2015
 - b) Revenue Report for the period July 1 – August 31, 2015
 - c) Cash Flow Report through August 31, 2015
 - d) Budget Status Report for the period July 1 – August 31, 2015
 - e) Trial Balance Report for the period July 1 – August 31, 2015
 - f) Executive Summary through August 31, 2015
 - g) Extraclassroom Reports for Elwood Middle School and Elwood-John H. Glenn High School for the quarter and year ended June 30, 2015
 - h) Claims Auditor Reports for July 2015.
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers. The motion carried unanimously.

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)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the personnel agenda and the personnel agenda addendum I. The motion carried unanimously.

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

August 26

February 4 (2 meetings), 5 (2 meetings), 9 (2 meetings), 23, 25, 26; March 2, 6, 16; April 23; May 4, 14 (2 meetings), 20, 26 (3 meetings), 28 (2 meetings); June 8, 23; August 3

September 8

February 6, 11, 25, 27; March 2, 3 (2 meetings), 4, 10 (3 meetings), 11, 13 (3 meetings), 16, 17 (3 meetings), 18, 19, 20 (3 meetings), 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31 (2 meetings); April 1 (2 meetings), 27 (2 meetings); May 8 (2 meetings), 13, 27, 28 (2 meetings), 29; June 8, 12, 17, 18; August 3

September 9

February 25, 26, 27; March 10, 16 (2 meetings), 17, 18, 19, 24 (2 meetings); April 14, 16, 29; May 4 (2 meetings), 7, 13 (2 meetings), 18, 21 (2 meetings), 27, 29; June 10, 18 (2 meetings); July 8, 20

3. Recommend the Board adopt the following policy: (TAB D)
a. amended Policy 6700-E.1 Purchasing Exhibit (*second reading*).

4. Recommend the Board appoint Dr. Howard Koenig and Sharmila Amico as co-chairpersons for the Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee.

5. Recommend the Board approve a change to the high school course catalog to include 11th grade students in the cum laude ranking system with the understanding that the top ten percent of 11th graders in 2015-16 may individually choose the former ranking system instead.

6. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Elwood Board of Education approve the Town of Huntington 2015/16 tax levy in the amount of \$43,560,749, **and** that the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education."

7. Recommend the Board approve Kristen Karch to serve as a member of the Committee on Special Education for the 2015-16 school year.

8. Recommend the Board amend Policy 2260.1 Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee (**first and second reading**) and appoint Heather Ross (*whose name was inadvertently omitted at the August 27 meeting*) as a member of the Committee to serve a one year term to end June 30, 2016. (TAB E)

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve action items 2-8. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Recommend the Board appoint Joseph Fusaro (*whose name was inadvertently omitted at the August 27 meeting*) as a member of the Facilities Subcommittee.

Mrs. Fried moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve action item 9. The motion carried unanimously.

10. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached (TAB F)

Mr. LaMena moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve the business agenda tabs 1,2,3 and 5. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the business agenda tab 4. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mrs. Mammolito).

L. NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

M. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

Remarks are limited to items voted on and/or discussed at this business meeting. 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.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:22 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. The motion carried unanimously.

P. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:50 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk