

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AND BUDGET WORKSHOP #1**

**December 8, 2016**

**Elwood Middle School Library**

**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER / EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:09 p.m.**

At 6:09 p.m., Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations, the tenure process, non-aligned contracts and personnel matters. The motion carried 3 ayes and 0 nays.

*Present at Executive Session were: Michael LaMena, James Tomeo, Debbie Weiss, Keri Loughlin, Dr. Bossert and Neil Block. Mrs. Fried arrived at 6:10*

**B. BUDGET WORKSHOP #1 and MEETING OF THE CITIZENS FINANCE/BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

At 7:01 p.m., Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to end executive session and begin the budget workshop and CF/BAC meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

At 7:27 p.m., Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to end the budget workshop and CF/BAC meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

At 7:36 p.m., Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to begin the regular business meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Present:	Michael LaMena	President
	Julia Fried	Vice President
	James Tomeo	Trustee
	Debbie Weiss	Trustee
Absent:	Heather Mammolito	Trustee
Staff:	Dr. Kenneth Bossert	Superintendent
	Keri Loughlin	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Maureen Hull	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation
	Dianne Wilkinson	Exec. Director/ Special Education
	Nancy Mancini	District Clerk

**D. REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President**

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

**(TAB A)**

1. Business Meeting – November 10, 2016

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2016.  
The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**G. 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.

**Andrew Lule and Luke Karen**    *High School Varsity Soccer Players*

**Lou Hanner**

*Suffolk County Soccer Coaches Association President  
New York NSCAA All-America Chairman  
Section XI Assistant Boys Soccer Chairman  
NYS Class A Coach of the Year*

**H. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. Elwood Booster Club donation of thirty folding mats (valued at \$5,149.00) for the sensory room at James H. Boyd Intermediate School
2. Elwood Middle School Student Activities Fund donation of \$207 to fund the 7<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Engeman Theater
3. Donation of \$250 from Mr. Irwin Kruger of Smashburger
4. Donation of a Lester upright piano from Mr. Philip Benardello
5. Donation of a 1999 Ford E350 box truck from Mr. John Piersa

**I. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS / SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA** – Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert

1. Student Liaison -- Kimberly Fried

**J. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**K. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Update on Advanced Placement open enrollment process
2. Introduction to the AP Capstone Program

**L. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**(see TAB E)**

1. Resolution recommended by the Board's Legislative Committee regarding the 2% tax levy cap

**M. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(TAB B)**

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
  - a) Treasurer's Report for the month ended October 31, 2016
  - b) Revenue Report through October 31, 2016
  - c) Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended October 31, 2016
  - d) Budget Status Report through October 31, 2016
  - e) Trial Balances Report through October 31, 2016
  - f) Executive Summary for the month ended October 31, 2016
  - g) School Lunch Fund report through October 31, 2016
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers  
Mrs. Fried moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers.  
The motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**N. 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** **(TAB D)**
  - a. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on October 17, 26; November 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 18, 21, 22; December 5.
  - b. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on November 4, 15, 28.
3. Recommend the Board approve the resolution recommended by the Board's Legislative Committee regarding the property tax cap legislation **(TAB E)**
4. Recommend the Board adopt revised Policy 1500 – Public Use of School Facilities (*second reading*) **(TAB F)**
5. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached **(TAB G)**

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve action items 1-5 excluding P8e (tabled) of the personnel agenda and including personnel agenda addendum I. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**O. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

**P. COMMUNICATIONS** -- *None*

**Q. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**R. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:00p.m., Mrs. Fried moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:07 p.m., Mrs. Fried moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini  
District Clerk