

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

January 26, 2017

Elwood Middle School Library

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:11 p.m., Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Present at Executive Session were: Michael LaMena, Mrs. Fried (6:13), Heather Mammolito, James Tomeo, Debbie Weiss, Keri Loughlin and Dr. Bossert.

B. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

At 7:28 p.m., Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to end executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

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

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Business Meeting/Budget Workshop #1 – December 8, 2016
Mrs. Fried moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2016. The motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mrs. Mammolito)
2. Work Session/Budget Work Session #2 – January 12, 2017
Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

E. 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 the following high school students:

David Hermanns Michael Hermanns	National Merit Semifinalists
Kristofer Kwan Derek Lee Katherine McPherson Justin Yoskowitz	National Merit Commended Students
Stephanie Tsangaris	All State Soccer Team (2 nd year in a row)

F. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. **Elwood Booster Club** donations:
 - a. \$1,053 to fund the Robotics Club at James H. Boyd Intermediate School through June 2017
 - b. \$6,300 to fund the Mathematics, Robotics and ESL Homework Clubs at Elwood Middle School through June 2017
 - c. \$120 toward funding the STEAM Program
 - d. \$2,106 to fund the ESL Homework Club at James H. Boyd Intermediate School through June 2017
 - e. \$1,053 to fund the Crazy 8's Math Club at Harley Avenue Primary School through June 2017
2. **Elwood SEPTA** donations:
 - a. \$528 to fund the Winter Krafty Kids Club
 - b. \$500 to fund the SEPTA Friendship Club at Harley Avenue Primary School
3. **Elwood Middle School PTA** donation of \$75 toward funding the STEAM Program
4. Mr. **Bill Rom**'s donation of a Tred Sled by Rogers Athletics Company (est. value \$6,000) for the Elwood Athletics Department
5. Donations of \$1,137.56, \$160.28 and \$22.73 to fund the **Barbara Quigley Memorial Fund**
6. **James H. Boyd PTA** donation of \$500 toward funding the STEAM Program
7. **John H. Glenn Football Alumni Association** donation of \$3,106.90 to fund expenses associated with lift equipment rental

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

1. Student Liaison -- Matthew Weiss

H. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

Mrs. Fried moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to change the order of sections I. and J. The motion carried unanimously.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS -- None

J. PRESENTATIONS

1. Update on the High School Course Selection Guide and Course/Program Proposals

K. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a) Treasurer's Reports for the months ended November 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016
 - b) Revenue Reports through November 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016
 - c) Cash Flow Reports for general funds for the months of November and December, 2016
 - d) Budget Status Reports through November 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016
 - e) Trial Balances Report through December 31, 2016
 - f) Executive Summary through December 31, 2016
 - g) Extra classroom Reports for the quarter ended December 31, 2016
 - h) School Lunch Fund report for the months of November and December, 2016

- i) Claims Auditor Reports for the months of October and November, 2016
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers
Mrs. Fried moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers.
The motion carried unanimously.

L. 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)**
Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the personnel agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
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 November 22, 23, 28, 29, 30; December 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28; January 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12.
 - 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 December 13, 20, 21.
3. Recommend the Board approve the Board Operating Procedures *as draft*. **(TAB E)**
4. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 458-b, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) and (b), of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York ("RPTL"), allows the Elwood Union Free School District to provide tax exemptions to certain qualified owners of qualified residential real property, as defined by section 458-b; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the community to provide such relief to the Cold War veterans of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District elects to participate in the exemptions of RPTL Section 458-b, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) and (b);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to RPTL 458-b, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), subparagraph (i), the Board adopts the ten (10%) percent exemption, which amount shall not exceed the statutory basic maximum set forth therein; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to RPTL 458-b, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), the Board adopts the exemption relating to service connected disabilities, which amount shall not exceed the statutory basic maximum set forth therein.
5. Recommend the Board adopt the calendar for 2017-18 *as modified*. **(TAB F)**
6. Recommend the Board amend **Policy 9510 – Pay Rates for Temporary, Substitute and Student Employees** (*first and second reading*) to align policy with New York State minimum wage laws. *Correction made to hourly rate of Inspector of Elections*. **(TAB G)**
7. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached **(TAB H)**

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve action items 2,3,5,6 and 7.
The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve action item 4. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

O. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

P. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

Q. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:01 p.m., Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk