

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF**  
**EDUCATION**  
**September 28, 2017**  
**Elwood Middle School Library**

**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:36 p.m.**

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Marcus seconded a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussions related to the Board's self-evaluation at 6:36 p.m.  
 Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

Present at Executive Session were: Julia Fried, James Tomeo, Becky Marcus, Deborah Weiss (arrived at 6:43 p.m.), Dr. Kenneth Bossert, Keri Loughlin, and Maureen Hull.

It is noted that Dr. Bossert, Mrs. Loughlin and Mrs. Hull were excused at 6:56 p.m.

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to end executive session at 7:32 p.m.  
 Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**B. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:35 p.m.**

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to reconvene into open session at 7:35 p.m.  
 Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Present:	Julia Fried	President
	James Tomeo	Vice President
	Heather Mammolito	Trustee
	Becky Marcus	Trustee
	Deborah Weiss	Trustee

Absent: none

Staff:	Dr. Kenneth Bossert	Superintendent of Schools
	Keri Loughlin	Assistant Superintendent/Business
	Maureen Hull	Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation
	Dianne Wilkinson	Exec. Director/Special Education
	Mary Lou Janelli	District Clerk

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

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

**(TAB A)**

1. July 6, 2017 - Reorganization and Business Meeting  
 Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2017.  
 Motion carried. Vote: 3-yes (Mammolito, Tomeo, Weiss), 0-no, 2-abstentions (Fried, Marcus)
2. August 24, 2017 - Business Meeting  
 Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the minutes of August 24, 2017.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no, 1-abstention (Weiss)

3. September 7, 2017 - Special Meeting/Work Session

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of September 7, 2017.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no, 1-abstention (Mammolito)

**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

**Bari Shapiro** for being awarded a "*Books for Children* shelf" from the Teachers College Reading and Writing Program's Classroom Library collection

**Eileen Kelly-Gorman** and **Krista Albrecht** for receiving a Certificate of Recognition from the New York State School Boards Association *Be the Change for Kids Innovation Program* for Elwood Family STEAM nights

**F. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. Donations to fund the Barbara Quigley Memorial Fund:

- o \$91.80 from various donors
- o \$100.00 from Carmen Carbone
- o \$2,232.73 from various donors

2. "Books for Children" shelf from Teachers College, awarded to Bari Shapiro at Harley Avenue Primary School

3. Donation of a koi for the pond at Harley Avenue Primary School from James Garside

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

1. Student Liaison -- Emma Koster

**H. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

The Board encourages all residents to attend its meetings, and this section of the agenda affords them the opportunity to speak. 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 2351). 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.

**I. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Overview of Bond Forum

2. Vote time for bond – It was the consensus of the Board to conduct the proposed Special Meeting at the District Office during the hours of 6:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m.

**J. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(TAB B)**

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:

- a) Claims Auditor Reports for the months of June, July and August, 2017.

2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the Claims Auditor Reports and Budget Transfers (Items J1 and J2), as presented to the Board at this meeting.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**K. ACTION ITEMS**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following business matters be approved:

1. **Personnel Agenda** -- including Addendum I as amended.

**(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 February 27; March 27; April 3, 5, 6, 7, 20; May 1.
  - 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 March 29; April 20, 21, 28.
3. Recommend the Board approve the attached SEQRA resolution as it relates to the two separate capital bond propositions. (TAB E)

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the SEQRA resolution, as presented to the Board at this meeting.  
 Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

4. Resolution of the Elwood Union Free School District, New York, adopted September 28, 2017, calling a Special District Meeting to authorize the expenditure of moneys for school purposes and the levy of a tax therefor. A copy of the full text of the resolution is attached. (TAB F)

Mrs. Marcus moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the resolution calling for the Special District Meeting, as presented to the Board at this meeting.  
 Motion carried by roll call vote: 5-yes, 0-no.  
 Mrs. Marcus – aye  
 Mrs. Weiss – aye  
 Mrs. Mammolito – aye  
 Mr. Tomeo – aye  
 Mrs. Fried - aye

5. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

**“BE IT RESOLVED** that the Elwood Board of Education approves the Town of Huntington 2017/18 tax levy in the amount of \$44,719,437 **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.”

6. Recommend the Board adopt the Board goals for 2017-18. (TAB G)

7. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby certifies the following administrators as APPR lead evaluators for the 2017-18 school year according to Section 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents:

TITLE	NAME
Superintendent	Dr. Kenneth Bossert
Assistant Superintendent	Maureen Hull
Executive Director/Directors	Dianne Wilkinson, Pamela Fine, Eileen Kelly-Gorman, David Shanahan
Principals	Elissa Millan, Dr. Denise Toscano, Dr. Christina Sapienza, Carisa Burzynski
Assistant Principals	Dawn Valle, Leroy Cole, Thomas Colletti

8. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby certifies the following administrators as APPR evaluators for Principals for the 2017-18 school year according to Section 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents:

TITLE	NAME
Superintendent	Dr. Kenneth Bossert
Assistant Superintendent	Maureen Hull

**9. Business Agenda** -- as per attached

**(TAB H)**

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve action items K1, K2, K5, K6, K7, K8 and K9 as presented to the Board at this meeting.  
 Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

**M. COMMUNICATIONS** -- None

**N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.  
 Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Janelli  
 District Clerk