

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 25, 2005
Elwood-John Glenn High School Library

A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk 7:35 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
	Carl Fraser	Assistant Superintendent/Business (<i>Not Present</i>)
	Robert Annucci	Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources
	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. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the Reorganization and Regular Business Meeting of July 5, 2005.
The motion carried unanimously.

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

Dr. Swart gave a brief update on recent events (all updates can be found on the District web site).

The Board spent the earlier part of the month identifying their goals for the 2005-06 school year: Strategic Planning, Guidance, Technology, Public Relations and Finance. All of the goals are very ambitious and well focused, and we intend to do everything we can to reach those goals.

As part of our public relations initiative, we will have 3 community gatherings (tailgate evenings) scheduled on 9/9, 9/16 and 10/14. There will be a number of activities and festivities sponsored by the PTA and other organizations. They plan to have food and music. The hope is to rally the community to experience Elwood pride. The other theme is "Let's Make the Most of This Year." We have a lot to be proud of and we have an extraordinary group of people in an extraordinary school district. These events will hopefully bring the community together and enhance the relationship between our residents and the school district. He encouraged those present to tell their friends and he hopes many residents will attend.

The next work session will be held on 9/8 at the High School. Technology Director, Mr. Gene Tranchino will give a detailed update on the implementation of Phase 1 of the 3 year Technology Plan. Last spring the Board approved \$355,000 for new hardware and wiring. The Technology Department is continuing to test everything and is preparing for the opening of school.

While in Albany on school business, Dr. Swart had the opportunity, twice, to see both the JV and Varsity football teams at their training camp near Albany. The boys are well supervised and are working hard.

He also spent an additional day in Albany lobbying for grants from the State Education Department for teacher centers, instructional technology and money for the education of disabled children.

One of the goals of the Board is to find external funding not only from the public sector and the State Education Department, but also from the private sector. He has scheduled meetings with KeySpan and Cablevision, and is sending a representative to another local company.

He was pleased with the preliminary Audit Report (AR). The total report will be given to the Board by the auditing firm of Callaghan & Nawrocki on 10/11. He has also scheduled a discussion of the AR for the 10/20 Board meeting.

Our fund balance is \$45,000 less than last year. The Board allotted another \$175,000 to this year's budget to try to soften the tax burden. In addition, we also spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on technology upgrades. When these two expenditures are juxtaposed, particularly in a lean year, he is pleased with the auditors' preliminary findings. It is also part of our zero-based budget approach and the work of the administrators and teachers to keep costs down. They are all working hard and are doing more with less.

E. **COMMENDATIONS** – (*Deferred until schools reopen.*)

F. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – 7:41 p.m. None

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 June 30, 2005.
2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Extra Classroom Fund Reports (High School and Middle School) for quarter and year ended June 30, 2005.

I. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** -- (No Recommended Items)

2. **ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the approve the following resolution:
"Resolved, that the term of appointment of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith extended by eight months terminating on June 30, 2008, and

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Education herewith approves a certain First Amendment to the employment agreement between the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools dated September 27, 2004 and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the same on behalf of the Board."

The motion carried unanimously.

a. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve personnel items:

(TAB C)

<u>Resignations:</u>	<i>Allison Adelman</i>	<i>Family & Consumer Science Teacher</i>
	<i>Stephen Greenwald</i>	<i>Elementary Teacher</i>
	<i>John Lonigro</i>	<i>Teaching Assistant (Computers)</i>
	<i>Victoria McQuillan</i>	<i>Spanish Teacher</i>
	<i>Donna Dia</i>	<i>Paraprofessional</i>

	Jeanne Laufer	Paraprofessional
	Robert Lauth	Custodial Worker I
	Raymond Medina	Custodial Worker I
<u>Leaves:</u>	Maria Santomauro	Elementary Teacher
<u>Appointments:</u>	Heather Baker	Elementary Teacher
	Kathryn Dickinson	Special Education Teacher
	Rosa Glass	Family & Consumer Science Teacher
	Kristine Kalinowski	Teaching Assistant (Special Education)
	Renee Lewis	Elementary Teacher
	Nicole Litterello	Reading Teacher
	John Lonigro	Elementary Teacher
	Christine Pond	Spanish Teacher
	Elzbieta Swicord	Teaching Assistant (Special Education)
	Sarah Kellerman	Athletic Trainer
	John Piersa	Chief Custodian
	Denise Preto	Food Service Worker

Other:

- Emergency appointments and reappointments
- Additional .2 FTE for psychologist at Harley
- Additional .2 FTE for business teacher at HS
- Appoint two teachers to Italian Grade 9 Curriculum Writing Project
- Approve transfer of teaching assistant from Boyd to Harley
- Approve memorandum of agreement with Elwood Secretarial Association
- Approve increase in hours to 2.5 per day for paraprofessional at Harley
- Rates of pay for clerical, custodial, paraprofessional and teaching assistant substitutes
- Schedule of Substitute Teachers/Nurses for 2005/06 school year

The motion carried unanimously.

(Mr. Annucci introduced and congratulated the newly appointed teachers. He invited them back along with all of our new employees for a reception after the September 15 Board Meeting.)

Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded to **table** P-8 d) **(TAB G)** Other:Curriculum Assistant-Special Education stipend.

The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Fusaro 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 May 4, June 3, and July 20
- 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 March 29, May 6, June 6, 21, 30 and July 21
- d. **and** that the Board approve Nancy Gaiman, Matthew McDonald and Eric Neithardt as subcommittee chairpersons of the Committee on Special Education
- e. **and** that the Board approve Nancy Gaiman as a subcommittee chairperson of the Committee on Preschool Special Education.
The motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve the **(TAB D)** disposal of obsolete materials from the Boyd library and an obsolete typewriter from the District Office.
The motion carried unanimously.

- g. Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve amended 2004-2005 Contract for Services between the Elwood Union Free School District and Western Suffolk BOCES. **(TAB E)**
The motion carried unanimously.
- h. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board approve the John Glenn Girls' Volleyball team trip to Burnt Hills–Ballston Lake High School on September 9-10, 2005.
The motion carried unanimously.
- i. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve the extension of the agreement with the Town of Huntington for radar speed monitor to terminate June 30, 2006. **(TAB F)**
The motion carried unanimously.
- j. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board dissolve the former District Advisory Committee formed in 2004 and approve the appointment of a District Audit Advisory Committee for the 2005-06 school year.
The motion carried unanimously.
- k. Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board enter into agreement with agencies providing special education services through the 611 and 619 Federal flow-through programs. **(TAB G)**
The motion carried unanimously.
- l. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve the agreement with Elwood Care for the continued use of Harley, Boyd and Elwood Middle School for before and after school child care programs by Elwood Care for 2005-2006. **(TAB H)**
The motion carried unanimously.

J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

K. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

L. SECOND RESIDENTS' REMARKS – 8:11

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board go in to Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.
The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board end Executive Session and adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Granieri
District Clerk