

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Elwood, New York  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**May 6, 2004**  
**Elwood Middle School**

**A. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk 8:06 p.m.

Present Michael Kaszubski President

Bill Cameron Vice President

Dina Annunziata Member

Dan Ciccone Member (arrived 8:08 p.m.)

Joseph Fusaro Member (arrived 8:08 p.m.)

Staff Michael A. Maina Superintendent

Carl Fraser Assistant Superintendent/Business

Robert Annucci Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources

John Hogan Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum

David Cenerelli Director/Special Education

Nancy Raguzin Treasurer

Carlene Granieri District Clerk

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

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

Mr. Cameron moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded that the Board approve the minutes of

1. the Budget Information Meeting – April 13, 2004
2. the amended minutes (item e.) of the Regular Business Meeting – April 15, 2004
3. the Special Business Meeting – April 22, 2004
4. the Special Business Meeting – April 27, 2004

The motion carried unanimously.

**D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** – Michael A. Maina

The audience was asked if they had any additional questions regarding the 2004/2005 budget. Congratulations to Glenn senior Carol Yoon on being named as a National Merit Finalist.

The Town of Huntington named three Glenn students, Steven Chang, Sarah Kaszubski and Melissa Rossi as the winners in the final design of the Anne Frank Memorial Garden. They will be honored at a ceremony at Huntington's Town Hall, along with 28 students from

Glenn and teacher, Ms. Nancy Valentine.

Mrs. Annunziata and Mr. Ciccone were thanked for volunteering for "Community Connect."

The Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee was very successful. All of the members

were thanked for their hard work and also for their help in refining the Elwood Highlights.

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The audience was asked to note the reasons driving the budget increase:

*f* mandatory contributions to pension, FICA and Medicare, health care costs, contractual salary increases, and BOCES services

*f* repayment of voter-approved capital improvement bond

*f* transportation costs, additional staff, increases in utilities and other operational costs.

The Board, Administration and staff have worked hard to contain costs. However, two thirds

of the increases have been locked in and our enrollment has increased. Albany has increased the burden on the schools. Please do not take out your displeasure on the Board and the students. The disconnect lies in Albany. An austerity budget will directly affect class size, programs, electives, co-curricular and sports. The Administration and Board ask for your continued support.

**E. COMMENDATIONS** – (deferred)

**F. RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – 8:20 p.m.

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

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -- (No Recommended Items)

**I. FINANCIAL MATTERS (TAB R)**

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended March 31, 2004.
2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Extra Classroom Fund Reports (High School and Middle School) for the quarter ended March 31, 2004.
3. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Capital Projects Report for the period ended March 31, 2004.

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

1. ACTION ITEMS

a. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve **(TAB S)** personnel items:

*Retirements: Nancy Harms Clerk*

*Tenure Appointments: Vita Beyer Elementary*

*KeriAnn Clark Special Education*

*Joseph Corduana Elementary*

*Carol Cornelius Assistant Principal*

*Kristine Gioia Elementary*

*Timothy Kenyon Music*

*Susan Masserwick English*

*Sean McGinty Social Studies*

*Joseph Pace Elementary*

*Alex Wightman Industrial Arts – general*

*Appointments: Geraldine LaCentra Confidential Secretary*

*Other: -- Emergency appointments and reappointments*

*-- Staff for Summer Skills Program*

*-- Summer hours for guidance counselors*

*-- Addendum to schedule of approved substitute teachers/nurses*

(All newly tenured teachers were thanked for being outstanding professionals.)

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b. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Cameron 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:

*March 12, 18, 19, April 1, April 14*

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 23, 31*

The motion carried unanimously.

d. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve the **(TAB T)** proposed resolution for issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes for the 2004/2005 school year in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000.

The motion carried unanimously.

e. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve the following health service contracts:

*Farmingdale Public Schools 2 students \$1,145.32*

*Half Hollow Schools CSD 2 students 894.72*

*Uniondale UFSD 1 student 344.00*

*South Huntington UFSD 2 students (pro rated) 742.81*

*Hauppauge UFSD 1 student 529.51*

f. **and** that the Board award contract transportation services for 2004/2005 (**TAB U**) to Huntington Coach Corp. pursuant to the terms and conditions specified and agreed to in the District's Request for Proposal (R.F.P.)

g. **and** that the Board approve the extension of certain per pupil (Special Ed.) (**TAB V**) transportation contracts for 2004/2005 to the Roy K. Davis Bus Corp. in accord with the New York State Education Department office C.P.I. adjustment allowance

h. **and** that the Board approve **debit** Change Orders No. 1-5 for Capital (**TAB W**) Projects for work being performed by Palace Electric and **debit** Change Order No. 6 for work being performed by Walsh Mechanical as follows:

*Change Order #1 High School Palace Electric \$10,215.*

*Change Order #2 High School Palace Electric 14,000.*

*Change Order #3 Middle School Palace Electric 13,667.*

*Change Order #4 Harley Palace Electric 23,494.*

*Change Order #5 Harley Palace Electric 38,599.*

*Change Order #6 Boyd Walsh Mechanical 3,700.*

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **K. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

Mr. Fusaro wanted recognition given to:

*f* The YES program and Dr. Pantaleno

*f* "Don't Laugh At Me" Program at Boyd

*f* Invention Convention – Mrs. Gose and Mrs. Friend

*f* Middle School production of Oklahoma – Mr. Scarola and Mrs. Sullivan

*f* Career Day at Glenn and Mrs. Annunziata for advising students on career paths

*f* The entire community for their support. **DRAFT**

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**L. COMMUNICATIONS** -- (No Recommended Items)

**M. RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – 8:37 p.m.

**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION** -- (No Recommended Items)

#### **O. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Granieri

District Clerk