

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION

**September 12, 2002
Elwood Middle School**

- A. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk - 8:03 p.m.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)** (TAB A)
1. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of August 29, 2002.
The motion carried unanimously.
- D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** – Michael A. Maina
- Schools opened with enrollment up 100 students from last year.
The enrollment increase trend is continuing.
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| Harley | 607, | K – 199, | Grade 1 – 206, | Grade 2 – 202. | |
| Boyd | 619, | Grade 3 – 214, | Grade 4 – 218, | Grade 5 – 187. | |
| EMS | 603 | Grade 6 - 207, | Grade 7 – 217, | Grade 8 – 179 | |
| Glenn | 630 | Grade 9 – 179, | Grade 10 – 156, | Grade 11 – 164, | Grade 12 – 131 |
- Total Enrollment is 2,459 youngsters. Last year's enrollment was 2,360.
Will discuss the enrollment in greater detail at the October 10th Board Meeting.
- Four students were selected by NYSSMA to All-State:
Nikki Federman – Strings, Ian O'Brien – Winds, Nicole Sciascia – Women's Chorus,
Amanda Shimkin – Mixed Chorus. They will perform in Rochester, NY in December.
- Elwood Day at Shea Stadium will take place on Sunday, September 29th at 1:00 p.m.
The Mets play the Braves. For tickets or other information, please contact Rob Gilmor.
Proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity.
The Elwood Marching Band and Chorus will perform prior to the game.
- At the last meeting a resident questioned the propriety of the Republican Club meeting in one of the schools. Mr. Laub reported that the group met three times. Education Law states that voter approval must be granted for any political party to meet in our schools. The club will be prohibited from meeting on school property.
- The 2002/03 school tax rate and the library services tax rate have been established, pending any further modification by the Town of Huntington, at \$130.31 and \$6.38 per \$100 A.V. respectively.

Thanked Daniel Laub for his 13 years of service to the school district .

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E. COMMENDATIONS – Mr. Santomauro honored Daniel Laub, Assistant Superintendent for Business for his outstanding contribution and thirteen years of fine service to the District and the community. A proclamation was read and presented to Mr. Laub.

F. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – 8:28 – 9:39 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 9:39 p.m.

Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board go in to Executive Session to consult with District's General Counsel.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Madden moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board reconvene at 10:59 p.m.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board adopt a Resolution for the purpose of holding a special election to determine the establishment of a Library District. **(TAB B)**
The motion carried 4 ayes and 1 nay (Mr. Cameron).

H. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB C)

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended August 31, 2002.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board approve **(TAB D)**

Personnel Items:

Resignations:

Maria DeLeo

Paraprofessional

Jane Geng

Paraprofessional

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded that the Board approve:

Other Appointments:

Kathleen Daly

ESL Teacher Part Time (.4FTE)

I. Wendi Fischer

School Psychologist Part Time (.4FTE)

Jane Geng

Teaching Assistant Part Time (.5FTE)

Laura Keenan

Paraprofessional Part Time (2.5 hours Per Day)

Antonietta Russo

Paraprofessional Part Time (2.5 hours per day)

Nancy Schwier

Principal Clerk Full Time 12 months

Vickie Trombetta

Paraprofessional Part Time (2.5 hours per day)

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Rescind appointments:

Rosanne Keegan

Clerk Typist

Lisa Brighton

Teaching Assistant

Edward Kohlhoff

EMS Girls' Tennis Coach

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I. NEW BUSINESS**1. ACTION ITEMS – cont'd.**And Appoint:

Kelly Arthurs

Girls' JV Volleyball Coach

Roberta Bart

EMS Girls' Tennis Coach

Emergency Appointments and Reappointments

Nevodna Bienenstein

Special Ed Curriculum Assistant

Status ChangesSchedule of Substitute Teachers and Nurses for 2002/03

The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board approve **(TAB E)** the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services dated: *August 13*.
The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve **(TAB F)** the contract with Suffolk Cooperative Library System for library services to Elwood community for the school year 2002/03.
The motion carried unanimously.

- d. Mr. Santomauro moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board adopt **(TAB G)** the Tax Warrant establishing the tax levy for the 2002/03 fiscal year in the amount of \$23,494,585.

- e. and that the Board adopt a Tax Warrant setting the tax levy for library services for the 2002/03 fiscal year in the amount of \$1,151,180.
The motion carried unanimously.

- f. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board approve **(TAB H)** the Memorandum of Agreement with the Elwood Custodial Unit regarding the 2002/04 contract.
The motion carried unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS**a. Re Library District Vote**

Counsel will come to the public hearing, Pro Bono, to answer questions. The Board wants assurances from Jerry Nichols and Suffolk Cooperative Library Systems of what can Elwood expect from S.C.L.S. in services, support, financial help, and legal fees.

- b. An auditor will be present at the October Board Meeting.

- c. As of September \$8,500 has been raised for defibrillators, thank you to every one from the PTA's, Alumni Association, and most recently to the Elwood Teachers Alliance for their generous donations.

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J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

K. COMMUNICATIONS

(TAB I)

1. Letter of appreciation to the Elwood Teachers Alliance for its generous donation towards the purchase of defibrillators.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION – (see page 2)

M. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cameron moved and Mrs. Annunziata seconded that the Board adjourn at 11:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Granieri
District Clerk