

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions related to the appointment of particular persons at 6:04 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Present at Executive Session were: Becky Marcus, Michael LaMena, Heather Mammolito, James Tomeo, Deborah Weiss, Dr. Kenneth Bossert, Dr. Maureen Hull and Lorraine Dunkel.

2. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:37 p.m.

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene into open session in the Elwood Middle School Library at 7:37 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Present:	Becky Marcus	President
	Michael LaMena	Member
	Heather Mammolito	Member
	James Tomeo	Member
	Deborah Weiss	Member

Absent: None

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

Absent: None

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

E. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO BOARD MEMBER

1. The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Michael LaMena, Member of the Board of Education.

F. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

1. WHEREAS, on August 12, 2019, the Board President provided written notification to the District Clerk that she was resigning from the Board of Education effective immediately; and
WHEREAS, as a consequence of the resignation of the Board President, pursuant to Education Law Section 1701, the Board Vice-President by operation of law shall act as President until a President is elected at the District's next reorganization meeting in July, 2020, thereby creating a vacancy in the office of Vice-President; and
WHEREAS, in accordance with Board Policy 2220, the Board shall appoint a Vice-President at the annual reorganization meeting in July who shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence; and
WHEREAS, as a result of the elevation of the Board Vice-President to Board President arising from the resignation of the Board President, the Board of Education has a need to immediately fill the Office of Vice-President so that he/she can assume the duties of the President in her absence pursuant to Board Policy 2220.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT for this resolution only, the Board hereby suspends that portion of Board Policy 2220 which provides that the Vice-President of the Board of Education shall be elected by members of the Board of Education at the annual reorganization meeting in July; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the District Clerk is directed to seek nominations from the members of the Board of Education for the election of a Vice-President to serve until the annual reorganization meeting in July, 2020.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve Item F.1, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

2. Nomination and Election of Vice President
Mr. Tomeo nominated Mr. LaMena for the position of Vice President of the Board of Education. No further nominations were made and the floor was closed to further nominations.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.
3. Oath of Office of Vice President
The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Michael LaMena, Vice President of the Board of Education.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. August 22, 2019 Business Meeting
Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Business Meeting of August 22, 2019.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no, 1-abstention (LaMena)

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Kenneth Bossert

1. 2019-2020 Calendar Update
2. Staffing Update

I. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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organization they represent at the meeting. Comments related to district business or any agenda item should be kept as brief as possible and may not exceed three minutes (Board Policy 2351). Questions or comments concerning matters which are not on the agenda will be taken under consideration and may be discontinued by the President. 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 be violated, is prohibited.

J. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board of Education Committees for 2019-2020

K. PRESENTATION

Draft Board Goals for 2019-2020/School Climate Survey Results – Dr. Hull

L. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items M.1-M.12, N.1, O.1), as presented the Board at this meeting.

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

M. ACTION ITEMS - PERSONNEL

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the August 22, 2019 appointment of Kathleen Pabisch, as a Permanent Substitute, effective September 3, 2019.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the August 22, 2019 appointment of Kristen Andrews, as a Permanent Substitute, effective September 3, 2019.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Marisa Palmieri, from her position as a part-time Reading Teacher, effective August 30, 2019.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Vincent Russo, from his position as a part-time English Teacher, effective August 26, 2019.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Karen Alibrandi, from her position as a Teaching Assistant, effective August 31, 2019.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Patricia Vaccarro as the AP Testing Coordinator for Elwood-John H. Glenn High School for the 2019-2020 school year, with a stipend of \$1,502.00.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board of Education President to sign and execute the Salary and Benefits Agreement for Mara Pugh, School Lunch Manager, as presented to the Board at this meeting, effective September 3, 2019.

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves all unit members district-wide to serve, as needed, as chaperones/advisors for Elwood Booster Clubs, athletic events, dances, and other administration-approved events outside of the school day, with compensation at their hourly rates of pay/per their collective bargaining unit agreement/per the Elwood Booster Club rate per session, within budgeted allocations for the 2019-2020 school year.
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Mentors for the 2019-2020 school year, at a rate of \$500 per semester:

Mentor	Mentee (New Employee)	Subject	Number of Semesters
Paul Lasurdo	Alexa Gottesman	Music	2
Jon Mead	Kaitlyn Tuna	Science	2
Christina Long	Joellyn Tuohy	Art	2

10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves up to an eight (8) 2019 summer hours for Danielle Sullivan, for the purpose of administering the NYSITELL & ENL screening protocols to new entrants, with compensation of \$50 per hour.
11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Allison Biancardi as a part-time Paraprofessional (3 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing September 6, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$14.74 per hour for the 2019-2020 school year.
12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Suzanne Rickus as a part-time Paraprofessional (1 hour/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing September 4, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$14.74 per hour for the 2019-2020 school year.

N. ACTION ITEMS - BUSINESS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute an Agreement with Developmental Disabilities Institute and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing instruction to handicapped children, effective July 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019, and said agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the proposal from MindUP, for the purpose of providing professional development training to the District, effective September 6, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and said proposal will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve Item N.2, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

O. ACTION ITEMS - OTHER

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Committee and Subcommittee on Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 5/16/19 and 7/15/19, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 7/8/19, 8/27/19 and 8/28/19, for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes and appropriates the use of District funds necessary to implement the special education programs and services consistent with said recommendations.

P. POLICY

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the second reading and adoption of the following policy, as presented to the Board at this meeting:
8334 Use of District Credit Cards
8334-R Use of District Credit Cards Regulation

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve Item P.1, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

Q. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

R. COMMUNICATIONS - None

S. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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T. ADJOURNMENT – 9:24 p.m.

Mr. LaMena moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Janelli
District Clerk