

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 26, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions related to a particular staff member at 6:30 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. Mr. Tomeo moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Mr. Tomeo was excused at 7:40 p.m.

C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:44 p.m.

1. Mr. LaMana moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene into open session in the Elwood Middle School Library at 7:44 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

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

Absent:	James Tomeo	Member
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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
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D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. September 5, 2019 Regular Meeting
Mr. LaMena moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of September 5, 2019.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

F. 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. We honored the following:

James H. Boyd Intermediate School Commendations:

Ava Cassidy-Genovese – Shining Star Award

Mrs. Carla Weiss – Physical Education Teacher & Teacher Leader

G. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

Zain Siddiqui, Student Liaison to the Board.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert

I. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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J. DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

K. PRESENTATION

1. Capital Bond Update: Lorraine Dunkel & John McDonald

L. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items M.1, N.1-N.18, N.20-N.28) as presented the Board at this meeting.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

M. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt for audit of the following report:
a) Claims Auditor Report for August, 2019

N. ACTION ITEMS (Personnel, Business, Special Education)

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the Board of Education Goals for the 2019-2020 school year, as amended by the Board at this meeting:

1. Extraordinary Student Focus

We pledge to continue to maximize the holistic instructional experience and achievement for each student. This will be accomplished through multifaceted, data-informed instruction derived through multiple measures designed to meet the varied needs of individual learners. We will:

a. Strive to maintain consistency and articulation throughout grade levels, departments and buildings.

b. Commit to the depth and breadth of instructional and co-curricular programming, focusing on the whole child.

- c. Share and demonstrate a belief that Elwood is one of the finest school districts in the state and nation and one that the entire community can take extraordinary pride in.

2. Enhancement of School Climate

We pledge to:

- a. Work with New Food Services Director and other key staff members to make certain healthy and appetizing choices are available in all school cafeterias.
- b. Make certain programs are made available to focus on student relationships with peers to enhance anti-bullying initiatives and develop healthy interactions between students.
- c. Enhance instructional opportunities relating to substance abuse (including alcohol and vaping) through health classes, science classes and school assemblies.

3. Continued Focus on Safety and Security for the well-being of all Students

We pledge to:

- a. Continue to focus on aspects of physical safety by enhancing both structures and routines to harden all systems.
- b. Continue focus on teaching to “the Whole Child” inclusive of mindfulness activities and other strategies to promote overall mental health and well-being.
- c. Work with student support teams to make mental health services readily available to all students in need by increasing awareness of these services and access to service providers.

4. Fiscal Responsibility and Stability

We pledge to:

- a. Make fiscally responsible decisions that allow for the maximizing of resources to support students programs and district initiatives.
- b. Continue to work within the capital plan to enhance all school facilities to meet students’ needs.
- c. Continue to focus on involving all stakeholders in decisions impacting the district; inclusive of budget planning, curriculum development, professional development offerings and recruitment of new faculty and staff members.

Adopted by the Board: 9/26/2019

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Molly Regensburger, from her position as Permanent Substitute, effective September 17, 2019.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Alexandra DiZoppola-Brown, from her part-time position as a Occupational Therapist, effective close of business September 6, 2019.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Pamela Rodriguez, from her position as Teaching Assistant, effective October 4, 2019.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Mr. Gene Tranchino as the Data Protection Officer for the Elwood Union Free School District, for the 2019-2020 school year, at no additional salary.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jessica Goldberg, who possesses a Visual Arts Certificate, Special Education 1-6 Certificate, and Elementary Education 1-6 Certificate, to a 0.4 FTE part-time Library Media Specialist position, at an annual salary of \$25,399, pro rated, (0.4 of MA Step 1 - \$63,497), to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective October 2, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the August 22, 2019 appointment of Alexa Gottesman, who possesses a Music Certificate, from a 0.6 FTE part-time Music teacher position to a 0.9 FTE part-time Music teacher position, in the Music tenure area, at an annual salary of \$47,739, pro rated (0.9 of BA Step 1 - \$53,043), effective September 5, 2019.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Deidra O'Brien, who possesses an English Certificate, to a 0.5 FTE part-time English teaching position, at an annual salary of \$31,749 pro rated (0.5 of MA Step 1 - \$63,497), to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective September 30, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Ashley Weiner as a part-time Paraprofessional (2.5 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing September 27, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$14.74 per hour for the 2019-2020 school year.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Karen Alibrandi to a four-year probationary term as a teaching assistant, commencing on or about November 1, 2019 and terminating on or about October 31, 2023 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$24,795 (Step 3), pro rated.
11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional hours for the following paraprofessionals, for the 2019-2020 school year, with compensation at their 2019-2020 hourly rate, effective September 4, 2019:

Name	Previous Hours/Day	New Hours/Day
Christina Conover	2.50 Hours	5.75 Hours
Denise O'Grady	2.50 Hours	5.50 Hours

12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a leave of absence for Vincent Arbia, from his position as Teaching Assistant, for the purpose of serving as a leave replacement substitute teacher, effective November 9, 2018.
13. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the September 5, 2019 appointment of the AP Testing Coordinator from Patricia Vaccarro for the 19-20 school year, to Patricia Vaccarro from September 1, 2019 through September 26, 2019 and Shari Coopersmith from September 27, 2019 through June 30, 2020 with an aggregate stipend totaling \$1,502.00.
14. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as Permanent Substitutes, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective September 27, 2019 through June 12, 2020, at a rate

of \$120.00 per day worked:

Loren Levine

Steven Lessin

15. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following Elwood-John H. Glenn High School Advisors to the corresponding clubs/activities for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
16. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following Elwood Middle School Advisors to the corresponding clubs/activities for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
17. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following James H. Boyd Intermediate School Advisors to the corresponding clubs/activities for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting:

Club/Activity	Stipend	Advisor
Audiovisual Coordinator	\$317	Joseph Pace
Student Council	\$1,995	Deborah Hemphill
ENL Homework Club-2x weekly (EBC)	\$4,350	Susanne Woods

18. 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
Cindy Miller	Jessica Goldberg	Library	1
Sarah Santos-Camacho	Annette Tekverk	Math	2
Grace Morris	Christine Messina	Elementary	2

19. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the award of security services pursuant to the competitive bidding RFP 2020C-005-0730 provided by Eastern Suffolk BOCES, to Wisdom Protective Services, inclusive of Addendum #6 which provides exclusive authorization of the administration to conduct student discipline within the school district, as presented to the Board at this meeting, effective September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve Item N.19, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

The Board President opened the floor to any questions or comments from the Board and then the community members present regarding this resolution.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

20. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elwood Board of Education hereby approves the Town of Huntington 2019-2020 tax levy in the amount of \$47,113,716 and that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education.

- 21.** BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the re-establishment and continuation of the following reserves:
Retirement Contribution Reserve in the amount of \$319,868. Said amount will be funded from undesignated fund balance and appropriations remaining from the 2018-2019 budget.
- 22.** BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the proposal from Stony Brook University, for the purpose of providing professional development training to the District, effective November 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and said proposal will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
- 23.** 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 Huntington Hospital, a member of Northwell Health, Inc. and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing clinical education and training school services to the District, effective September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
- 24.** 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 George Nelson and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing artistic and choreography consultation services to the District, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
- 25.** 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 an Agreement with the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District to provide special education services for student(s) who reside in the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District, at the most current special education non-resident tuition rates as approved by New York State, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 inclusive, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
- 26.** BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares the following items as surplus and obsolete as they are beyond repair or outdated and allow for their appropriate removal:

 - 1) Attendance Office Time clock - JGHS
 - 2) (6) TI Nspire Cx Calculators - JGHS
 - 3) (90) Integrated Algebra I textbooks & (75) Purpose in Literature textbooks - JGHS
 - 4) (30) Integrated Mathematics Course I textbooks, (50) Integrated Mathematics Course II textbooks, (50) Mathematics Explorations & Applications textbooks – JGHS
- 27.** BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitute Teachers, Teaching Assistants, and Paraprofessionals, for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

28. BE IT RESOLVED, that 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 5/20/19, 5/28/19, 6/3/19, 6/13/19, 8/15/19 and 9/5/19, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 5/16/19, 8/22/19, 9/4/19, 9/6/19 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.

O. POLICY

1. The following policies were reviewed by the Policy Committee and submitted to the Board for a First Reading:
 - 2210 Board Reorganizational Meeting - Revised
 - 2350 Board Business Meeting Procedures - Revised
 - 4325 Academic Intervention Services - Revised
 - 4531 Field Trips and Excursions - Revised
 - 4532 Board Appointed School Volunteers - New
 - 5150 School Admissions - New
 - 5225 Student Personal Expression - New
 - 5420 Student Health Services - Revised

P. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

Q. COMMUNICATIONS - None

R. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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S. ADJOURNMENT – 8:56 p.m.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Janelli
District Clerk