

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:43 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 the promotion of particular certificated staff members at 6:43 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. LaMena moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Mr. Tomeo was excused at 7:29 p.m.

C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:34 p.m.

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to reconvene into open session in the Elwood Middle School Library at 7:34 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

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

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| 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 |

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| Absent: | None |
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D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. September 26, 2019 Regular Meeting

Mr. LaMena moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of September 26, 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:

1. Elwood Board Members for School Board Recognition Week: October 21-25, 2019
2. Noble Knights of Elwood-John H. Glenn High School
Susan Campo, Nicole Correia, Shannon Flores, Ilene Fucci, Nicole Gendjoian, Samantha Heuer, Tracy Ott, Joseph Pushee, Joanna Sepp, Diane Warren, Kristen Wertz

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. PRESENTATIONS

1. Audit Report/Fund Balance: Lorraine Dunkel
2. JGHS Instructional Rounds – Carisa Burzynski & Corey McNamara

L. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following donations, with gratitude:

From the Elwood Booster Club:

- 1) \$2,320 to support the after-school clubs for the 2019 Fall Session, as listed:

- a) Boyd Maker Space Club (5 weeks, \$400)
- b) Boyd Love Your #Selfie Club (5 weeks, \$400)
- c) Harley Crazy 8's Math Club (4 weeks, \$320)
- d) Harley Maker Space Club (5 weeks, \$400)
- e) Harley Love Your #Selfie Club (5 weeks, \$400)
- f) Harley Culinary Kids Club (5 weeks, \$400)

- 2) \$2,725 to support the after-school Cooking Club at John H. Glenn High School for the 2019-2020 school year.

From Elwood SEPTA:

- 1) \$7,480 to support the after-school clubs, for the 2019-2020 school year, as listed:
 - a) Harley Friendship Club (16 weeks, \$1,280 + \$300 for supplies)
 - b) Harley Krafty Kids Club (16 weeks, \$1,760 + \$500 for supplies)
 - c) Boyd Friendship Circle (16 weeks, \$1,760 + \$300 for supplies)
 - d) Boyd Sports Club (16 weeks, \$1,280 + \$300 for supplies)

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

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

M. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items N.1-N.2, O.1-O.14, P.1-P.7, Q.2) as presented the Board at this meeting.

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

N. 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 reports:
 - a) Treasurer's Reports: June, July & August, 2019
 - b) Revenue Reports: July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 & July 1, 2019 - August 31, 2019
 - c) Cash Flow Reports: July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 & July 1, 2019 - August 31, 2019
 - d) Budget Status Reports: July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 & July 1, 2019 - August 31, 2019
 - e) Trial Balance Reports: July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 & July 1, 2019 - August 31, 2019
 - f) Executive Summary Reports: June 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019 & July 1, 2019 - August 31, 2019
 - g) Extraclassroom Reports for JGHS and EMS: July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 & April 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019
 - h) Budget Transfer Reports: June 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019 & July 1, 2019 - August 31, 2019
 - i) School Lunch Fund Reports: June 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019 & July 1, 2019 - August 31, 2019
2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the budget transfer as presented to the Board at this meeting.

O. ACTION ITEMS - PERSONNEL

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Coleen Kennedy as a Permanent Substitute, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at a rate of \$120.00 per day worked, effective September 27, 2019 through June 14, 2019.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Peter Severin as an athletic supervisor, to assist the Director of Athletics and Physical Education with supervision of students and athletes at John H. Glenn High School, with compensation of \$16.00 per hour, effective November 1, 2019 through May 30, 2020.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following overage for the 2019-2020 school year, funded through a grant, effective September 4, 2019:

| Name | School | Additional | Total |
|------------------------|--------|-----------------|----------|
| Jessica Hasday-Guercio | EMS | 0.13 - Math AIS | 1.13 FTE |

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Nicole Cito, who possesses a School Psychologist Certificate, to a leave replacement regular substitute position for the duration of the leave of Employee #2866, as a School Psychologist, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective approximately October of 2019, at a salary of \$63,497 pro rated (MA Step 1).

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Lisa Fassberger as a part-time Paraprofessional (1.0 hour/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.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the adjustment of hours for the following paraprofessionals, for the 2019-2020 school year, with compensation at their 2019-2020 hourly rate, as listed:

| Name | Previous Hours/Day | New Hours/Day | Effective Date |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Antoinette Russo | 3.50 Hours | 5.75 Hours | September 4, 2019 |
| Barbara Ebinger | 5.92 Hours | 4.00 Hours | October 9, 2019 |

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the August 24, 2017 appointment of Julie Bilello, as a Special Education Teacher, from a probationary period commencing August 30, 2017 and terminating on August 29, 2020 to a probationary period commencing August 30, 2017 and terminating on September 27, 2020.

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the September 26, 2019 appointment of Karen Alibrandi, to a four-year probationary term as a teaching assistant, with a new commencement date of October 15, 2019 and terminating on October 14, 2023, in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$24,795 pro rated (Step 3).

9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the FTE increases to the following faculty members, to collectively serve as leave replacements for the duration of the leave of Employee #1530, as English Teachers, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective approximately October of 2019:

| Name | School | Additional | Total |
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| Garrett Chesnoff | JGHS | 0.2 FTE | 1.2 FTE |
| Deidra O'Brien | JGHS | 0.4 FTE | 0.9 FTE |
| Jessica Kennedy | JGHS | 0.2 FTE | 1.2 FTE |
| Lauren Braun | JGHS | 0.2 FTE | 1.2 FTE |

10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as advisors/assistants to the corresponding after-school SEPTA clubs with compensation as listed:

| Name | Club | Number of Weeks | Building | Rate per class |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|
| Leslie Seilback - Advisor | Friendship Club | 16 | Harley | \$80 |
| Joellyn Tuohy - Co-Advisor | Krafty Kids Club | 16 | Harley | \$55 |
| Jill Greenblatt - Co-Advisor | Krafty Kids Club | 16 | Harley | \$55 |
| Janice Peperno - Advisor | Friendship Circle | 16 | Boyd | \$80 |
| Lauren McKay - Assistant | Friendship Circle | 16 | Boyd | \$30 |
| Kathleen Marinelli - Advisor | Sports Club | 16 | Boyd | \$80 |

11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as Advisors/Coaches to the corresponding clubs/activities for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting:
 Science Olympiads at EMS [stipend \$2,112]: Jonathan Mead & Kaitlyn Tuna (half stipend each)
 Robotics Club at EMS [total stipend \$5,450]: David Trabulsi
 Before-school morning Intramurals at EMS [\$46 per person per session; October, 2019 through May, 2020]: Darren Szokoli & Kevin Lavey
12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby appoints the following coaches and Equipment Managers for the winter season of the 2019-2020 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
13. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitute Teacher and Paraprofessional, for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
14. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Harriet Rubin, retired teacher and community member, as a school volunteer for the 2019-2020 school year, pending fingerprint clearance.

P. ACTION ITEMS - BUSINESS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and based on the recommendations of the Audit Committee, the Board of Education hereby accepts the annual financial statements and external auditor's reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 as performed and prepared by R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants, for submission to the New York State Education Department.
2. 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 Addendum to Financial Advisory Services Agreement with Capital Markets Advisors, LLC and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing bond

financing services to the District, effective July 10, 2019, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of the meeting.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute a Consultant Service Contract with Gary Bixhorn and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing professional development services to the District, effective October 7, 2019, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
4. 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 Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District to provide special education services for student(s) who reside in the Elwood 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.
5. 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 Hauppauge Union Free School District to provide special education services for student(s) who reside in the Elwood 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.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to sign and execute a Summer Transportation Contract with Eastern Suffolk BOCES, with a total anticipated annual cost of \$122,000, effective July 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019, and said Summer Transportation Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute a Memorandum of Agreement with St. James Tutoring, Inc. and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing tutoring services to the District, effective September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and said Memorandum of Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Q. ACTION ITEMS – OTHER

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 a Memorandum of Understanding with the Suffolk County Police Department and the District, for the purpose of defining the roles and responsibilities of the School Resource Officer within the District, and said MOU will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve Item Q.1, 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.

2. 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 6/17/19, 7/1/19, 8/22/19, 9/9/19, 9/13/19, 9/17/19, 9/26/19, 9/27/19, 10/2/19 and 10/3/19, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 9/19/19 and 9/24/19 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.

R. POLICY

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board Policy Sub-committee, the Board of Education hereby approves the second reading and adoption of the following policies, as presented to the Board at this meeting:
2210 Board Reorganizational Meeting
2350 Board Business Meeting Procedures
4325 Academic Intervention Services
4531 Field Trips and Excursions
4532 Board Appointed School Volunteers
5150 School Admissions
5225 Student Personal Expression
5420 Student Health Services

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

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

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rescinds Policy 2260.1 Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve Item R.2, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

S. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

T. COMMUNICATIONS - None

U. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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V. ADJOURNMENT – 9:07 p.m.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Janelli
District Clerk