

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 10, 2020

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**A. CALL TO ORDER – 7:02 p.m.**

**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions related to discussions related to the appointment of a particular certificated person at 7:02 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Present at Executive Session were: James Tomeo, Heather Mammolito, Thomas Scarola, Dr. Sara Siddiqui, Deborah Weiss (remote attendance via Zoom), Dr. Kenneth Bossert, Dr. Maureen Hull and Lorraine Dunkel.

Dr. Hull and Ms. Dunkel were excused at 7:23 p.m.

2. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

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

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to reconvene into Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 7:37 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Present:	James Tomeo	President
	Heather Mammolito	Vice President
	Thomas Scarola	Member
	Dr. Sara Siddiqui	Member
	Deborah Weiss (remote via Zoom)	Member

Absent: None

Staff:	Dr. Kenneth Bossert	Superintendent of Schools
	Dr. Maureen Hull	Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
	Lorraine Dunkel	Assistant Superintendent/Business
	Mary Lou Marx	District Clerk

Absent: None

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

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

1. August 27, 2020 Regular Meeting

Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of August 27, 2020.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-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:

Donna Kelly-SCOPE Community Service Award

Donna Scudieri-SCOPE Support Staff Service Award

Dianne Wilkinson-SCOPE Administrator Service Award (not in attendance but publically acknowledged)

Lisa Gorman-SCOPE Teacher Service Award (not in attendance but publically acknowledged)

**G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert**

**H. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Letter from Andrew Kaplan to the BOE

**I. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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**J. DISCUSSION ITEMS - None**

**K. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the donation of fall plantings for each of our schools, with gratitude, from James Tomeo with an estimated value of \$400.

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

Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no, 1-abstention (Tomeo).

**L. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items M.1, N.1-N.14) as presented the Board at this meeting.

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

**M. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the budget transfers as presented to the Board at this meeting.

**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 appoints Rylie Trimble as a part-time Paraprofessional (5.75 hours), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing September 11, 2020, pending New York State regulations regarding fingerprint clearance, at an hourly rate of \$14.74 per hour for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Laura Raimondi, possessing an English to Speakers of Other Languages Certificate, to a four-year probationary term as an ENL teacher, in the ESL tenure area, effective September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2024 at a salary of \$63,497 (MA Step 1). In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said teacher must have at least three years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d during the four year period prior to the proposed effective date of tenure and may not receive a rating of ineffective during the final year of probation.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Angela Shanerman as Senior Office Assistant for Director (12 month), in the competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twelve week probationary term, effective August 27, 2020, at a salary of \$44,551 (Step 4, pro-rated, as per the terms of the collective bargaining agreement).
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the March 21, 2019 approval of the probationary period for William Riedel, as a Paraprofessional, from a probationary period commencing September 4, 2018 and terminating on March 4, 2021 to a probationary period commencing September 4, 2018 and terminating on March 4, 2022.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Regina DiMartino, from her position as a Teaching Assistant, effective September 1, 2020.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Matthew Carrino from his position as permanent substitute for the 2020-2021 school year, effective September 2, 2020.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Melinda Abriss, for the purpose of retirement, from her position as Office Assistant, effective close of business on September 4, 2020.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Corrinna Brigandi, from her position as a Paraprofessional, effective September 8, 2020.
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves summer 2020 hours for the following paraprofessional employees, with compensation at their hourly/daily rate of pay:

Frances Bedoya - 11 hours  
Sonia Izzo - 11 hours  
Antoinette Russo - 11 hours  
Constance Testagrose - 11 hours

10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitute Teacher and Substitute Teaching Assistant, for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
11. 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 Contract with the Great Neck Union Free School District and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing special education services to students with disabilities who live within the boundaries of the Elwood Union Free School District, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 inclusive, and said contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the extension of the Facilities Use Agreement of HarleyCare, Inc. D/B/A Elwood Care, for the 2020-2021 school year, pending receipt of the Certificate of Insurance.
13. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District hereby adopts the Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (Schedule LGS-01), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A: a) only those records described in Schedule LGS-01 will be disposed of after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein; and b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.
14. 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 3/5/20 and 8/18/20, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 5/7/20 and 9/1/20 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. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA** - None

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**Q. ADJOURNMENT – 8:33 p.m.**

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx  
District Clerk