

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 15, 2020

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**A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 p.m.**

**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions related to proposed litigation at 6:01 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, Dr. Kenneth Bossert, Dr. Maureen Hull and Lorraine Dunkel.

2. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:33 p.m.**

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 7:33 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	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. COMMENDATIONS**

1. 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 members of the Elwood Union Free School District Community:  
School Lunch Staff: Mara Pugh, Florence Postorino, Amy Weber, Stacey Mortillaro, Sandra Massey, Suzanne Rickus, Melanie Spooner, Christine Marchetti

Buildings and Grounds: John McDonald, Kathleen Fanara, John Piersa, David DeSimone, Jose Alicea, Wayne Barrett, John Muller, Tony Gallo

2. School Board Recognition Week: October 19-23, 2020

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

1. September 24, 2020 Regular Meeting  
Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of September 24, 2020.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**G. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT – Daniel Rourke**

**H. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert**

**I. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS**

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**J. DISCUSSION ITEMS - None**

**K. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Audit Report – Ms. Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business
2. Board Goals for 2020-2021 (draft) – Dr. Bossert

**L. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the donation of \$30,710.05, with gratitude, from the Elwood Education Endowment to fund the 2019-2020 Grant Program Awards, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

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

**M. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items N.1-N.2, O.2-O.17) as amended by the Board at this meeting. (Note that Item O.1 was added during the meeting at the request of the Board President and consensus of the Board.)

Motion carried. Vote: 5-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, 2020
  - b) Revenue Reports: July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 & July 1, 2020 - August 31, 2020
  - c) Cash Flow Reports: July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 & July 1, 2020 - August 31, 2020
  - d) Budget Status Reports: July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 & July 1, 2020 - August 31, 2020
  - e) Trial Balance Reports: July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 & July 1, 2020 - August 31, 2020
  - f) Executive Summary Reports: June 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020 & July 1, 2020 - August 31, 2020
  - g) Extraclassroom Reports for JGHS and EMS: July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020
  - h) Budget Transfer Reports: June 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020 & July 1, 2020 - August 31, 2020
  - i) School Lunch Fund Reports: June 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020
  - j) Claims Auditor Report for September, 2020
2. 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.

**O. ACTION ITEMS (Personnel, Business, Special Education)**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2020-2021 Board Goals, as presented.

Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve Item O.1, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Nicole Carroll, from her position as Teaching Assistant, effective October 23, 2020.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Tracy Ott, from her co-curricular appointment as the Girls' Middle School Tennis Coach, prior to the commencement of the tennis season for the 2020-2021 school year, effective October 4, 2020.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Shari Coopersmith as the AP Testing Coordinator for Elwood-John H. Glenn High School for the 2020-2021 school year, with a stipend of \$1,513.00.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves up to forty-five (45) after-school hours for Krista Albrecht, for the purpose of her service as a professional development instructor, with compensation of \$66 per hour for the 2020-2021 school year.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves after-school hours for Kristine Cornwell, Annemarie Chalao, Diane Pramberger and Marsha McLeod to participate in grammar curriculum writing during the 2020-2021 school year, with an aggregate total of hours not to exceed 20 hours, with compensation of \$66 per hour.

7. 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 paraprofessional, for the 2020-2021 school year, with compensation at her 2020-2021 hourly rate, as presented:

Name	Previous Hrs/Day	New Hours/Day	Effective Date
Jennifer Jones	4.0 Hours	5.92 Hours	October 19, 2020

8. 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 2020-2021 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
9. 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 2020-2021 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitutes, 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 hereby approves the Special Education Plan for 2020-2022, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
12. 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, 2020 as performed and prepared by R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants, for submission to the New York State Education Department.
13. 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, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and said agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
14. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute an Agreement with Cleary School for the Deaf and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing educational programs, instruction and related services for children who are deaf, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
15. 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 South Huntington Union Free School District to provide special education services for student(s) who reside in the Elwood Union Free School

District, at a cost pursuant to this Agreement and in accordance with the Education Law and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 inclusive, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

16. 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 West Islip Union Free School District and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing special education services to parentally-placed students with disabilities who attend private school within the West Islip 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.
17. 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 6/10/20, 9/14/20, 9/23/20, 9/24/20, 9/28/20 and 9/30/20, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 9/25/20 and 10/6/20 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.

P. **ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA** - None

Q. **COMMUNICATIONS** - None

R. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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S. **ADJOURNMENT** – 10:03 p.m.

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx  
District Clerk