

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions related to the employment history of a particular certificated employee at 6:04 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 (excused at 7:05pm) and Lorraine Dunkel (excused at 6:57pm)

2. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:42 p.m.

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to reconvene Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 7:42 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

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| Present: | James Tomeo | President |
| | Heather Mammolito | Vice President |
| | Thomas Scarola | Member |
| | Dr. Sara Siddiqui | Member |
| | Deborah Weiss | Member |

Absent: None

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| 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. January 28, 2021 Regular Meeting
Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of January 28, 2021.
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 members of the Elwood school community:

1) Boyd Shining Stars

- Julianne Froh
- Madelyn Moreno
- Kayla Winters

2) School Nurses

- April Giardina
- Lisa McNamara
- Linda Pellegrino
- Elizabeth Schwartz
- Karen Wenda

G. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT – Daniel Rourke

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

1. “Opening the Valve” Update
2. Legislative Committee Letters to Governor Cuomo

I. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS

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J. DISCUSSION ITEM – None

K. PRESENTATIONS

1. Budget Workshop #2 – Ms. Lorraine Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business
2. Student Progress Update – Dr. Maureen Hull , Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction and Pamela Fine, Director of Humanities

L. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items M.1-M.2, N.1-N.13) as presented to the Board at this meeting.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

M. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that 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 January, 2021
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.

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 confers tenure upon Alice Wolcott, in the School Media Specialist tenure area, effective March 19, 2021.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Mary McGinn, who possesses a Students with Disabilities 1-6 Certificate and Childhood Education 1-6 Certificate, to a leave replacement regular substitute position for the duration of the leave of Employee #1089, as an Elementary Education Teacher, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective September 8, 2020, at a salary of \$63,497 pro rated (MA Step 1); and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that at the conclusion of her service as a leave replacement regular substitute, Ms. McGinn will resume her previously approved permanent substitute service to the District, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, with compensation of \$120 per day worked.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitute Custodial Workers, for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Amanda King as a Permanent Substitute, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at a rate of \$120.00 per day worked, effective February 12, 2021 through June 25, 2021.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the 0.5 FTE unpaid leave of absence for Ashley Scotto, Teaching Assistant, for the purpose of completing a 200 hour student teaching assignment, for the period February 24, 2021 through May 14, 2021.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the July 13, 2020 appointment of Fred Fusaro, as the Boys' Varsity Assistant Football Coach, for the 2020-2021 school year.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as coaches/advisors for the 2020-2021 school year:

| Name | Activity | Compensation |
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| Laurie Lederer | EMS Kickline Club (second semester only) | \$1,362.50 |
| Steve Chmela | Boys' Varsity Assistant Football Coach | \$6,458.00 (Step 2) |

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as volunteer coaches, for the 2020-2021 school year:
 Fred Fusaro - Boys' Varsity Football Coach
 Ryan Patrovich - Varsity Boys' Wrestling Coach (pending issuance of Temporary Coaching License)
 Chris Reilly - Varsity Basketball Coach

9. 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 2020-2021 school year, with compensation at their 2020-2021 hourly rate, as listed:

| Name | Previous Hours/Day | New Hours/Day | Effective Date |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Elsy Canales | 5.92 Hours | 6.5 Hours (plus .5 hr unpaid break) | March 1, 2021 |
| Jacqueline Doerzbacher | 2 Hours | 5 Hours | March 1, 2021 |

10. 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 Half Hollow Hills Central 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 Half Hollow Hills Central 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.
11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that pursuant to Section 912 of the Education Law, the Board of Education President and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the Elwood Union Free School District and the Uniondale Union Free School District for health and welfare services for resident students of the Elwood Union Free School District attending non-public schools in the Uniondale Union Free School District, in the amount of \$908.27 per eligible child for the period September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 inclusive, and said Agreement 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 declares one (1) Xerox Copier from John H. Glenn High School as surplus and obsolete as it is beyond repair or outdated and allow for its appropriate removal.
13. 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 12/11/20, 12/15/20, 1/8/21, 1/13/21, 1/15/21, 1/19/21, 1/22/21 and 1/29/21, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 12/18/20, 12/21/20, 1/6/21, 1/12/21, 1/19/21, 1/21/21, 1/26/21 and 1/29/21 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. 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 policy, as presented to the Board at this meeting:
9240 Recruiting and Hiring

Mrs. Weiss 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.

P. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

Q. COMMUNICATIONS - None

R. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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S. ADJOURNMENT – 11:12 p.m.

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk