

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
BUDGET HEARING AND  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 6, 2021

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**A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:06 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 collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law) at 6:06 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 7:14 pm) and Lorraine Dunkel (excused at 7:14 pm).

2. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:40 p.m.**

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene into Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 7:40 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. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The Board, and those in attendance, observed a moment of silence for the passing of Sandra Ackley, a dedicated employee of the Elwood School District and long-time resident of our community.

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

1. April 15, 2021 Regular Meeting  
Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of April 15, 2021, as presented.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.
2. April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting  
Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meetings of April 27, 2021 as presented.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no

**G. 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. Tolga Magden - TJ's Mozzarella's
2. NYSSBA Recognition Program: Deborah Weiss and Sara Siddiqui
3. Principals' Appreciation Day
4. Teacher Appreciation Week

**H. BUDGET HEARING**

1. OPEN THE BUDGET HEARING  
Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to open the Budget Hearing in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 7:57 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.
2. BUDGET PRESENTATION - Ms. Lorraine Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business
3. RESIDENTS' REMARKS  
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4. CLOSE THE BUDGET HEARING  
Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to close the Budget Hearing in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 9:06 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**I. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT**

Daniel Rourke, Student Liaison to the Board

**J. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert
2. Board Committee Update
  - a) Health & Nutrition Committee – Mr. Shanahan prepared a written report

**K. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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**L. DISCUSSION ITEMS – None**

**M. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items N.1-N.2, O.1-O.22) as presented the Board at this meeting.  
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 Report for March, 2021
  - b) Revenue Report through March 31, 2021
  - c) Cash Flow Report through March 31, 2021
  - d) Budget Status Report through March 31, 2021
  - e) Trial Balance Report through March 31, 2021
  - f) Executive Summary through March 31, 2021
  - g) Budget Transfer Report for March 31, 2021
  - h) Extraclassroom Reports for JGHS & EMS through March 31, 2021
  - i) School Lunch Fund Report through March 31, 2021
  
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, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby confers tenure for the following:

Candidate's Name	Tenure Area	Effective Date
Christina Moran	Middle School Principal	July 17, 2021
Lauren Braun	English	August 30, 2021
Charles Rogener	Technology	September 1, 2021
Gina Castelli	Teaching Assistant	August 30, 2021
Kathleen Courbanou	Teaching Assistant	October 16, 2021
Lisa Drago	Teaching Assistant	August 30, 2021
Lisa Grammatico	Teaching Assistant	August 30, 2021
Jill Greenblatt	Teaching Assistant	August 30, 2021

Marisa Sheehan	Teaching Assistant	August 30, 2021
Helaina Weissman	Teaching Assistant	August 30, 2021

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following Election Officials for the Annual Meeting of the Elwood Union Free School District to be held on May 18, 2021; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the District Clerk to make any changes to the appointments or employ substitutes as deemed necessary.  
Chairperson/Election Inspector: Rate of pay - \$14.00/hour  
Elvira Lubrano  
Election Inspectors: Rate of pay - \$14.00/hour  
Ira Anekstein, Rita Anilionis, Nancy Chester, Sam Batanchiev, George Sau, Rose Moszczyc, Hilda Schulkind, Loretta Wilson, Medeline Palencia, Patti Grasso, Megan Cisek, Cartney Bazile, Veronica Bohrer, Judy Tessitore, Sheon Bacchus, Audrey Boodie  
Substitute Election Inspectors at no additional compensation:  
Nancy Mancini, Peggy Pietzak
  
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as Summer Custodial Workers, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective May 10, 2021 through September 10, 2021, at a rate of \$14.00 per hour:  
Luke Goehring  
Nicholas Aufiero (pending fingerprint clearance)  
Matthew Polestino (pending fingerprint clearance)  
Justin Vega (pending fingerprint clearance)
  
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Renee Walsh, from her position as a Teaching Assistant, effective May 14, 2021.
  
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Enrique Roman for the purpose of retirement, from his position as a Custodial Worker, effective October 18, 2021.
  
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Jean Cipolla for the purpose of retirement, from her position as a Mathematics teacher, effective October 28, 2021.
  
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Melanie Hornstein, to a leave replacement substitute position for leave of Employee #2874, as an ENL Teacher, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective on or about May 24, 2021 through June 25, 2021, at a per diem rate of \$120.00 per day worked.
  
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the February 11, 2021 Co-Curricular appointment of Laurie Lederer, EMS Kickline Club Advisor (second semester only), from a stipend of \$1,362.50 to a stipend of \$1,372.50.

9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Bitu Mir, Laurie Lederer, Jennifer Vacchio and Valentina Parisi as the advisors of the KnightKlub at Elwood Middle School, for the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year, with an aggregate compensation of \$1,372.50; and,  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the KnightKlub Club Charter, as presented to the Board at this meeting, and authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary document on the Board's behalf.

10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as a co-curricular club advisor for the 2020-2021 school year:

Club	Stipend	Advisor(s)
EMS Theater Club	\$851.20 (Effective March 2, 2021, pro rated)	Karen Maggio

11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as an advisor to the corresponding after-school SEPTA club with compensation as presented:

Name	Club	Period	Building	Stipend
Nicole Correia - Advisor	Virtual American Sign Language Club (8 classes)	April 7- May 26, 2021	Boyd	\$880

12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves additional compensation to the following teachers for the purpose of 2021 Regents review, with compensation at the hourly rate of \$66.00 per hour:

Name	Subject Area	School
Richard Greening	Earth Science &/or Living Environment	JGHS
Sima Lis	Living Environment	JGHS
Nicole Gendjoian	World Languages	JGHS
Jessica Kennedy	English	JGHS
Alison Peiliker	English	JGHS
Jonathan Mead	Earth Science	EMS
David Trabulsi	Algebra I	EMS

13. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves after-school hours for the following to participate in the after-school High School Credit Recovery Program during the 2020-2021 school year, with compensation of \$66 per hour:

Name	Subject Area	Total Hours
Jessica Kennedy	English	Not to exceed 14 hours
Alice Wolcott	Social Studies	Not to exceed 14 hours
Richard Rose	Social Studies	Not to exceed 14 hours
Sima Lis	Science	Not to exceed 14 hours
Suzanne Hulme	Science	Not to exceed 6 hours
Brittany Chalmers	Math	Not to exceed 20 hours
Laura Raimondi	ENL	Not to exceed 14 hours
Jennifer Champouillon	Science	Not to exceed 14 hours

14. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves additional compensation for the following teachers for the High School Credit Recovery Program held during the school day, for the 2020-2021 school year, with compensation of 0.2 FTE, prorated by period:

Name	Subject Area	Number of Periods Within the School Day
Brittany Chalmers	Math	Not to exceed 16 periods
Samantha Heuer	Math	Not to exceed 20 periods
Richard Rose	Social Studies	Not to exceed 20 periods
Megan Geiser	English	Not to exceed 20 periods
Jessica Kennedy	English	Not to exceed 20 periods
Suzanne Hulme	Science	Not to exceed 20 periods

15. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitute Teachers and Substitute Custodians for the 2020-2021 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 President, the Superintendent of Schools and Assistant Superintendent for Business are hereby authorized to sign and execute the Memorandum of Agreement dated May 6, 2021 between the District and the Elwood Paraprofessional Association, as presented to the Board at this meeting, a copy of which Memorandum of Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
17. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion to approve the following resolution:  
 WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for Tutorial & Special Education Services for Students, Western Suffolk BOCES & Component School Districts – RFP #16-17-03P-IE5-LH, Opened March 17, 2016, Original Term of Contract: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; First Extension of Contract: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; Second Extension of Contract: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; Third Extension of Contract: July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; Fourth Extension of Contract July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Fifth and Final Extension of Contract: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022  
 WHEREAS, the Elwood Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and  
 WHEREAS, the District is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Western Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Initiative in the areas mentioned above; and  
 WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Western Suffolk BOCES, the District wishes to delegate to Western Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids/proposals, accepting and opening bids/proposals, tabulating bids/proposals, awarding the bids/proposals, extending awards of bids/proposals, and reporting the results to the District.  
 BE IT RESOLVED that the District hereby appoints Western Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the services as described

above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District hereby authorizes Western Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for Western Suffolk BOCES; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Agreement with the District shall be for a term of one

(1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

- 18.** BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and pursuant to Section 912 of the Education Law, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the Elwood Union Free School District and the Northport-East Northport 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 Northport-East Northport Union Free School District, in the amount of \$1,107.48 per eligible child for the period September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and said agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
- 19.** WHEREAS, Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association has submitted its proposed 2021-2022 Budget for the approval of its member boards, the Elwood Union Free School District Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to record the outcome of the vote and notify Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association of the results.  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Proposed Budget for the 2021-2022 school year (as accepted by N-SSBA's Executive Committee) be, and hereby is approved.
- 20.** WHEREAS, Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association has submitted its proposed 2021-2022 Slate of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, for the approval of its member boards, the Elwood Union Free School District Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to record the outcome of the vote and notify Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association of the results.  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Proposed 2021-2022 Slate of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee (as presented by N-SSBA's Nominating Committee) be, and hereby is approved.
- 21.** 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:  
(6) EMS Large tube TV's
- 22.** 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 4/22/20, 1/26/21, 1/27/21, 2/4/21, 2/5/21, 3/1/21, 3/4/21, 3/22/21, 4/7/21 and 4/19/21, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 3/12/21, 3/26/21, 4/16/21, 4/19/21, 4/22/21 and 4/23/21, 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.

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

**Q. COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**R. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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**S. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 10:00 p.m.**

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of confidential discussions related to an independent labor contract at 10:00 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**T. RE-ENTER OPEN SESSION – 11:16 p.m.**

Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to re-enter into Open Session at 11:16 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**U. ADJOURNMENT – 11:16 p.m.**

Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx  
District Clerk