

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:31 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions related to pending litigation at 6:31 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. Weiss moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

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

1. Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to reconvene in to 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. September 2, 2021 Regular Business Meeting
Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of September 2, 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 Union Free School District Community:

Emma Ronai
Penelope Negron
Marsha McLeod
Jaime Herrmann Lauth
Joseph Pushee
Nicole Gendjoian
Krista Albrecht

G. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT – Alexandra Haddad, Student Liaison to the Board

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

I. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS

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J. DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

K. PRESENTATION – Capital Bond Work presentation by Lorraine Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business, and John McDonald, Director of Facilities.

L. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATION

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the donation of fourteen multicultural library books, with gratitude, from Emma Ronai and Penelope Negron, with a value of \$220.03, as presented to the Board at this meeting:
All the Colors of the Earth: Sheila Hamanaka: 7.79
Sulwe: Lupita Nyong’o: 15.99
Dumplings are delicious: Deb Capone: 29.95
Maya’s blanket: Monica Brown: 18.95
Floating on mama’s song: Laura Lacmara: 16.99
The boy at the back of the class: Onjali Q. Rauf: 7.99
Hello mandarin duck: bao phi: 17.99
Woke Baby: Mahogany L Browne, Elizabeth Acevedo, Olivia Gatwood: 16.99
The Breadwinner: Deborah Ellis: 9.99
The Book of unknown Americans: Cristina Henriquez: 14.44
Summer city: Fracaswell Hyman: 16.99

The plague of doves: Louise Edrich: 14.99

Clap when you land: Elizabeth Acevedo: 15.99

Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded the 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

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items N.1, O.1-O.32), as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

N. 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 reports:
 - a) Treasurer's Report for June, 2021
 - b) Revenue Status Report through June 30, 2021
 - c) Cash Flow Report for June, 2021
 - d) Budget Status Report through June 30, 2021
 - e) Trial Balance Report through June 30, 2021
 - f) Executive Summary through June 30, 2021
 - g) Budget Transfer Report for June, 2021
 - h) School Lunch Fund Report through June 30, 2021
 - i) Claims Auditor Report for August, 2021
 - j) Extraclassroom Reports for JGHS & EMS through June 30, 2021

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 approves the Town of Huntington 2021-2022 tax levy in the amount of \$49,656,325 and that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Scott Paterniani as a member of the Audit Advisory Committee for the 2021-2022 school year, effective September 24, 2021.
(It is noted that Mr. Paterniani was administered the Oath of Office on September 29, 2021.)
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion to adopt the following resolution:
To maximize the health and safety of students and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic;
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the COVID-19 prevention procedures created by the Superintendent of Schools in connection with the plan for the reopening of schools for the 2021-2022 school year;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the COVID-19 prevention procedures created and implemented by the Superintendent of Schools in connection with the plan for the reopening of schools for the 2021-2022 school year may be modified by the Superintendent without Board approval after first fully informing the Board of Education;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the COVID-19 prevention procedures, and any modifications thereto, will be posted on the School District's website.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Barbara Ebinger, from her position as paraprofessional, effective September 8, 2021.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the August 17, 2021 appointment of Matthew Carrino, who possesses a Math 7-12 and Business & Marketing Certificates, from a 0.2 FTE part-time Math teaching position effective September 1, 2021, to a four-year probationary term as a Business teacher, in the Business tenure area, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025 at a salary of \$63,814 (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.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Amelia Profaci, possessing a Music Pre K-12 Certificate, to a four-year probationary term as a Music Teacher, in the Music tenure area, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025 at a salary of \$53,308 (BA 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.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints James McGinnis as a part-time 0.5 FTE Custodial Worker I, in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twelve-month probationary term commencing September 24, 2021, at a rate of \$24,852.50 (prorated), for the 2021-2022 school year.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Charles Theofield, who holds a Physical Education Certificate, to a four-year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant, commencing on September 24, 2021 and terminating on September 23, 2025 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$24,963 (Step 1, prorated).
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Sharon Campanella as a full-time Paraprofessional (6.5 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing October 12, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$15.30 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Ashley Weiner as a part-time Paraprofessional (2.5 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing September 24, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$15.30 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year.
11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jennifer Harrigan as a part-time Paraprofessional

(6.33 hours/day, inclusive of a 30 minute unpaid break), pending fingerprint clearance, in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing September 27, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$15.30 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year.

12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Magdalena Repetti as a part-time Paraprofessional (2.5 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing September 24, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$15.30 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year.
13. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Melissa Nobile as a part-time Paraprofessional (3 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing September 24, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$15.30 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year.
14. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Elaine Geraghty as a part-time Paraprofessional (3 hours/day, pending fingerprint clearance), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing September 27, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$15.30 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year.
15. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jean Paragallo as a part-time Paraprofessional (4 hours/day, pending fingerprint clearance), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing September 27, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$15.30 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year.
16. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as an AIS Tutor at Elwood-John H. Glenn High School, to serve at the pleasure of the Board for the 2021-2022 school year, at a rate of \$36.67 per class period, effective September 13, 2021:
Katherine Cleary - AIS Social Studies
17. BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints James Tomeo as the Voting Delegate at the NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting to be held virtually on October 18, 2021.
18. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Diana Gotzen-Berg as a mentor for the 2021-2022 school year (two semesters), with compensation of \$1,000.00.
19. 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 2021-2022 school year, with compensation at their 2021-2022 hourly rate, as presented to the Board at this meeting:

Name	Previous Hours/Day	New Hours/Day	Effective Date
Karen Rinaldi	2 Hours	4 Hours	September 9, 2021
Donna Mendoza	5 Hours 55 Minutes	5 Hours 25 Minutes	September 9, 2021

Antoinette Russo	2.5 Hours	5.75 Hours	September 9, 2021
Milagros Berenguer	4 Hours 20 Minutes	5 Hours	September 24, 2021

20. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves up to fifteen (15) 2021 summer hours for Lori Fornaro, for the purpose of providing credit recovery instruction to a classified high school student for the period July 1, 2021 through September 1, 2021, with compensation of \$66 per hour.

21. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves extra hours for Deborah Karle and Vicki Cacioppo, to serve as bus duty monitors until 4:30 p.m., as needed, effective September 9, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year, with compensation at the employee's hourly rate.

22. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following overage for the 2021-2022 school year, effective September 20, 2021:

Name	School	Additional	Total
Paul Lasurdo	EMS	0.1 Music	1.1 FTE

23. 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 Huntington 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 Huntington Union Free School District, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 inclusive, and said contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

24. 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022 inclusive, and said contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

25. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares the following JGHS FACS Room items as surplus and obsolete as they are beyond repair or outdated and allow for their appropriate removal:

- 1) Misc. Classroom Equipment
- 2) Cabinets and Countertop
- 3) (5) Electric Ranges
- 4) Freezer
- 5) Dishwasher
- 6) Washing Machine
- 7) Refrigerator Freezer

26. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the August 17, 2021 appointment of Vicenta Portilla as a food service worker.
27. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby terminates Dina Sabatano from her position as a food service worker, effective September 24, 2021.
28. WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Education Law Section 3012-d and Part 30-3.10 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the individuals named below have completed all the necessary training to be recertified as lead evaluators of building principals; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby recertifies the following individuals as lead evaluators of building principals for the 2021-2022 school year:
Dr. Kenneth Bossert, Dr. Maureen Hull
29. WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirement of Education Law Section 3012-d and Part 30-3.10 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the individuals named below have completed all the necessary training to be recertified as lead evaluators of classroom teachers; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby recertifies the following individuals as lead evaluators of classroom teachers for the 2021-2022 school year:
Kenneth Bossert, Maureen Hull, Carisa Burzynski, Leroy Cole, Corey McNamara, Christina Moran, Dawn Valle, Denise Toscano, Elissa Millan, Nancy Gaiman, Pamela Fine, Eileen Kelly-Gorman, David Shanahan, Thomas Colletti
30. WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirement of Education Law Section 3012-d and Part 30-3.10 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the individual named below has completed all the necessary training to be certified as a lead evaluator of classroom teachers; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby certifies the following individual as a lead evaluator of classroom teachers for the 2021-2022 school year:
Julie Bilello
31. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitute Teachers and Substitute Teaching Assistants, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
32. 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 8/30/21, 9/1/21, 9/13/21 and 9/14/21, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 9/9/21 and 9/14/21 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. POLICY

1. Draft Policy 1230 Public Participation at Board Meetings submitted to the Board for a First Reading.

Q. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

R. COMMUNICATIONS - None

S. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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T. ADJOURNMENT – 10:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk