

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:07 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of confidential discussions related to pending litigation at 6:07 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

Present at Executive Session were: James Tomeo, Thomas Scarola, Dr. Sara Siddiqui, Deborah Weiss, Dr. Kenneth Bossert, Dr. Maureen Hull and Lorraine Dunkel

2. Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:39 p.m.

1. Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to reconvene in to Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 7:39 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

Present:	James Tomeo	President
	Thomas Scarola	Member
	Dr. Sara Siddiqui	Member
	Deborah Weiss	Member
Absent:	Heather Mammolito	Vice President
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 23, 2021 Regular Business Meeting
Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of September 23, 2021.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

F. 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:
 1. Trinity Hausch, Maya Tallo & Isabella Ross - National Merit Commended Students
 2. Anson Kwan - National Merit Scholarship Competition Semifinalist
 3. Anson Kwan-Valedictorian Class of 2022
 4. Trinity Hausch - Salutatorian Class of 2022
 5. Anson Kwan, Toni Meyer - NYSSMA All-State Mixed Chorus
 6. Kaitlyn Schieble - alternate NYSSMA All State Mixed Chorus
 7. Aaram Lee - NYSSMA All State Symphony Orchestra
 8. Retiree: Enrique Roman
2. School Board Recognition Week: October 18-22, 2021

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 – Audit Report - Ms. Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business

L. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items M.1, N.1-N.22), as presented to the Board at this meeting.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-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 reports:
 - a) Treasurer's Report for July & August, 2021
 - b) Revenue Status Report through August 31, 2021
 - c) Cash Flow Report for July & August, 2021
 - d) Budget Status Report through August 31, 2021
 - e) Trial Balance Report through August 31, 2021
 - f) Executive Summary for July & August, 2021
 - g) Budget Transfer Report for July & August, 2021
 - h) School Lunch Fund Report through August 31, 2021

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 the following as Permanent Substitute Teachers, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at a rate of \$120.00 per day worked:

Name	Initial School Assignment	Effective Dates
Lisa Fusaro	Elwood-John H. Glenn High School	September 9, 2021 - October 22, 2021
Gabrielle Caviglia	Elwood-John H. Glenn High School	October 25, 2021 - June 10, 2022
Stacey Laudadio	Harley Avenue Primary School	October 18, 2021 - June 10, 2022

2. 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 2021-2022 school year, with compensation at her 2021-2022 hourly rate, as presented to the Board at this meeting:

Name	Previous Hours/Day	New Hours/Day	Effective Date
Judith D'Amico	4 Hours	5 Hours 45 Minutes	October 15, 2021

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jolita Haigis, who possesses a School Psychologist Certificate, to a leave replacement substitute position for the duration of the leave of Employee #2866, as a School Psychologist, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective October 15, 2021, at a per diem rate of \$200.00 per day.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the June 10, 2021 approval of Summer 2021 hours for Lisa McNamara from the previously approved seventeen (17) days to nineteen (19) 2021 summer days with compensation at her regular hourly/daily rate of pay.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as a part-time Food Service Worker, pending fingerprint clearance, for the 2021-2022 school year, effective October 15, 2021:

Name	Hours per day	Hourly Rate
Amy Paulsen	4.5	\$14.46

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the extension of the unpaid leave of absence for Employee #2133, effective January 2, 2022 through August 31, 2022, as requested.

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the September 2, 2021 appointment of Stephanie Carsten-Goutevenier, 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 #2133, as a Special Education Teacher, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective September 2, 2021 through June 30, 2022, from the previously appointed per diem rate of \$120 per day to a salary of \$63,814 (MA Step 1).

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Joanna Capitelli as the JGHS Musical

Costumes/Choreographer, for the 2021-2022 school year, with compensation of \$1,814.00.

9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Gary Greenblatt as a part-time Paraprofessional (4 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing October 15, 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 approves the following overages for the 2021-2022 school year, effective October 15, 2021:

Name	School	Additional	Total
Patricia Farrell	JGHS	0.2 - ENL	1.2 FTE
Laura Raimondi	JGHS	0.2 - ENL	1.2 FTE

11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby appoints the following coaches and Equipment Managers for the winter season of the 2021-2022 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitute Teachers, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

13. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, Elwood School District of New York State (the "School District") wishes to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County ("Nassau BOCES") for the purchase of various commodities and/or services as authorized by and in accordance with the Education Law and General Municipal Law, Section 119-o; and WHEREAS, the District, more particularly, wishes to participate in the joint cooperative bids for furniture: classroom & office;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School District hereby appoints Nassau BOCES as its representative and agent in all matters related to the Cooperative Bidding Program, including but not limited to responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the School District and making recommendations thereon, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nassau BOCES is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids on behalf of the School District to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts and to enter into contracts for the purchase of the commodities and/or services as authorized herein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District hereby authorizes its School Business Administrator or his/her designee on behalf of the School District to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by Nassau BOCES and if requested to furnish Nassau BOCES an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased and such other documents and information which may be reasonably necessary or useful in conducting

the Cooperative Bidding Program, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District agrees to assume its equitable share of the administrative costs of the cooperative bidding program and all of its obligations and responsibilities pursuant to any contract that may be awarded by Nassau BOCES on behalf of the School District.

14. 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 Consultant Service Contract with Dean McCoy and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing marching band percussion instruction services to the District, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and said Contract 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 Abilities, Inc. at the Viscardi Center, to provide services to students with disabilities, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, 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 hereby authorizes the Board of Education President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign and execute a Contract with Huntington Coach, LLC and the District, to provide various pupil transportation services for the first year of a five year contract, effective September 2, 2021 through June 30, 2022 as presented to the Board at this meeting, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
17. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board of Education President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign and execute a Contract with Huntington Coach, LLC and the District, to provide various pupil transportation services for the first year of a five year contract, effective September 2, 2021 through June 30, 2022 as presented to the Board at this meeting, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
18. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and based on the recommendations of the Audit Committee, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following internal auditor's reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 as performed and prepared by Nawrocki Smith, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, and presented to the Board at this meeting:
Internal Controls of the Payroll Cycle, June 2021
Budget Transfers, Journal Entries, Cash Receipts, Bank Reconciliations and Treasurer's Reports, Employee Reimbursements, Extraclassroom Activity Fund
19. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and based on the recommendations of the Audit Committee, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Corrective Action Plan developed in response to the Internal Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

20. 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 as presented to the Board at this meeting for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 as performed and prepared by R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants, for submission to the New York State Education Department.
21. 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 Corrective Action Plan developed in response to the External Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.
22. 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 9/20/21, 9/21/21, 9/23/21, 9/24/21, 9/27/21, 9/28/21 and 10/4/21 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** - None

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

Q. **COMMUNICATIONS** - None

R. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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S. **ADJOURNMENT** – 9:00 p.m.

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk