

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 10, 2021

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**A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:35 p.m.**

**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of confidential discussions related to the promotion of particular certificated employees at 6:35 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 Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:43 p.m.**

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to reconvene in to Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 7:43 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. October 14, 2021 Regular Business Meeting  
Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of October 14, 2021.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**F. COMMENDATION**

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:
  1. Mara Pugh, School Lunch Manager – Extraordinary Service

**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 – Letters for Discussion**

1. Advocacy letter to Speaker Pelosi and Leader Hoyer
2. Advocacy letter to Governor Hochul

**K. PRESENTATION – Regression Assessment Practice – Dr. Maureen Hull, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction**

**L. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following donations, with gratitude:
  - 1) \$500 from the Elwood Middle School PTA to support the creation of the Elwood Middle School Counseling Center
  - 2) 58 Books from the Elwood Middle School PTA Scholastic Book Fair to be placed in the EMS Library with a value of \$548.56
  - 3) \$780.14 from Elwood SEPTA to support the creation of the Elwood Middle School Counseling Center
  - 4) Fitness Equipment from the Bethpage Union Free School District, as presented, with an approximate value of \$8,500

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

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

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts \$40,000 in Bullet Aid designated for technology enhancements to the District for the 2021-2022 school year, procured for the Elwood Union Free School District by the New York State Assembly, with appreciation to Assemblyman Steve Stern for his efforts on the District's behalf.

Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve Item L.2, 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, O.1-O.28), 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 September, 2021
  - b) Revenue Status Report through September 30, 2021
  - c) Cash Flow Report for September, 2021
  - d) Budget Status Report through September 30, 2021
  - e) Trial Balance Report through September 30, 2021
  - f) Executive Summary for September, 2021
  - g) Budget Transfer Report for September, 2021
  - h) School Lunch Fund Report through September 30, 2021
  - i) Claims Auditor Report for September, 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 confers tenure for the following:

Candidate's Name	Tenure Area	Effective Date
Jon Rowland	Teaching Assistant	December 8, 2021
Mary Trimble	Teaching Assistant	December 30, 2021

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Maureen Esposito, from her position as Office Assistant, effective October 7, 2021.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Anthony Gallo for the purpose of retirement, from his position as Chief Custodian, effective November 30, 2021.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Kathleen Fanara for the purpose of retirement, from her position as Administrative Assistant, effective January 6, 2022.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Linda Halber-Romano for the purpose of retirement, from her position as a Music Teacher, effective March 4, 2022.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the unpaid leave of absence for Employee #3136, as requested, for the period September 9, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

7. 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 November 5, 2021:

Name	School	Additional	Total
Garrett Chesnoff	JGHS	0.2 English	1.2 FTE

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following mentors for the 2021-2022 school year:

Mentor	Period	Compensation
Amy Schombs	1.5 Semesters	\$750
Jessica Jantzen	1.5 Semesters	\$750

9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Delia Donohue, who holds Pre K, K and Grade 1-6 Certificates, to a four-year probationary term as a teaching assistant, commencing on November 15, 2021 and terminating on November 14, 2025 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$24,963 (Step 1), prorated.

10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jeanna Stanevich as a part-time Office Assistant (10 month, 18 hours per week), in the competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twenty-six week probationary period, effective November 15, 2021, at a salary of \$14,845.27, prorated.

11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the appointments of the following Permanent Substitutes, as presented to the Board at this meeting, with compensation of \$120 per day worked:

Name	Previous Appointment Date	Previous Effective Dates	New Effective Dates
Lisa Fusaro	October 14, 2021	9/9/21-10/22/21	9/9/21-6/10/22
Cassidy Comerford	August 17, 2021	9/1/21-10/27/21	9/1/21-10/29/21

12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the following previously approved co-curricular appointments, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting:

Club	Building	Previously Appointed Advisor(s)	Previous Appointment Date	New Appointment
Knight Times Newspaper	JGHS	Deidre O'Brien, Garrett Chesnoff	9/2/2021	Advisor will exclusively be Deidre O'Brien with a stipend of \$4,739
Musical Vocal Director	JGHS	Linda Halber Romano	9/2/2021	Replace Linda Halber Romano with Rachel Nagle as the Director with a stipend of \$1,814
Spanish Club	JGHS	Diane Warren	9/2/2021	Rescind appointment
Student Council	JGHS	Alice Wolcott, Lisa Fusaro	9/2/2021	Ms. Wolcott & Ms. Fusaro will co-advise and each receive a 50/50 split of the \$2,773 stipend
Mock Trial	JGHS	TBD	n/a	Appoint Marcia McLeod as the advisor with a stipend of \$2,773
Theater Club	EMS	Karen Maggio	9/2/2021	Karen Maggio & Keri Barozie will co-advise and each receive a 50/50 split of the \$2,149 stipend

13. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves after-school hours for the following teachers, to participate in a curriculum writing project during the 2021-2022 school year, with compensation of \$66 per hour:

Curriculum Writing Project	Total Hours per Project	Number of Participants	Teacher Participants
Basic Spanish, Meeting the Needs of ELL Students - Planning for Teaching Assistants & Paraprofessionals	3 Hours	1	Nicole Gendjoian
No Place for Hate Lessons, additional participant	9 Hours	1	Amy Schombs

14. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Ilene Fucci and Sue Campo as Career Exploration Advisors at John H. Glenn High School, with compensation per advisor in the amount of \$2,773 for the 2021-2022 school year with funding provided by the GEER grant.
15. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Darren Szokoli as the Assistant Varsity Girls' Track Coach for the 2021-2022 school year, with compensation of \$6,251 (Step 4).
16. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitute Food Service Workers, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
17. 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022 inclusive, and said contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
18. 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 Kings Park Central School District to provide special education services for student(s) who reside in the Kings Park Central School District, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 inclusive, as presented to the Board at this meeting, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
19. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares the following items, as presented, as surplus and obsolete as they are beyond repair or outdated and allow for their appropriate removal:  
 1-cafeteria refrigerator (EMS)  
 2-(489) copies of Prentice Hall literature textbooks (EMS)  
 3-(1) drill press, (1) surface sander, (1) J-Line Lathe (JGHS)
20. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to sign and execute an Agreement with Cerini and Associates, LLP and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing claims auditor services to the District, effective July 1, 2021 through June

30, 2022, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of the meeting.

21. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to sign and execute an Agreement with R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing internal auditor services to the District, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of the meeting.
22. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to sign and execute an Agreement with Always Compassionate Home Care, Inc. and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing occupational therapy, physical therapy and related services to the District, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of the meeting.
23. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the proposal from Stony Brook University, for the purpose of providing professional development training regarding news literacy to the District on November 2, 2021, with compensation of \$1,500 and funded by the Lighthouse Grant.
24. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to sign and execute a Transportation Contract with Eastern Suffolk BOCES, for the Field Trip Transportation program with a total anticipated annual cost of \$9,000.00, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and said Transportation 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 President is hereby authorized to sign and execute a Consultant Service Contract with Visionary Adventure Inc. and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing professional development services to the District, effective November 2, 2021 through November 4, 2021, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
26. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President and Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to sign and execute an Agreement with South Huntington Union Free School District and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for one (1) Elwood UFSD student to participate on South Huntington UFSD's fencing team, effective November 15, 2021 through and including February, 2022, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
27. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the proposal from Curriculum Associates, LLC, for the purpose of providing professional development training to the District on November 4, 2021, with compensation of \$1,500 and funded by the Title II Grant.

28. 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.

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

Q. **COMMUNICATIONS** - None

R. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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S. **ADJOURNMENT – 9:08 p.m.**

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx  
District Clerk