

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions related to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law at 6:03 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, Lorraine Dunkel and Michael Raniere, Esq. (Ingerman Smith LLP)

2. Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

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

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

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene in to Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 7:42 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. January 13, 2022 Regular Business Meeting

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of January 13, 2022.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-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:

Secondary Reflections Winners 2021

1. Elwood Middle School

- Visual Arts: Winners-Elizabeth Benavides & Nidhi Kamatkar, Honorable Mention-Sabrina Howe & Kenza Sadiq
- Photography: Winner-Sophia Vitevitch
- Film Production: Winner-Angelica Viviani
- Literature: Winner-Bella Ronai, Honorable Mention-Aiyana Estinfa, Daisy Garcia & Gianna Rosa

2. Elwood-John H. Glenn High School

- Visual Arts: Winner-Mary Luyster, Honorable Mention-Shayna Purow & Nolan Reinhardt
- Photography: Winner-Esaia Bell
- Literature: Winner-Grace Porter

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert

1. An Update from Albany
2. BOE Committee Update: Curriculum Committee-Dr. Hull

H. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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I. DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

J. PRESENTATIONS

1. Budget Workshop #1 – Ms. Lorraine Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business
2. Middle School Initiatives – Dr. Christina Moran, Principal & Mrs. Julie Bilello, Assistant Principal

K. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items L.1-L.2, M.2-M.14), as presented to the Board at this meeting.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

L. 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 December, 2021

- b) Revenue Status Report through December 31, 2021
 - c) Cash Flow Report for December, 2021
 - d) Budget Status Report through December 31, 2021
 - e) Trial Balance Report through December 31, 2021
 - f) Executive Summary for December, 2021
 - g) Budget Transfer Report for December, 2021
 - h) School Lunch Fund Report through December 31, 2021
 - i) Extraclassroom Reports for JGHS & EMS through December 31, 2021
 - j) Claims Auditor Report for December, 2021
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that 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.

M. 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 2022-2023 Elwood Union Free School District Calendar, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

Mrs. Mammolito made a motion to amend the 2022-2023 Calendar by changing November 23, 2022 to a holiday preceding Thanksgiving. Mr. Scarola seconded this motion.

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

Amended resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the 2022-2023 Elwood Union Free School District Calendar, as amended by the Board at this meeting.

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

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Katherine Cleary, from her position as a Social Studies AIS tutor, effective February 8, 2022.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Patricia Vaccaro-Scisci for the purpose of retirement, from her position as a Special Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2022.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Shari Coopersmith for the purpose of retirement, from her position as a Special Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2022.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the October 14, 2021 appointment of Jolita Haigis, who possesses a School Psychologist Certificate, to a leave replacement regular substitute position for the duration of the leave of Employee #2866 as a School Psychologist, to

serve at the pleasure of the Board, from the previously appointed per diem rate of \$200 per day to a salary of \$63,814 (MA Step 1, prorated) retroactive to October 15, 2021.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Rosemarie Ortiz, as a provisional Administrative Assistant (12 month), in the competitive class of the civil service, effective February 28, 2022, at a salary of \$42,925 (Step 1, prorated), pending fingerprint clearance.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as advisors to the corresponding after-school clubs at Harley Avenue Primary School with compensation as listed:

Name of Advisor	Club	Effective	Rate
Christine Shay	Kindergarten Literature Club	February-June, 2022	\$1,106
Leslie Seilback	Grade 1 Literature Club	February-June, 2022	\$1,106
Domenica Piccoli	Grade 2 Literature Club	February-June, 2022	\$1,106
Stephanie Carsten	Grade 2 Homework Club	February-June, 2022	\$1,106

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitute Food Service Worker, Clerical Worker and Teaching Assistant, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board President and Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to sign and execute the Memorandum of Agreement dated January 27, 2022 between the District and the Elwood Teachers' Alliance, 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.
10. WHEREAS, The District and the Elwood Teachers' Alliance are parties to a collective bargaining agreement ("CBA") for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2025; and WHEREAS, the parties hereby agree that it is in the best interest of the District to create a position of Unified Basketball Coach and to amend Article XV, Paragraph B of the parties' collective bargaining agreement; and WHEREAS, the District and the Alliance have agreed on professional compensation as per the Memorandum of Agreement dated January 27, 2022; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board President and Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to sign and execute the Memorandum of Agreement dated January 27, 2022 between the District and the Elwood Teachers' Alliance, as presented to the Board at this meeting; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of said Memorandum of Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
11. 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 Christina Lizzo and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing marching band color guard instruction services to the District,

effective January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, and said Contract 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 President is hereby authorized to sign and execute a Consultant Service Contract with Jennifer Most and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing musical rehearsal accompanist services to the District, effective January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
13. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares the following item as presented, as surplus and obsolete as it is beyond repair or outdated and allow for its appropriate removal:
1-IBM Typewriter-Wheelwriter 1500: Serial #11WWR146
14. 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 1/11/22, 1/13/22 and 1/14/22, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 1/12/22 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.
15. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Nicholas C. Rigano, Esq. of the law firm of Rigano LLC to serve as pro bono special counsel for the Board of Education in connection with a matter discussed in executive session; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes Nicholas C. Rigano, Esq. of the law firm of Rigano LLC to commence any needed pro bono legal action necessary for the submission of an amicus curiae brief on behalf of the Board of Education in connection with the January 28, 2022 hearing in the case of Michael Demetriou, et. al. v. New York State Department of Health, et. al., Docket No. 2022-00532, Index No. 616124/2021, currently pending before the Supreme Court of the State of New York Appellate Division: Second Department, and to submit such amicus curiae brief subject to the final review and approval of the Board of Education, at no cost to the Elwood Union Free School District and/or the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute any necessary pleadings in connection with the above referenced legal action and submission of an amicus curiae brief on behalf of the Board of Education; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the pro bono retainer agreement with Nicholas C. Rigano, Esq. of the law firm of Rigano LLC and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute such retainer agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve Item M.15 as presented to the Board at this meeting.

Motion carried. Vote: 3-yes (Mammolito, Tomeo, Weiss), 2-no (Scarola, Siddiqui).

N. POLICY

1. Draft Policies Reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools and the Policy Committee and Submitted for a First Reading
1530 Smoking, Vaping and Other Tobacco Use on School Premises
5151 & 5151-R Homeless Children
6710 Purchasing Authority
6800 Payroll Procedures
6900 Disposal of District Property
8130 School Safety Plans and Teams
8635-E Parents' Bill of Rights for Student Data Privacy and Security
9140.1 & 9140.1-R Staff Complaints and Grievances

O. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

P. COMMUNICATIONS - None

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R. ADJOURNMENT – 10:12 p.m.

Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk