

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
August 10, 2022

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**A. CALL TO ORDER – 5:01 p.m**

The Board President called the meeting to order in the District Office Conference Room at 5:01 p.m.

Present:	James Tomeo	President
	Heather Mammolito	Vice President
	Thomas Scarola	Member

Absent:	Dr. Sara Siddiqui	Member
	Deborah Weiss	Member

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

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President**

**C. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The Board, and those in attendance, observed a moment of silence for the passing of Joseph V. Pace, Jr., a dedicated AIS Math teacher at James H. Boyd Intermediate School.

**D. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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**E. DISCUSSION ITEMS – None**

**F. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items G.1-G.22), as presented to the Board at this meeting.  
Motion carried. Vote: 3-yes, 0-no.

**G. ACTION ITEMS (Personnel, Business, Special Education)**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Joseph Pace, Jr. for the purpose of retirement, from his position as an Elementary Education teacher, effective July 14, 2022.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Deborah Karle for the purpose of retirement, from her position as a Senior Office Assistant, effective August 12, 2022.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Jean Paragallo, from her position as a part-time Paraprofessional, effective August 3, 2022.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Deborah Viggiano, from her position as a part-time Paraprofessional, effective July 27, 2022.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Loren Levine, from her position as Teaching Assistant, effective August 31, 2022, contingent on her subsequent appointment as an Elementary Education teacher.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Loren Levine, possessing Early Childhood Pre-K, K, Childhood Education 1-6, and Students with Disabilities 1-6 Certificates, to a three-year probationary term as an Elementary Education Teacher, in the Elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025 at a salary of \$64,452 (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.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Alex Itzler, who possesses Early Childhood B-2 and Childhood Education 1-6 Certificates, to a 0.6 FTE part-time ENL teaching position, at an annual salary of \$38,671.20, (0.6 of MA Step 1- \$64,452), to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby appoints Alex Itzler as a 0.4 FTE Permanent Substitute, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective September 1, 2022 through June 9, 2023, with compensation of \$48 per day worked.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Renee Lembo as an Office Assistant (12 month) in the competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twenty-six week probationary period, effective August 11, 2022, at a salary of \$35,034 (Step 1, pro-rated as per the terms of the collective bargaining agreement).
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Francis Bedoya as a full-time Paraprofessional (6.5 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, commencing September 1, 2022, at a salary of \$21,044.40 (Step 5) for the 2022-2023 school year.

10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Shannon McCormack as a full-time Paraprofessional (6.5 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, commencing September 1, 2022, to serve the balance of her probationary period through February 28, 2023, at a salary of \$19,982.30 (Step 2) for the 2022-2023 school year.

11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the following previously approved coaching appointments, for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting:

Sport	Building	Previously Appointed Coach	Previous Appointment Date	New Appointment	Stipend
Varsity Golf	JGHS	Joseph Pace	July 7, 2022	Charles Rogener	\$6,084
JV Girls' Soccer	JGHS	TBD	July 7, 2022	Jennifer Mansi (pending issuance of temporary coaching license)	\$5,276

12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints John Laiosa to the position of Weight Room Supervisor for the 2022-2023 school year, with compensation of \$25 per hour.

13. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Liam Thompson, to a leave replacement substitute position, as a Social Studies Teacher, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective September 1, 2022 through November 28, 2022, at a per diem rate of \$120.00 per day worked.

14. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as Permanent Substitutes, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective September 1, 2022 through June 9, 2023, at a rate of \$120.00 per day worked:

- Maggie Prunty
- John Loaisa
- Katherine McFadden
- Kathleen Maguire
- Jaclyn Tommer
- Vincent Wilson

15. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Emily Donigian who possesses a Childhood Education 1-6 Certificate, to a leave replacement regular substitute position for the duration of the leave of Employee # 823, as an Elementary Teacher, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective September 1, 2022, with compensation at \$120 per day worked; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Emily Donigian as a Permanent Substitute, to serve at the pleasure of the Board at the conclusion of her service as a leave replacement regular substitute, through June 9, 2023 with compensation of \$120 per day worked.

16. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Patricia Umland as a clerical substitute, for the 2022-2023 school year, with compensation of \$18.22 per hour.
17. WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Civil Service has carefully reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the Principal Office Assistant position in the Human Resources Office; and,  
 WHEREAS, as a result of this review, the Suffolk County Department of Civil Service has determined that this particular position must be reclassified to the title of Administrative Assistant; and,  
 WHEREAS, Aimee Gusew currently holds the position of Principal Office Assistant in the Human Resources Office; and,  
 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby changes Aimee Gusew's title from Principal Office Assistant to Administrative Assistant, effective August 1, 2022, to serve a twelve week probationary period; and,  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a result of said title change, Aimee Gusew's salary for the 2022-2023 school year will be amended to \$73,467 for the 2022-2023 school year.

18. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves 2022 summer hours for the following Teachers, for the purpose of reviewing and revising/finalizing 2022-2023 IEP's, participating in CSE meetings, conducting educational/psychological testing, with compensation at their 2022-2023 hourly/daily rate:

Name	Summer Hours
Shanna LaBarbera	up to 5 hours
Vita Kahler	up to 5 hours
Jessica Jantzen	up to 10 additional hours
Moira Citko	up to 15 additional hours

19. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the May 10, 2022 appointment of Melanie Hornstein to a part-time ENL teaching position.
20. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the transfer of funds not to exceed \$400,000 from the EBALR reserve to the General Fund for the purpose of funding costs associated with 2021-2022 retirements.
21. 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 Patricia Cotter and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing various vision services to the District, effective July 13, 2022 through August 30, 2022, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
22. 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 Kerri Giambruno and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing various Marching Band services to the District, effective August 15, 2022 through August 19, 2022, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

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

**I. COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**J. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:17 p.m.**

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of confidential discussions related to the employment history of a certificated employee at 5:17 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 3-yes, 0-no.

**L. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 5:31 p.m.**

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to reconvene into Open Session at 5:31 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 3-yes, 0-no.

**M. ADJOURNMENT – 5:31 p.m.**

Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 3-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx  
District Clerk