

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:05 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 pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law at 6:05 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, Lorraine Dunkel and Dr. Sonia Hood.

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 – 7:37 p.m.

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to reconvene in to Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Library at 7:37 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. Sonia Hood	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 A PREVIOUS MEETING

1. February 9, 2023 Regular Business Meeting & March 2, 2023 Work Session
Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023 Regular Business Meeting and March 2, 2023 Work Session, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
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:

Girl Scout Silver Award Recipients:

- Gabriela Solis
- Kali Marketos
- Madison Vega
- Ellie Schwartz
- Riley Perinchief

Community Service Commendation:

- Sasha Amico

John H. Glenn Unified Basketball Team:

- Charles Rogener, Coach
- Joseph Mammolito, student mentor
- Paul Febbraro, student mentor
- Francis Charles
- Andrew French
- Devin French
- Francesco Musi
- Chase Abrams
- Liul Bitew
- Joseph Pontieri
- Ibraheem Riaz
- Hunter Schlenker
- Harrison Schlenker
- Stanley Yeung
- Jah'mier Hodge
- Dave Singh

G. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT – James Rourke, Student Liaison to the Board

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

- BOE Committee Report – Legislative Committee
- District-Wide Security Audit

I. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS

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J. DISCUSSION ITEM – None

K. PRESENTATIONS

1. John Glenn High School Academic Updates 2022-2023 – Dr. Sonia Hood, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Mr. Corey McNamara, JGHS Principal, Ms. Trish Sihksnel, JGHS Assistant Principal
2. 2023-2024 Budget Update – Ms. Lorraine Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business

L. ACCEPT DONATIONS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following donations, with gratitude:
 - 1) One hundred forty-four (144) books from the Elwood Middle School PTA's Scholastic book account for the Elwood Middle School Library, with an estimated value of \$1,210.70, which will be used for the school's summer reading initiative.
 - 2) \$250 from the Elwood Middle School PTA, to support the 2023 STEAM Event.

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a 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

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items N.1-N.2, O.1-O.23, P.1-P.8, Q.1-Q.5), 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 January, 2023 & February, 2023
 - b) Revenue Status Report through February, 2023
 - c) Cash Flow Report for January, 2023 & February, 2023
 - d) Budget Status Report through February, 2023
 - e) Trial Balance Report through February, 2023
 - f) Executive Summary for January, 2023 & February, 2023
 - g) Budget Transfer Report for January, 2023 & February, 2023
 - h) School Lunch Fund Reports for January, 2023 & February, 2023
 - i) Claims Auditor Reports for January, 2023 & February, 2023
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.

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 accepts the resignation of Laureen Kennedy for the purpose of retirement, from her position as a Social Studies teacher, effective June 30, 2023.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Jenna Waters, from her position as Teaching Assistant, effective March 10, 2023.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Melissa Ojeda, from her position as Paraprofessional, effective March 14, 2023.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Harrison Scheier, from his position as a School Social Worker, effective June 30, 2023.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Riccardo Nardelli, from his position as a Physical Education teacher, effective June 30, 2023.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Sarah Schapira, from her position as Art teacher, effective June 30, 2023.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Ma Concepcion Tacbianan, from her position as Food Service Worker, effective March 3, 2023.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Megan Marinelli, from her position as Assistant Coach for Varsity Girls' Lacrosse, effective February 7, 2023.
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Genie Worthman, from her position as Assistant Cook, effective March 16, 2023.

10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following mentor for the 2022-2023 school year, effective February 13, 2023:

Mentor	Period	Compensation
Vita Kahler	1 Semester	\$500

11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Kristine Frisone, who holds a Teaching Assistant Level III Certificate, to a four-year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant, commencing on March 17, 2023 and terminating on March 16, 2027 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$25,927 (Step 2, pro-rated).
12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Sarah Daly, who holds a Childhood Education 1-6 Certificate, to a four-year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant, commencing on April 10, 2023 and terminating on April 9, 2027 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$25,337 (Step 1, pro-rated).
13. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Kimberly Baldi as an Office Assistant (11 month) in the competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twenty-six week probationary period, effective April 10, 2023, at a salary of \$32,239 (Step 1, pro-rated).

14. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Ashley Stursberg as a part-time Paraprofessional (5 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing March 17, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$15.61 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year.
15. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Mary Zabransky as a Permanent Substitute Teacher, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at a rate of \$120.00 per day worked, effective March 17, 2023 through June 9, 2023.
16. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as after-school assistants for the Elwood Booster Club Maker Space Club at James H. Boyd Intermediate School with compensation of \$20 per hour:
1-Denise Pendola for three sessions (3/20/23, 4/10/23, 4/17/23)
2-Antoinette Russo for one session (3/27/23)
17. 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 #823, effective September 1, 2023 through January 5, 2024, as requested.
18. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Anna Carpentieri, as a Permanent Substitute, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective April 17, 2023 with compensation of \$120 per day worked; and,
BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Anna Carpentieri to a leave replacement substitute position as a School Psychologist, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, for the duration of the leave of Employee #2866, at a per diem rate of \$120 per day worked.
19. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the additional provider, as listed, to provide Intensive Behavioral Intervention Services for the 2022-2023 school year, as mandated by the Committee on Special Education (CSE), with compensation of \$66 per hour:
Mary Trimble
20. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following additional coaches/volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year, at stipends pursuant to the ETA Agreement:
Jonathan Guercio as the Unified Bowling Coach - \$3,766
Krista Bienkowski as the EMS Girls' Lacrosse Coach (Spring) - \$4,860
Matthew Carrino as the Varsity Girls' Lacrosse Assistant Coach (Spring) - \$5,762
Matthew Czczotka to volunteer for the Girls' Varsity Softball Team
21. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the February 9, 2023 appointment of after-school Literature Club Advisors for James H. Boyd Intermediate School from compensation of \$807.08 to \$1,117.50 for the following advisors as presented:

Name of Advisor	Number of Sessions	Dates
Elizabeth Held	13 Sessions	November, 2022 - June, 2023
Devon Dickens	13 Sessions	February, 2023 - June, 2023
Julian Gordon	13 Sessions	November, 2022 - March, 2023

Meagan Faraone	13 Sessions	March, 2023 - June, 2023
Marsha McLeod	13 Sessions	March, 2023 - June, 2023
Amy Chiarello	13 Sessions	December, 2022 - March, 2023

22. 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 2022-2023 school year, with compensation of \$66 per hour:

Curriculum Writing Project	Total Hours per Teacher	Number of Participants	Teacher Participants
Computer Science & Digital Literacy Curriculum Writing for Library Media Instruction	12 Hours	5	Krista Albrecht Donna Fife Kristin Tiernan Alice Wolcott Kristi Umina

23. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitutes, for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

P. ACTION ITEMS - BUSINESS

1. 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 Christopher Gotzen-Berg and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing musician services to the District, effective March 2, 2023 through March 26, 2023, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
2. 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 Sidney Cherry and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing musician services to the District, effective March 2, 2023 through March 26, 2023, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
3. 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 United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk, Inc., to provide instruction to children with disabilities, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
4. 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 Harborfields 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 Harborfields Central School District, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 inclusive, and said contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that pursuant to Section 912 of the Education Law, the Board of Education President and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute an agreement

between the Elwood Union Free School District and the Jericho Union Free School District for health and welfare services for resident students of the Elwood Union Free School District attending non-public schools in the Jericho Union Free School District, in the amount of \$1,310.21 per eligible child for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 inclusive, and said agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that pursuant to Section 912 of the Education Law, the Board of Education President and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the Elwood Union Free School District and the Uniondale Union Free School District for health and welfare services for resident students of the Elwood Union Free School District attending non-public schools in the Uniondale Union Free School District, in the amount of \$968.39 per eligible child for the period September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 inclusive, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that pursuant to Section 912 of the Education Law, the Board of Education President and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the Elwood Union Free School District and the Smithtown Central School District for health and welfare services for resident students of the Elwood Union Free School District attending non-public schools in the Smithtown Central School District, in the amount of \$1,248.44 per eligible child for the period September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 inclusive, and said agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and pursuant to Section 912 of the Education Law, the Board of Education President and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the Elwood Union Free School District and the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District for health and welfare services for resident students of the Elwood Union Free School District attending non-public schools in the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District, in the amount of \$1,270.74 per eligible child for the period September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and said agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Q. ACTION ITEMS – OTHER

1. BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby endorses the nomination of Jeannette Santos and Peter Wunsch as candidates for reelection to the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion to adopt the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District desires to embark upon the following capital improvements at the District's facilities: (a) purchase of District wide security vehicle; (b) replacement of intercom systems at Harley Avenue Elementary School and James H. Boyd Intermediate School; and (c) District wide security enhancements (hereinafter the "Projects"); and
WHEREAS, said capital improvements are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(1)); and

WHEREAS, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or a facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2)); and

WHEREAS, routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(10));

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects and has determined that the Projects are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1), (2) and (10) of the SEQR Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Projects are Type II Actions, which require no further review under SEQR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed project from the New York State Education Department.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education shall present to the qualified voters of the Elwood Union Free School District at the annual meeting to be held on May 16, 2023, the following proposition in substantially the following form:
Proposition:
SHALL the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District be authorized to expend up to \$500,000 from the capital reserve fund established on May 15, 2018 for the purpose of performing the following projects: (a) purchase of District wide security vehicle; (b) replacement of intercom systems at Harley Avenue Elementary School and James H. Boyd Intermediate School; and (c) District wide security enhancements; all of the foregoing to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental costs related thereto.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Legal Notice of the Annual School District Election, Budget Vote and Budget Hearing and establishes the following dates for said Elwood Union Free School District's Annual School District Election and Budget Vote:
BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Time: 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Place: Elwood Middle School Cafeteria

PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES:

1) March 30 for Long Islander, March 31 for LIBN

2) April 13 for Long Islander, April 14 for LIBN

3) April 27 for Long Islander, April 28 for LIBN

4) May 11 for Long Islander, May 12 for LIBN

BUDGET HEARING

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Elwood Middle School

5. 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 11/30/22, 1/5/23, 1/9/23, 1/20/23, 2/1/23, 2/3/23, 2/9/23, 2/10/23 and 2/13/23 and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 2/10/23, 2/14/23, 2/16/23, 2/17/23, 2/18/23, 3/1/23, 3/3/23, 3/6/23 and 3/8/23, 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.

R. POLICIES

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board Policy Sub-committee, the Board of Education hereby approves the second reading and adoption of the following policies, as presented to the Board at this meeting:
0100 & 0100-R Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity
1400 Public Complaints
1405 Complaints About Certain Federally-Funded Programs
2160 School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics
2330 Executive Sessions
5420 & 5420-R Student Health Services
6680 Internal Audit

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

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

S. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

T. COMMUNICATIONS - None

U. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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Mr. Tomeo, Board President, shared with the Board that the second 30 minute time period set aside for public comment had been exhausted. He asked the Board if they were willing to extend the second Residents' Remarks, as there were residents, in line waiting to speak.

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to extend the second Residents' Remarks portion of the meeting, at 10:09 p.m., as per Board Policy 1230.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

V. ADJOURNMENT – 10:31 p.m.

Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk