

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:34 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui 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 (the Taylor Law) at 6:34 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, Kelly Fallon, Lorraine Dunkel, Dr. Sonia Hood and Eileen Kelly-Gorman.

2. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:38 p.m.

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene in to Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Library at 7:38 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:	Kelly Fallon	Interim Superintendent of Schools
	Lorraine Dunkel	Assistant Superintendent/Business
	Dr. Sonia Hood	Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
	Eileen Kelly-Gorman	Assistant Superintendent/Special Education
	Mary Lou Marx	District Clerk

Absent: None

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

E. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Board, and those in attendance, observed a moment of silence for the victims of the recent violence in the Middle East.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING

1. September 14, 2023 Regular Business Meeting
Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2023 Regular Business Meeting, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

G. COMMENDATION

School Board Recognition Week 2023

H. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT - Anthony Bell, Student Liaison to the Board

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Ms. Kelly Fallon

J. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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K. PRESENTATIONS

1. BBS Architects – Bond Update
2. Audit Report – Ms. Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business

L. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following donation, with gratitude:
 1. Donation of fall plantings and seasonal displays for each of our schools, from Seasonal 'Scapes with an estimated value of \$500.

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

Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no, 1-abstention (Tomeo).

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following donation, with gratitude:
 1. Donation of \$2,000 from Elwood SEPTA for the purpose of supporting the Unified Sports-Best Buddies Program.

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola 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

1. Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items N.1, O.1-O.22, P.1-P.11, Q.1-Q.3), 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 Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt for audit of the following reports:
 - a) Treasurer's Report for June, 2023
 - b) Revenue Status Report through June 30, 2023
 - c) Cash Flow Report for June, 2023
 - d) Budget Status Report through June 30, 2023
 - e) Trial Balance Report through June 30, 2023
 - f) Executive Summary for June, 2023
 - g) JGHS and EMS Extraclassroom Reports through June 30, 2023
 - h) Budget Transfer Report for June, 2023
 - i) School Lunch Fund Report through June 30, 2023
 - j) Claims Auditor Report for August, 2023

O. ACTION ITEMS -PERSONNEL

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of John Piersa, from his position as a Maintenance Mechanic, effective October 20, 2023.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Cassandra Teevan, who possesses English Language Arts 5-6 & 7-12 Certificates, to a 0.2 FTE part-time English position, at a salary of \$13,488 prorated (0.2 of MA Step 2), to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective September 12, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby appoints Cassandra Teevan as a 0.8 FTE Permanent Substitute, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective September 12, 2023 through June 7, 2024, with compensation of \$96 per day worked..
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the resolution it acted upon at its November 12, 2020 meeting, by amending Alex Pangourelas' probationary term in the Teaching Assistant tenure area from November 13, 2020, and terminating on November 12, 2024, to November 13, 2020, and terminating on January 29, 2025 due to an approved and unpaid leave of absence to complete student teaching.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following mentors for the 2023-2024 school year:

Mentor	Period	Compensation
Danielle Whitcomb	2 Semesters	\$1,000
Laurie Oriolo	2 Semesters	\$1,000
Moira Citko	2 Semesters	\$1,000

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Christina Vossen-White, who holds a Teaching Assistant Level III Certificate, to a four-year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant, commencing on October 17, 2023 and terminating on October 16, 2027 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$25,718, prorated (Step 1).

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Melissa Cameron, who holds a Teaching Assistant Level II Certificate, to a four-year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant, commencing on October 18, 2023 and terminating on October 17, 2027 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$25,718, prorated (Step 1).
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Constance Testagrose as a full-time Paraprofessional (from 5.75 hours/day to 6.5 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, effective October 16, 2023, with compensation of \$23,650.25, prorated (Step 14), for the 2023-2024 school year..
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Medeline Palencia Cordero as a part-time Paraprofessional (4.5 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing October 13, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$15.92 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year.
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints John Patch as an Assistant Cook (10 month), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twelve month probationary period, effective October 16, 2023, pending fingerprint clearance, at a salary of \$24,151, prorated.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following overage for the 2023-2024 school year, effective September 6, 2023:

Name	School	Additional	Total
Carla Weiss	Harley	0.1 Health	1.1 FTE

11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board of Education President to sign and execute the revised amendment to the Salary and Benefits Agreement for Rosalia Seiter for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as advisors to the corresponding after-school clubs at Harley Avenue Primary School and James H. Boyd Intermediate School, for the 2023-2024 school year, with compensation as listed with funding provided by the ARP Federal Grant:

Name of Advisor	Club	Number of Sessions	Dates	Rate
Christine Shay	Kindergarten Literature Club	30	October 2023 - June 2024	\$2,263
Leslie Seilback	Grade 1 Literature Club	30	October 2023 - June 2024	\$2,263
Bari Shapiro	Grade 2 Literature Club	30	October 2023 - June 2024	\$2,263
Devon Dickens	Grade 3 Literature Club	30	October 2023 - June 2024	\$2,263
Meagan Dolan	Grade 4 Literature Club	15	October 2023 - February 2024	\$1,131.50
Deborah Hemphill	Grade 4 Literature Club	15	February 2024 - June 2024	\$1,131.50

Amy Chiarello	Grade 5 Literature Club	30	October 2023 - June 2024	\$2,263
Domenica Piccoli	Grade 2 Homework Club	30	October 2023 - June 2024	\$2,263
Loren Levine	Grade 3 Homework Club	30	October 2023 - June 2024	\$2,263
Beth Theodorellis	Grade 4 Homework Club	30	October 2023 - June 2024	\$2,263
Margueritte Carvana	Grade 5 Homework Club	30	October 2023 - June 2024	\$2,263

13. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as advisors to the corresponding weekly after-school club at James H. Boyd Intermediate School, for the 2023-2024 school year, with compensation as listed:

Name of Advisors	Club	Number of Sessions	Dates	Rate
William Cordts	Blooming Buddies Program	15	October 2023 - February 2024	\$1,131.50
Tara Viola	Blooming Buddies Program	15	February 2024 - June 2024	\$1,131.50

14. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following Elwood-John H. Glenn High School Advisors to the corresponding clubs/activities for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
15. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following Elwood Middle School Advisors to the corresponding clubs/activities for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
16. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jesse Marroquin as the club advisor for Boyd Student Council for the 2023-2024 school year, with compensation of \$2,077.
17. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby appoints the following coaches and Equipment Managers for the winter season of the 2023-2024 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
18. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as a volunteer coaches, for the 2023-2024 school year:
 Randall Exantus: Volunteer JV and Varsity Football Coach (pending CPR, First Aid and receipt of Temporary Coaching License)
 Liam Thompson: Volunteer Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach
 Alyssa Adomaites: Volunteer Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach (pending receipt of Temporary Coaching License)
19. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Ron Carritue as the Asbestos Designee (AHERA) and Integrated Pest Management Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year, at no additional salary, effective October 1, 2023.

20. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Ron Carritue, Director of Facilities, to the District Safety Team for the 2023-2024 school year, at no additional salary, effective October 1, 2023.
21. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes Ron Carritue, Director of Facilities, as an approved user of the following District Credit Card in accordance with Board Policy 8334, for the 2023-2024 school year, effective October 1, 2023.
Home Depot Credit Card
22. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitutes, for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

P. ACTION ITEMS - BUSINESS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools and based on the recommendations of the Audit Committee, the Board of Education hereby accepts the internal auditor's report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 as performed and prepared by RS Abrams & Co., LLP, Certified Public Accountants, and presented to the Board at this meeting.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim 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, 2023.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim 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, 2023 as performed and prepared by Nawrocki Smith, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, for submission to the New York State Education Department. said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute a Consultant Service Contract with The Reading League and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing Professional Development services to the District, effective October 13, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute a Consultant Service Contract with Scott Simpson and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing IBI services to the District, effective July, 2023 through June, 2024, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute a

Consultant Service Contract with Michael Cunningham and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing professional development services to the District, effective July, 2023 through June, 2024, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute a Consultant Service Contract with Branching Minds and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing professional development services to the District, effective October 15, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute an Agreement with Elwood Care and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing pre-kindergarten program services to the District, effective September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute an Agreement with Kiddie Care Early Learning Center and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing pre-kindergarten program services to the District, effective September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board of Education President to sign and execute an Agreement with Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc., to provide related services to students with handicapping conditions, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
11. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, a motion to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties, New York to bid jointly on selected Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies for the 2023-2024 school year.
WHEREAS, Elwood Union Free School District, is desirous of participating with other districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 and,
WHEREAS, Elwood Union Free School District, wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specification, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, reporting the results to the boards of education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District, hereby appoints Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association Long Island Cooperative to represent it in all matters related above, and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Elwood Union Free School District's Board of Education authorized the above-mentioned cooperative to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above-mentioned

commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Elwood Union Free School District's Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Elwood Union Free School District's Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s), it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

Q. ACTION ITEMS – OTHER

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares the following items as surplus and obsolete as they are beyond repair, duplicate copies or outdated and allow for their appropriate removal:
1-Library Books (EMS), as presented
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as additional Members to serve on the Committee for Preschool Special Education for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting:
Catherine Terranova - Chairperson/Psychologist
Gloria Vetter - Teacher
Francesca Layne – Teacher
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Committee and Subcommittee on Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 8/29/23, 9/14/23, 9/19/23 and 9/20/23 and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 9/12/23, 9/25/23 and 10/10/23 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. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

S. COMMUNICATIONS - None

T. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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U. RECONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:42 p.m.

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene into Executive Session for confidential discussions regarding legal matters at 8:42 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

V. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 9:12 p.m.

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene into Open Session at 9:12 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

W. ADJOURNMENT – 9:13 p.m.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk