

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2024

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:15 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mrs. Mammolito 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 6:15 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. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:45 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 7:45 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING

1. January 10, 2024 Special Meeting, January 11, 2024 Regular Business Meeting, January 17, 2024 Special Meeting, January 24, 2024 Special Meeting and January 31, 2024 Special Meeting
Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2024, January 11, 2024, January 17, 2024, January 24, 2024 and January 31, 2024 meetings, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

F. COMMENDATIONS

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:

Polar Plunge participants on December 10, 2023:

Administrators	Eileen Kelly-Gorman	Trish Sihksnel	
Teachers	Diane Locascio	Jessica Kennedy	Deidra O'Brien
JGHS Students	Anthony Bell	Peter Bell	Colin Bible
	Aidan Hanratty	Mary Fratarcangeli	Logan Demianczyk
	Madelyn Katzman	Haley Katzman	Ava Hopkins
	Madeline Hechler	Nidhi Kamatkar	Erin Kenny
	Lauren LaMena	Megan LaMena	Morgan Levy
	Aidan Lohan	Brianna Lauro	Brianna Navon
	Meghan McGowan	Caroline Mullman	Ella Mule
	Grace Oliveri	Jack Smith	Audrey Paterniani
	Grace Paterniani	Kennedy Piacentini	Isobel Rees
	Sierra Roizman	Benjamin Ross	Angie Ruiz
	Maria Ruiz	Charlotte Spoto	Andrew Tartaglia
	Caroline Weiss	Vanessa Weissberg	Rosalee Zino

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Ms. Kelly Fallon

H. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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I. PRESENTATION

1. Budget Workshop #3 – Lorraine Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business

J. 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 donations from the Elwood Booster Club, with gratitude:
 - 1) \$2,640 to support the following after-school clubs for the 2024 winter season:
 - Boyd Maker Space Club (5 weeks-1 session—\$400)
 - Boyd Dance Club (6 weeks-1 session-\$480)
 - Harley Maker Space Club (5 weeks-2 sessions- \$800)
 - Harley Art Club (6 weeks-2 sessions- \$960)
 - 2) (1) Hack Pitching Machine with a value of \$3,077
 - 3) (1) Batting Cage with a value of \$2,989

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

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

K. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

1. Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items L.1-L.2, M.1-M.13, N.1-N.6, O.1-O.3), 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 Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt for audit of the following reports:

a) Treasurer's Report for December, 2023

b) Revenue Status Report through December 31, 2023

c) Cash Flow Report for December, 2023

d) Budget Status Report through December 31, 2023

e) Trial Balance Report through December 31, 2023

f) Executive Summary for December 31, 2023

g) Budget Transfer Report for December, 2023

h) ExtraClassroom Activity Fund Reports for JGHS & EMS through December, 2023

i) School Lunch Fund Report for December, 2023

j) Claims Auditor Report for December, 2023

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the budget transfer as presented to the Board at this meeting.

M. 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 Olivia Werner, from her position as a permanent substitute teacher, effective February 2, 2024.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Lois Brezovsky-Vulpis as an Account Clerk, in the competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twenty-six week probationary term commencing February 26, 2024, with compensation of \$44,245 (Step 1) prorated, for the 2023-2024 school year.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following Permanent Substitute Teachers, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at a rate of \$150.00 per day worked, effective February 9, 2024 through June 7, 2024:

Michael Hunsucker

Matthew Cerrato

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Josh Fenner as a part-time Paraprofessional (4 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to

serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing February 9, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$16.00 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Hatifa Tokhi as a part-time Paraprofessional (3 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing February 9, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$16.00 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Brian Cullen as a part-time 0.5 FTE Custodial Worker I, in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twelve-month probationary term commencing February 9, 2024, at a rate of \$25,730 (Step 1, pro-rated), for the 2023-2024 school year.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the additional providers, as listed, to provide Intensive Behavioral Intervention Services for the 2023-2024 school year, as mandated by the Committee on Special Education (CSE), with compensation of \$66 per hour:
Michael DelNegro
Laura Boehm

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following overages for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name	School	Additional	Total	Effective Date
Allison Peiliker	JGHS	0.2 English	1.2 FTE	January 16, 2024
Susan Campo	JGHS	0.04 Special Education	1.04 FTE	January 29, 2024

9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves after-school hours for the following teachers, to modify and streamline our three-level tiered system of supports as part of a comprehensive MTSS project, effective February 15, 2024 through April 30, 2024, with compensation at \$66 per hour, not to exceed ten (10) hours per teacher:
Sima Lis
Alice Wolcott
10. 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 August 27, 2020 meeting, by amending Dana Dorrian's probationary term in the Family and Consumer Sciences tenure area from September 1, 2020, and terminating on August 31, 2024, to September 1, 2020, and terminating on September 29, 2024 due to an approved and unpaid leave of absence.
11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as a volunteer coach, for the 2023-2024 school year:
Thomas Aiello: Volunteer Girls' Varsity Wrestling Coach (pending First Aid certification)

12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following coaches and equipment supervisors, at the corresponding stipends as per the ETA Agreement, for the spring season of the 2023-2024 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
13. 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.

N. ACTION ITEMS - BUSINESS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim 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 West Islip 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 West Islip Union Free School District, in the amount of \$1,145.69 per eligible child for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 inclusive, and said agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
2. 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 the Martin De Porres School, to provide for the instruction of handicapped children, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
3. 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 Laura Boehm and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing after school IBI services to students with disabilities to the District, for the 2023-2024 school year, and 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 an Agreement with CEO Business Solutions and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing consulting services to the District, effective February 9, 2024 through June 30, 2024, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Elwood Union Free School District solicited proposals for universal pre-kindergarten services for four-year-old students residing in the Elwood Union Free School District pursuant to a request for proposals ("RFP");
WHEREAS, on or about January 26, 2024, the School District received three sealed proposals in response to the RFP;
WHEREAS, said proposals were reviewed and evaluated by the School District in accordance with the RFP;

WHEREAS, upon said review, the Administration recommends that the following eligible agencies/community-based organizations be awarded contracts for the provision of universal pre-kindergarten services as the proposals best meeting the criteria in the RFP:

- Elwood Care
- Kiddie Care
- Suffolk Y JCC

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby awards the contracts for the 2024-2025 universal pre-kindergarten services to Elwood Care, Kiddie Care, and Suffolk Y JCC at a cost of \$5,400.00 per student; and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares the following item as surplus and obsolete as it is beyond repair or outdated and allow for its appropriate removal:
(1) EMS Air Compressor

O. ACTION ITEMS – OTHER

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the amended 2024-2025 School Budget Development & Annual Meeting Calendar, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the 2024-2025 Elwood Union Free School District Calendar, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
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 12/6/23, 12/11/23, 12/13/24, 12/14/24, 12/15/24, 12/18/24, 12/19/24, 12/20/24, 12/22/24, 1/4/24, 1/8/24, 1/10/24, 1/16/24, 1/17/24, 1/18/24, 1/19/24, 1/22/24, 1/24/24, 1/30/24 and 2/5/24, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 11/28/23, 12/21/23, 1/4/24, 1/8/24, 1/18/24, 1/22/24, 1/25/24 and 1/29/24 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. POLICY

1. Draft Policies Reviewed by the Interim Superintendent of Schools and the Policy Committee and Submitted for a First Reading:
 - 4321.12, 4321.12-R, 4321.12-E Timeout and Physical Restraint (All students)
 - 4327 Homebound Instruction
2. WHEREAS, it is the customary practice of the Board of Education to have two readings of a policy prior to its adoption; and
WHEREAS, the Board wishes to adopt one policy recommended by the Policy Committee, to wit, Workplace Violence Prevention, on an expedited basis so that said policy will be effective immediately;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby waives the Board's customary practice of two readings prior the adoption of a policy, and adopts the following policy as presented to the Board at this meeting, which will be incorporated by reference in the minutes of this meeting:

8130.2 and 8130.2-E Workplace Violence Prevention

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to adopt Item P.2, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

Q. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

R. COMMUNICATIONS - None

S. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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T. ADJOURNMENT – 8:56 p.m.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk