

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING &
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 29, 2024

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Edwards seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of confidential discussions regarding the employment history of particular persons at 6:04 p.m.

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

Present at Executive Session were: James Tomeo, Deborah Weiss, Walter Edwards, Thomas Scarola, Dr. Sara Siddiqui, Dr. Gayle Steele, Dr. Sonia Hood, Lorraine Dunkel and Eileen Kelly Gorman. Christopher Powers, Esq., Ingerman Smith LLP, district counsel joined the Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

2. Mr. Edwards moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

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

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

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui 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
Deborah Weiss	Vice President
Walter Edwards	Member
Thomas Scarola	Member
Dr. Sara Siddiqui	Member

Absent: None

Staff: Dr. Gayle Steele	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 FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE – Board President

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Board and those in attendance, observed a moment of silence for the passing of Vincent Corapi, a beloved security guard at Harley Avenue Primary School.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. July 11, 2024 Reorganizational and Regular Business Meeting
Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Edwards seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Reorganizational and Regular Business Meeting of July 11, 2024.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Mr. Scarola moved and Mr. Edwards seconded a motion to open the Budget Hearing at 7:40 p.m. in the Elwood Middle School Library.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.
2. Residents Remarks Regarding the 2024-2025 School Safety Plan
The Board encourages all residents to attend its meetings, and this section of the agenda affords them the opportunity to speak. Persons wishing to speak should identify themselves, state whether they are a resident of the Elwood School District and any organization they represent at the meeting. Comments related to district business or any agenda item should be kept as brief as possible and may not exceed three minutes (Board Policy 1230). Questions or comments concerning matters which are not on the agenda will be taken under consideration and may be discontinued by the President. Public discussion of matters relating to staff, students, or others at which their reputations, privacy or right to due process could be in some way be violated, is prohibited.
3. Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m. in the Elwood Middle School Library.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

G. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Gayle Steele

H. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS REGARDING THE AGENDA

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I. DISCUSSION ITEM - None

J. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATION

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts a \$1,525 donation from the Elwood Booster Club, with gratitude, for the purpose of purchasing a laminator for Harley Avenue Primary School.

Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approved Item J.1, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

K. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items L.1, M.1-M.43, N.1-N.15, 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 Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt for audit of the following reports:
 - a) Claims Auditor Summary for 2023-2024
 - b) Claims Auditor Report for July, 2024

M. ACTION ITEMS PERSONNEL

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Jaclyn Tommer, from her position as a Teacher Assistant, effective September 2, 2024.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Zareen Kazmi, from her position as a Food Service Worker, effective August 11, 2024.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Katherine McFadden, from her position as a Teaching Assistant, effective August 31, 2024.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Sean Collins, from his position as a Teaching Assistant, effective August 31, 2024; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board also accepts his resignation from the following coaching positions for the 2024-2025 school year: Elwood Middle School Football, JV Girls' Basketball and Varsity Boys' Lacrosse.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the July 11, 2024 appointment of Angela McDermott as a Library Media Specialist.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Caylie Gaccione, possessing Early Childhood Education B-2, Childhood Education 1-6 and Students with Disabilities 1-6 Certificates, to a four-year probationary term as an Instructional Technology and Enrichment Specialist, in the Elementary tenure area, effective September 3, 2024 through September 2, 2028 at a salary of \$66,237 (MA Step 1).
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Alexandria Simone, possessing a School Psychologist Certificate, to a four-year probationary term as a School Psychologist, in the School Psychologist tenure area, effective September 3, 2024 through September 2, 2028 at a salary of \$73,017 (MA+30 Step 1).

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Alex Itzler possessing Childhood Education B-2, Childhood Education 1-6 and English to Speakers of Other Languages Certificates, to a four-year probationary term as an ENL teacher, in the ESL tenure area, effective September 3, 2024 through September 2, 2028 at a salary of \$70,703 (MA Step 3).
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Kevin Teixeira possessing Supplementary English to Speakers of Other Languages and Social Studies 7-12 and 5-6 Extension Certificates, to a four-year probationary term as an ENL teacher, in the ESL tenure area, effective September 3, 2024 through September 2, 2028 at a salary of \$55,332 (BA Step 1).
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Tania Berner as an Office Assistant (12 month) in the competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twenty-six week probationary period, effective September 3, 2024, at a salary of \$40,734 (Step 1, pro-rated) for the 2024-2025 school year.
11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Emily McClernon, who holds Students with Disabilities B-2 & 1-6, Literacy B-6, Early Childhood Education B-2 and Childhood Education 1-6 Certificates, to a four-year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant, commencing on September 3, 2024 and terminating on September 2, 2028 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$26,232, (Step 1).
12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Natalie Zirkel, who holds Students with Disabilities B-2 & 1-6, Early Childhood Education B-2 and Childhood Education 1-6 Certificates, to a four-year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant, commencing on September 3, 2024 and terminating on September 2, 2028 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$26,232, (Step 1).
13. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Aimee Heller, who holds Students with Disabilities Generalist 7-12 & 1-6, and Childhood Education 1-6 Certificates, to a four-year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant, commencing on September 3, 2024 and terminating on September 2, 2028 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$26,232, (Step 1).
14. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Craig Ash, who holds a Physical Education Certificate, to a four-year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant, commencing on September 3, 2024 and terminating on September 2, 2028 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$26,232, (Step 1).
15. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jessica Roer, who holds a Mathematics 7-12 Certificate, to a four-year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant, commencing on September 3, 2024 and terminating on September 2, 2028 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$26,232, (Step 1).

16. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jessiah Baylis, who holds a Teaching Assistant Level I Certificate, to a four-year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant, commencing on September 3, 2024 and terminating on September 2, 2028 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$26,232, (Step 1).
17. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Lauren McArdle, who holds Early Childhood Education B-2 and Childhood Education 1-6 Certificates, to a four-year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant, commencing on September 3, 2024 and terminating on September 2, 2028 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$26,232, (Step 1).
18. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Christina Cinnante as a full-time Paraprofessional (6.5 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a sixty (60) month probationary term commencing September 3, 2024 through September 2, 2029, with compensation of \$20,956.52 (Step 1).
19. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Laurie Trezza as a full-time Paraprofessional (6.5 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a sixty (60) month probationary term commencing September 3, 2024 through September 2, 2029, with compensation of \$20,956.52 (Step 1, pending fingerprint clearance).
20. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Michelle Inga as a part-time Paraprofessional (2.5 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a sixty (60) month probationary term commencing September 3, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$16.88 per hour for the 2024-2025 school year.
21. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Nicole Striga as a part-time Paraprofessional (2.5 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a sixty (60) month probationary term commencing September 3, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$16.88 per hour for the 2024-2025 school year.
22. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Mary Sanelli as a part-time Paraprofessional (2.5 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a sixty (60) month probationary term commencing September 3, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$16.88 per hour for the 2024-2025 school year.
23. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Nicholas Murray, who possesses a School Counselor Certificate, to a leave replacement substitute position for the duration of the leave of Employee #3184, as a School Counselor, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective September 3, 2024, at a per diem rate of \$150.00 per day worked.

24. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the June 13, 2024 appointment of Sarah Daly, who possesses a Childhood Education Gr. 1-6 Certificate, from a 0.4 FTE part-time Family and Consumer Science position to a 0.5 FTE part-time Family and Consumer Science position, at an annual salary of \$28,133 (0.5 of BA Step 2), to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby amends the June 13, 2024 appointment of Sarah Daly from a 0.6 FTE Permanent Substitute to a 0.5 FTE Permanent Substitute for the 2024-2025 school year, effective September 3, 2024 through June 6, 2025.
25. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following overages for the 2024-2025 school year, effective September 3, 2024:

Name	School	Subject Area	Class	Additional
Diane Warren	JGHS	World Language	Spanish 4	0.2FTE
Sheri Davis	JGHS	World Language	Spanish 2	0.2FTE
Kimberly Barnes	JGHS	Math	Geometry Lab	0.1FTE
Joseph Pushee	JGHS	Math	AP Statistics	0.2FTE
Charles Rogener	JGHS	Technology	DDP	0.2FTE
Brittany Chalmers	JGHS	Digital Literacies	Digital Literacies	0.1FTE
Janet Weber	JGHS	Civic Literacies	Civic Literacies	0.1FTE
Allen Epstein	JGHS	Civic Literacies	Civic Literacies	0.1FTE
Alice Wolcott	JGHS	Civic Literacies	Civic Literacies	0.2FTE
Susan Campo	JGHS	Special Education	Life Skills	0.1FTE

26. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board of Education President and the Superintendent of Schools (if required) to sign and execute the Amendments to the Salary and Benefits Agreements for the following employees, as presented to the Board at this meeting, effective July 1, 2024:
Ron Carritue
Kevin Conron
Martha Hanley
Jason Winters
27. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as AIS Tutors at Elwood-John H. Glenn High School, to serve at the pleasure of the Board for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$41.67 per class period, effective September 3, 2024:
Linda Doyle - AIS Science
Danielle Scarola - AIS English
Serenna Yanofsky - AIS Math
Meagan Malone - AIS Social Studies
Lauren Manzi - AIS ENL
28. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Brittany Bocard as the AP Testing Coordinator for

Elwood-John H. Glenn High School for the 2024-2025 school year, with a stipend of \$1,585.

29. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the reduction of hours for Milagros Berenguer as a paraprofessional, from 6.5 hours per day to 3.5 hours per day, as requested, with compensation at her 2024-2025 hourly rate, effective September 3, 2024.

30. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following mentors for the 2024-2025 school year:

Mentor	Period	Compensation
Shannon Flores	2 Semesters	\$1,000
Brittany Chalmers	2 Semesters	\$1,000
Kimberly Barnes	1 Semester	\$500
Dylan Kilkenny	2 Semesters	\$1,000
Todd Schwartz	1 Semester	\$500

31. 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, at a rate of \$150.00 per day worked, effective September 3, 2024 through June 6, 2025:

Name	Initial School Assignment
Susanne Woods	Harley Avenue Primary School
Francesca Ciriello	Harley Avenue Primary School
Danielle Pineyro	Elwood Middle School
Donna Dorsam	Elwood Middle School
Lori Mariniello	Elwood Middle School
Peter Flanagan	Elwood Middle School
Matthew Cerrato	Elwood John H. Glenn High School
Ann Gill	Elwood John H. Glenn High School
Kelly Hughes	Elwood John H. Glenn High School
James Walker	Elwood John H. Glenn High School
Lisa Fusaro	Elwood John H. Glenn High School

32. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as a part-time Food Service Worker, effective September 3, 2024:

Name	Hours per day	Hourly Rate
Lauryn Demarco	6	\$18.00

33. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board President is authorized to execute an Agreement and General Release dated August 29, 2024 with a staff member known to the Board of Education.

34. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves 2024 summer hours for the following educators, for the purpose of completing curriculum writing over the summer to differentiate existing course curriculums to meet the needs of students with disabilities, with a submission deadline of August 30, 2024, as presented to the Board at this meeting, with compensation of \$66 per hour.

Project	Hours Per Teacher	Teacher(s)
Modified K-5 Art Projects Curriculum Writing	10 Hours	Chris Warren
Modified K-5 Art Projects Curriculum Writing	5 Hours	Domenica Piccoli
Modified K-5 Art Projects Curriculum Writing	5 Hours	Laura Ioviero

35. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves 2024 summer hours for the following educator, for the purpose of completing curriculum writing over the summer, with a submission deadline of August 15, 2024, as presented to the Board at this meeting, with compensation of \$66 per hour.

Project	Hours Per Teacher	Teacher(s)
Italian World Languages	5 Hours	Elena Jersey

36. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following individual for the Special Education Extended School Year Program which ran for three hours per day for the period July 24, 2024 through August 12, 2024, with compensation at their 2024-2025 contractual rate according to their respective collective bargaining agreement:

Employee	Title	2024 Hours	Compensation
Deborah Hemphill	Special Education Substitute Teacher	Not to exceed 50 Hours	\$66/hour

37. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves additional 2024 summer hours for the following Special Education Staff Member, for the purpose of reviewing and revising/finalizing 2024-2025 IEP's, preparing prior written notices for parents, participating in CSE meetings and conducting educational testing, with compensation at her hourly/daily rate:

Name	Position	2024 Additional Summer Hours
Laura Ioviero	Special Education Teacher	15 Hours

38. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves additional 2024 summer days for the following Special Education Staff Member, for the purpose of reviewing and revising/finalizing 2024-2025 IEP's and 504 Plans, preparing prior written notices for parents, participating in CSE meetings, and planning with the administration for programs for students with disabilities for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Title	Summer Days	Compensation
Moira Citko	Secondary Special Education Coordinator	up to 2 days	at her 2024-2025 daily/hourly rate

39. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves 2024 summer hours for the following employees, for the K-8 Summer Boost Program 2024, with compensation as presented:

Employee	Title	Compensation
Diane Pramberger	Substitute Teacher	\$66/Hour
Meagan Dolan	Substitute Teacher	\$66/Hour

40. 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 2024-2025 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting:

Sport	Building	Previously Appointed Coach	Previous Appointment Date	New Appointment	Stipend
Head Football Coach	EMS	Sean Collins	July 11, 2024 (resigned)	Christopher Lafferty	\$5,785
Assistant Football Coach	EMS	TBD	July 11, 2024	Craig Ash	\$4,707
Assistant Football Coach	EMS	Christopher Lafferty	July 11, 2024 (newly reassigned to be EMS Head Football Coach)	Brad Lyons (pending Temporary Coaching License)	\$4,565

41. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Fred Fusaro as a volunteer football coach for the 2024-2025 school year.
42. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Fred Fusaro to the position of Weight Room Supervisor for the 2024-2025 school year, with compensation of \$25 per hour.
43. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Substitute Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Paraprofessionals, Food Service Workers, Clerical Workers and Custodians, for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

N. 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 Leasehold Space Agreement with Board of Cooperative Educational Services and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing facilities space available to house BOCES programs, effective September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and said Leasehold Space Agreement 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 an Agreement with Huntington Hospital, a member of Northwell Health, Inc. and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing physician services to the District, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the law firms of Frantz Law Group, APLC and Ingerman Smith, LLP to commence legal action against the parties identified on Confidential Schedule "A" with respect to the litigation discussed in executive session.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board President is authorized to sign the attached retainer agreement with Frantz Law Group, APLC and Ingerman Smith, LLP and take all steps necessary to effectuate the litigation.
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 an Agreement with

Covert Investigations & Security, Inc. and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing security services to the District, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President or Superintendent of Schools to sign and execute a Transportation Contract with Eastern Suffolk BOCES, for the Field Trip Transportation program with a total anticipated annual cost of \$10,000.00, effective September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and said Transportation Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President or Superintendent of Schools to sign and execute a Summer Special Education Transportation Contract with Eastern Suffolk BOCES, for the Regional Transportation program with a total anticipated annual cost of \$40,000.00, effective July 1, 2024 through August 30, 2024, and said Transportation Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute an Agreement with Developmental Disabilities Institute and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing instruction to handicapped children, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, 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, the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to sign and execute an Agreement with Always Compassionate Home Care, Inc. and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing skilled nursing staff services to the District, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of the meeting.
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to sign and execute an Agreement with Always Compassionate Home Care, Inc. and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy and related services to the District, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of the meeting.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute an Agreement with the Huntington YMCA and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing the facilities for conducting swim team practices for the District, effective September 3, 2024, and said Agreement will 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 Curriculum Associates, LLC and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing professional development services to the District, effective September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, 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 Open Up Resources and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing professional development services to the District, effective September 1, 2024 through June 25, 2025, 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 President is hereby authorized to sign and execute a Consultant Service Contract with Dana Morse, Educational Technology Consultant and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing professional development services to the District, effective September 17, 2024 through September 17, 2024, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
14. 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 McGraw Hill LLC and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing professional development services to the District, effective September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
15. 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 Gian Paul Gonzalez and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing professional services to the District, effective August 21, 2024 through September 3, 2024, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

O. ACTION ITEMS – OTHER

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and after having conducted a public hearing and having given the community an opportunity to be heard, the Board of Education hereby adopts the District-Wide Safety Plan for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of Dr. Gayle Steele, Superintendent of Schools, at the Fall Leadership Summit to be held September 22-24, 2024 and the Winter Institute to be held March 2-4, 2025, both sponsored by the New York State Council of School Superintendents (NYSCOSS).
3. 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 12/20/23, 1/10/24, 1/11/24, 1/30/24, 1/31/24, 2/7/24, 2/14/24, 2/15/24, 2/28/24, 2/29/24, 3/4/24, 3/5/24, 3/6/24, 3/7/24, 3/12/24, 3/13/24, 3/14/24, 3/19/24, 3/20/24, 3/26/24, 3/27/24, 4/4/24, 4/5/24, 4/8/24, 4/11/24, 4/12/24, 4/15/24, 4/16/24, 4/17/24, 4/18/24, 4/19/24, 4/30/24, 5/2/24, 5/3/24, 5/6/24, 5/7/24, 5/8/24,

5/9/24, 5/14/24, 5/15/24, 5/16/24, 5/22/24, 5/23/24, 5/24/24, 5/28/24, 5/29/24, 5/31/24, 6/3/24, 6/4/24, 6/5/24, 6/6/24, 6/7/24, 6/10/24, 6/12/24, 6/17/24, 7/10/24, 7/17/24, 7/31/24, 8/1/24, 8/7/24, 8/15/24, 8/20/24 and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 11/28/23, 4/5/24, 4/12/24, 4/30/24, 5/7/24, 5/10/24, 5/17/24, 5/23/24, 5/28/24, 5/30/24, 6/4/24, 6/6/24, 6/18/24, 6/25/24, 6/26/24, 7/8/24, 7/10/24, 7/12/24, 7/18/24, 7/31/24 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. 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:
4710 Grading Systems
4740 Honor Rolls
4742 High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approved Item P.1, 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 REGARDING MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE DISTRICT

The Board encourages all residents to attend its meetings, and this section of the agenda affords them the opportunity to speak. Persons wishing to speak should identify themselves, state whether they are a resident of the Elwood School District and any organization they represent at the meeting. Comments related to district business or any agenda item should be kept as brief as possible and may not exceed three minutes (Board Policy 1230). Questions or comments concerning matters which are not on the agenda will be taken under consideration and may be discontinued by the President. Public discussion of matters relating to staff, students, or others at which their reputations, privacy or right to due process could be in some way be violated, is prohibited.

T. RECONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:55 p.m.

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene into Executive Session for the purpose of confidential discussions regarding the employment history of a particular person at 7:55 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

U. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 9:33 p.m.

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to return into Open Session at 9:33 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

V. ADJOURNMENT – 9:33 p.m.

Mr. Edwards moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk