

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 15, 2011
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

B. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (7:45 p.m.)

Present:	Joseph Fusaro	President
	Dan Ciccone	Vice President
	Andrew L. Kaplan	Trustee
	William Gutekunst	Trustee
	Michael LaMena	Trustee
 Staff:	 Peter C. Scordo	 Superintendent
	William Pastore	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Maryann Llewellyn	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Dir. Adm. & Instructional & Trans
	Dianne Wilkinson	Exec. Dir. Special Ed
	Peggy Pietzak	District Clerk

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) (TAB A)

1. Special Meeting/Work Session – November 3, 2011
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Business Meeting – November 17, 2011
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. LaMena)
3. Special Meeting/Work Session – December 1, 2011
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays as amended.

D. 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. Tonight we honored:

- **National Merit Commended Students:** William Hackett, Melissa Lercher, Ribu Mathew, Christina Pak, Jared Schaffer, Alice Somers
- **Gerard K. Hannon** for his long-standing volunteer service to the Elwood community
- **New York State Championship Girls' Volleyball Team:** Karen Canales, Carly Ronan, Stephanie Caputo, Kasey Muchnicki, Alexandra Ciccone, Lauren Gordon, Allison McKenna, Melissa Rigo, Stephanie Viteritti, Jacklyn Malusa, Samantha Courbanou, Samantha Czczotka
Varsity Coach: Kevin Harrington, *JV Coach:* Suzanne Legge
- **Suffolk County Championship Boys' Football Team:** Thomas Forsberg, Nicholas Wagner, David Wicks, Robert Delvicario, Michael Tufano, Gregory Orkiszewski, Richard Czczotka, Jonathan Mannix, Wayne White, Jake Toth, Kenneth Massa, Matthew Czczotka, Mattew Shanerman, La-Meek Jarvis, Brandon Taylor, Nicholas LaLota, Max Jacobson, Raymond Mendicino, Christopher Evans, Thomas Balacki, Stephen Wildman, Christopher Forsberg, Thomas Tiernan, Nicholas Princiotta, Kevin Dixon, Marc Lucien, Christopher Francica, Kevin Malloy, Michael Diesu, Bryan Smith, Michael Floro, Matthew Choinski, Brendan McDonough, Matthew Oh, Anthony Pino, Daniel Kohout, Anthony Ferrisi, Jose Canales, Edward You, Griffin Ryan, Robert Maddia, Andrew Sannito, Richard Robertson, Ian Caffrey, Anton Swain, Stephen Orkiszewski
Head Coach: Dave Shanahan, *Asst. Coaches:* Fred Fusaro, Todd Schwartz, Greg Lauri, Jordan Ioviero, Matt Cerullo, Gary Hamilton, *Manager:* Kyle Shanahan

E. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS/SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA – Mr. Peter C. Scordo

1. Report from Michael Diesu, Student Liaison
2. Reminder: January 5 Board of Education workshop – instructional budget with curricular presentations regarding the Middle School and High School

F. PRESENTATION: None

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – (8:25 -8:27 p.m.)

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Board of Education subcommittee status
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve the subcommittee template, as attached, be part of second reading of policy 2260. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

I. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended October 31, 2011,
2. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended October 31,, 2011,
3. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended October 31, 2011,
4. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the month ended October 31, 2011,
5. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Trial Balances for all funds as of October 31, 2011,
6. **and** the Board acknowledge the receipt for audit of the Extra Classroom Fund Reports (High School and Middle School) for the quarter ended October 31, 2011.

J. BUSINESS MATTERS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following business matters be approved:

1. Personnel Agenda -- as per attached

(TAB C)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2. Special Education

a. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on: October 26th (2 meetings), November 1st, 7th (2 meetings), 9th, 10th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 22nd (2 meetings),30th,

b. **and** the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on: November 9th (2 meetings), November 14th, November 18th.
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

3. Miscellaneous

a. Recommend the Board adopt policy 2260.1 – Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee (*second reading*) as amended.

b. **and** the Board adopt the following policies (*first reading*):

1. Policy 6100 – Annual Budget
2. Amended Policy 6110 – Budget Planning

(TAB D)

c. **and** the Board adopt the Response to Intervention Plan.

(TAB E)

d. **and** the Board approve the high school music department trip to Boston, Massachusetts from Saturday, April 28, 2012 to Sunday, April 29, 2012. Students would participate in performances and work with esteemed college music faculty from the New England Conservatory of Music at no cost to the District. (TAB F)

e. **and** the Board approve the Course Selection Guide for Elwood-John H. Glenn High School for 2012-2013. (TAB H)
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

4. Business Agenda -- as per attached (TAB G)

Recommend the Board approve business agenda except item B2b.
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Mr. Kaplan/Mr. Gutekunst).

Recommend the Board approve personnel agenda item B2c as amended.
"Board approve District expenditure up to \$1,000 to conduct study with the anticipation that the Elwood Booster Club will cover in donation coming forth in January or February."
The letter of December 8th from BBS will be pulled and further reviewed.
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

K. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA -- None
Recommend the Board approve Mr. Ken Rubin as Chair and Mr. Tim Mayette as Co-chair for the Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee.
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

L. COMMUNICATIONS

M. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – (9:27 – 9:30 p.m.)

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 9:31 p.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

O. ADJOURNMENT - At 11:30 p.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak
District Clerk