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| <p><b>ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b><br/> <b>REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION</b><br/> <b>May 17, 2012</b><br/> <b>Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.</b></p> |
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## MEETING MINUTES

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President

**B. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk (7:40 p.m.)

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| Present: | Joseph Fusaro           | President                                     |
|          | Dan Ciccone             | Vice President                                |
|          | Andrew L. Kaplan (8:07) | Trustee                                       |
|          | William Gutekunst       | Trustee                                       |
| Absent:  | Michael LaMena          | Trustee                                       |
| Staff:   | Peter C. Scordo         | Superintendent                                |
|          | William Pastore         | Asst. Superintendent/Business                 |
|          | MaryAnn Llewellyn       | Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum               |
|          | Gene Tranchino          | Exec. Dir. Adm. & Instructional Tech. & Trans |
|          | Diane Wilkinson         | Exec. Dir. Special Ed                         |
|          | Peggy Pietzak           | District Clerk                                |

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

**(TAB A)**

1. Business Meeting – April 26, 2012  
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Special Meeting – April 24, 2012  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. Ciccone).
3. Budget Hearing/Special Meeting/Work Session – May 3, 2012  
Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

**D. COMMENDATIONS**

This evening we honored:  
 Suffolk County High Jump Champion: Kaitlyn Whitehorn ( Coach: Mr. Burke)  
 Musical Accomplishments: Jakeim Hart

**E. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS/SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA** – Mr. Peter C. Scordo

1. Michael Diesu, Student Liaison, gave his report and introduced Lauren Fried as new student liaison for 2012-2013 school year.

**Action Item:**

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to approve the Personal Agenda. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

**(TAB C)**

F. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** - None

G. **DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS**

1. Status of the December 9, 2010 bond referendum project.

Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the School District's Architect, on behalf of the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District, prepared construction documents for the Project entitled "District Wide Excel Capital Improvements" (hereinafter referred to as the "Project") which was advertised for bid on or about April 12, 2012:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District received bids for the provision of labor and materials in connection with the Project on April 25, 2012;

**WHEREAS**, the School District's Architect and Administration have reviewed the bids submitted by the contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon such review, the School District's Administration recommends that the Board of Education reject all bids, except Base Bid GC-2 (Running Track Reconstruction – Glenn) and re-advertise for new bids;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has determined that the best interests of the School District are not promoted by award of this contract at this time;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has further determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to reject all bids received and re-advertise for new bids at a later date.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby reject all bids, except Base Bid GC-2 (Running Track Reconstruction – Glenn) submitted and received for the District Wide Excel Capital Improvements.

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan)

2. Does the Board support memorial plaques on trees donated by the Girl Scouts?
3. Change of Zone Application before the Town of Huntington re: Oak Tree Dairy property. (Mr. Kaplan recused himself from discussion)

H. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(TAB B)**

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended March 31, 2012.
2. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended March 31, 2012.
3. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended March 31, 2012.
4. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the month ended March 31, 2012.
5. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Trial Balances for all funds as of March 31, 2012.
6. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Extra Classroom Fund Reports (High School and Middle School) for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.
7. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfer.  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**I. 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 (*approved earlier in the meeting*) **(TAB C)**

**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: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>,

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: February 14<sup>th</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup> (3 meetings), 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

**3. Miscellaneous**

a. Recommend the Board approve "**schedule "B"** for Board of Education meetings for the 2012 -2013 school year. **(TAB D)**  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded, as amended. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

b. Recommend the Board approve the high school art department trip to the Netherlands, Belgium, France and England during the spring recess period, March 23 to March 31, 2012. **(TAB E)**  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded, as amended. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

c. Recommend the Board approve the Agreement with the Elwood Teacher's Alliance to modify the collective bargaining agreement for the 2011-2012 school year only. The Agreement would extend the window to apply for the retirement benefit incentive if an eligible employee submits an irrevocable letter of retirement by 5 p.m. on June 1, 2012 with the effective date of resignation no later than June 30, 2012. **(TAB F)**

d. **and** the Board approve the Agreement with the United Public Service Employees Union to modify the collective bargaining agreement for the 2011-2012 school year only. The Agreement would extend the window to apply for the retirement benefit incentive if an eligible employee submits an irrevocable letter of retirement by 5 p.m. on June 1, 2012 with the effective date of resignation no later than June 30, 2012. **(TAB G)**

e. **and** the Board approve the Agreement with the Council of Elwood Administrators to modify the collective bargaining agreement for the 2011-2012 school year only. The Agreement would extend the window to apply for the retirement benefit incentive if an eligible employee submits an irrevocable letter of retirement by 5 p.m. on June 1, 2012 with the effective date of resignation no later than June 30, 2012. **(TAB H)**

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. Fusaro)

f. ~~Recommend the Board approve submission of the following topics to the New York State Mandate Relief Council for their consideration:~~  
~~1. Reform the Triborough Amendment.~~  
~~2. Amend the N.Y.S. Tax Cap legislation so that special education costs associated with student placements outside the district are not included in the district's tax cap.~~

Withdrawn by Superintendent

- g. Recommend the Board approve the following polices (*second reading*): **(TAB I)**
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| 0100    | Equal Opportunity ( <i>Amended</i> )  |
| 0110    | Sexual Harassment ( <i>Amended</i> )  |
| 0116    | Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention<br><u>Amendments to the Code of Conduct</u> |
| 5300.10 | Definitions   |
| 5300.15 | Student Rights and Responsibilities   |
| 5300.20 | Essential Partners  |
| 5300.30 | Prohibited Student Conduct  |
| 5300.70 | Public Conduct on School Property   |
| 5300.75 | Dissemination and Review  |

**4. and Business Agenda -- as per attached** **(TAB J)**

Mr. Gutekunst moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes 0 nays

**J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

Recommend the Board designate the additional banks as depositories for funds, each bank having a \$20,000,000 limit which may be kept on deposit at any time, and that the banks be authorized to recognize the signatures of the officers as listed in the payment of funds or the transaction of business or said school district accounts through June 30, 2012:

Accounts requiring one authorized signature (the Treasurer):

Valley National Bank (formally State Bank of Long Island)

Flushing Commercial Bank (also known as Flushing Bank)

**and** recommend accepting collateral in the form of an “irrevocable letter of credit” issued in favor of the (unit of government) by a federal home loan bank whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in the highest rating category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization, as security for the payment of 100 percent of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed-upon interest, if any.

**and** hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan)

**K. COMMUNICATIONS**

**L. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS – None**

**M. EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 10:05 p.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and labor relations/contract negotiations. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.**

At 10:40 p.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go out of executive session. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

The Board then acted on the following motion:

Recommend the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

**“BE IT RESOLVED** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to a letter dated May 11, 2012, the probationary appointment of the professional staff member named in such request

is hereby extended upon the terms and conditions for the time period specifically contained therein.”  
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

- N. ADJOURNMENT** – At 10:43 p.m. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak  
District Clerk