

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 13, 2012
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

B. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (7:35 p.m.)

Present:	Joseph Fusaro	President (8:27 p.m.)
	Dan Ciccone	Vice President
	Andrew Kaplan	Trustee
	William Gutekunst	Trustee (8:50 p.m.)
	Michael LaMena	Trustee

Staff:	Peter C. Scordo	Superintendent
	William Pastore	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Ellen Best-Laimit	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation
	Dianne Wilkinson	Exec. Director/Special Education
	Nancy Mancini	District Clerk

Holiday performance by the High School Honors Ensemble – Ms. Vickie Henson

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to postpone the approval of the minutes to after Item H. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

(TAB A)

1. **Special Meeting – November 9, 2012**

Mr. Kaplan made a motion and Mr. LaMena seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and abstention (Mr. Ciccone). Mr. Fusaro made a motion to rescind that vote and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Ciccone). Mr. Fusaro made a second motion to approve the Nov. 9 minutes and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Mr. Ciccone and Mr. Gutekunst).

2. **Business Meeting – November 15, 2012**

Mr. Kaplan made a motion and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Mr. Ciccone and Mr. LaMena)

3. **Special Meeting – November 28, 2012**

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

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 honor:

Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team – New York State Champions:

Madison Ackley, Stephanie Caputo, Alexandra Ciccone, Samantha Czeczotka, Leeann Emmi, Jacqueline Evers, Simisola Familusi, Gillian Graifman, Laurie Malloy, Jacklyn Malusa, Kasey Muchnicki, Carly Ronan, Julianne Tesi, Stephanie Viteritti

E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. James H. Boyd Intermediate School PTA - \$500 for 5th grade trip
2. Elwood Athletic Club - \$779.38 for additional cost of bus for volleyball/football team trips

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

1. Report from Lauren Fried, Student Liaison

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

H. PRESENTATIONS --

Budget Workshop #1 – Presentation of the draft 2013-14 budget

(TAB B)

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(TAB C)

1. Letter to Town of Huntington re proposed Oak Tree Dairy project
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to move this discussion to after Item K. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

J. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB D)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a) Treasurer's Report for the month ended October 31, 2012
 - b) **and** Revenue Report for the month ended October 31, 2012
 - c) **and** Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended October 31, 2012
 - d) **and** Budget Status Report for the month ended October 31, 2012
 - e) **and** Trial Balances Report for the month ended October 31, 2012.
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

K. ACTION ITEMS

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 E)

2. **and Special Education**

- a. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services:

Submitted to the Board

Meeting Dates

November 14

October 17

November 19

November 19

November 20

October 17, November 15

November 26

November 20

November 27

October 12, November 14

November 30

October 12, November 21

December 3

November 16, 20

December 6

November 20

3. **and** Recommend the Board adopt the school calendar for the 2013-2014 school year.

(TAB F)

4. **and** Recommend the Board approve the High School Course Selection Guide for 2013-14.

(TAB G)

5. and Business Agenda -- as per attached

(TAB H)

Excluding B1a and B1b

Mr. Gutekunst made a motion and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to vote on item B1a. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Fusaro).

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to vote on item B1b. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan)

L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

M. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:05 p.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Fusaro was not present at executive session.

P. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:22 p.m. Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk