

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 8, 2006
Elwood Middle School Auditorium

A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk 8:05 p.m.

Present	Michael Kaszubski	President
	Joseph Fusaro	Vice President
	Dina Annunziata	Member (arrived 9:00 p.m.)
	Julie Badlato	Member
	Dan Ciccone	Member
Staff	Dr. William J. Swart	Superintendent
	Dr. Howard Koenig	Acting Assistant Superintendent/Business
	Robert Annucci	Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources
	John Hogan	Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
	David Cenerelli	Director/Special Education
	Carlene Granieri	District Clerk

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of May 11, 2006.
The motion carried 3 ayes and 1 nay (Mrs. Badlato).

REPORT FROM STUDENT LIASON – Vickie Cangero

The Junior Prom took place on May 20 and the cafeteria was beautifully decorated and everyone had a good time.

Academic Awards Night and the Music Sponsors Awards Buffet were held in May. The Senior Banquet was held on 6/1 at the Thatched Cottage and the students received their yearbooks.

Varsity Athletic Awards Night was held on 6/7. MVP awards, Coaches' awards, Most Improved Player, and a number of scholarships and other awards were given out.

The following students went to Canton, NY to St. Lawrence University to compete for the State Championships: in the 4x4 100, Cliff Faulkner, Emile Barnett, Carlton Wildman and Billy Miltenberg; in the 1600m Anthony Izzo and alternate Jeffrey Taylor, and also Gabriela Baiter in the Long Jump and the Triple Jump.

Vickie asked for a round of applause to thank each of the building Principals, Dr. Cancroft, Mrs. McCabe, Mr. Scarola, and Mr. Mulieri for being there for all of their students and for their caring. She also thanked Mr. Mulieri for his advice and guidance.

The Student Council Recognition Award went to Business Teacher, Mr. Ronald Robey, and to Music Teacher, Ms. Vickie Henson. Mr. Robey is a wonderful and talented teacher and Ms. Henson is the wonder woman of music. Both teachers have been an inspiration to all of the students of the class of 2006.

Vickie introduced the Student Liaison for the 2006-2007 school year, Jed Mangel. Jed is looking forward to working with the Board.

Dr. Swart and Mr. Kaszubski thanked Vickie for her hard work and service to the Board this past year. They appreciated her time and effort.

D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Dr. William J. Swart

Dr. Swart thanked the community for their overwhelming support on May 16 in passing the Budget for the 2006-2007 school year. The budget passed by a 650 vote margin.

We will have a proposition, Student Transportation Eligibility Vote, on Tuesday, June 27, 2006. He encouraged all to come out to vote. There is an excellent explanation of why we are having a transportation proposition on the District web site.

Currently, the District is providing more transportation service than what was approved by voter authorization on August 26, 1975. There has not been a voter authorized transportation vote in 31 years. Obviously, the needs of the District have changed dramatically.

If voters do not authorize this proposition, there will be reduced service. If we reverted to the 1975 voter authorized transportation eligibility, there would be no service for Kindergarten students. There will be less service for children currently enrolled at Harley, the Middle School and less for our High School students.

It is essential for people to come out to vote on this proposition. The proposition is financially neutral. Whether you vote yes or no, the District voters have already made a decision and approved the transportation budget for the 2006-2007 school year.

He thanked the members of the Board of Education for their service this year at the Work Sessions, on Sub-Committees and at the Board of Education Meetings. He realizes the time and effort it takes in being an informed and diligent Board member. He commended all of them and if he could grade them, they would all receive an A.

There has been a change in next year's school calendar. The Superintendent's Conference Day scheduled for March 16 has been changed to March 30, 2007.

E. COMMENDATIONS – The Board honored and gave Certificates of Recognition to:

Dr. Virginia Cancroft for 20 years of service as Principal of Harley Avenue Elementary School. Dr. Cancroft received a standing ovation and an invitation to lunch from Dr. Swart.

Shannon Arenth, Young Readers national writing contest winner.

Claudia Geib, first place winner (7th grade) in the LI Language Arts Council writing contest

Tara Linitz, winner of National Merit Corporate Scholarship

John Glenn Athletic Program - Suffolk County Sportsmanship Award

Mr. Robert Annucci presented Silver Bowls to 25 Year Employees:

Helen Aliano - Speech Teacher at Harley

Stephanie Kenyon - Music Teacher at Boyd and EMS

Ronald Robey - Business Teacher at Glenn

Mr. Annucci thanked each of the following for their years of service:

Retirees: Bonnie Casey -Guidance Secretary, William McCarthy- English Teacher at Glenn, Ruth Rohrsen – Audio Visual Para, Jose Saez - Custodian at EMS.

F. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – 8:29 – 8:33 p.m.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- No Recommended Items

H. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended April 30, 2006.
2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended May 31, 2006.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS -- No Recommended Items

Mr. Kaszubski stated, on Mrs. Annunziata's behalf, if the Board or Committees want to submit new policies, or want to change policies, for next year, to please submit them.

2. ACTION ITEMS

a. Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve personnel items:

(TAB C)

<u>Resignations:</u>	<i>Elaine McCauley</i>	<i>Internal Claims Auditor</i>
<u>Appointments:</u>	<i>Edward Albinski</i>	<i>Music Teacher</i>
	<i>Keith Augeri</i>	<i>Social Studies Teacher</i>
	<i>Elizabeth Bromley</i>	<i>School Media Specialist (Library)</i>
	<i>Jean Cipolla</i>	<i>Mathematics Teacher</i>
	<i>Jennifer Cusano</i>	<i>English Teacher</i>
	<i>I. Wendi Fisher</i>	<i>School Psychologist</i>
	<i>Karen Gellert</i>	<i>Music Teacher</i>
	<i>Rosa Glass</i>	<i>Family & Consumer Science Teacher</i>
	<i>Rosemarie Petruzellis</i>	<i>Art Teacher</i>
	<i>James Michael Riedinger</i>	<i>Mathematics Teacher</i>
	<i>Susan Sullivan</i>	<i>Reading Teacher</i>
	<i>Chris Warren</i>	<i>Art Teacher</i>
	<i>Jeanne Kober</i>	<i>Paraprofessional and Audio Visual</i>
	<i>Constance Alibrandi</i>	<i>Paraprofessional</i>

Other:

-- *Emergency appointments and reappointments*

-- *Staff for Summer Skills Program*

-- *Special Education staff for summer 2006*

-- *Staff for Curriculum Writing Projects: Grade 2 Math & Balanced Literacy and Italian 3*

-- *Compensation for Assistant Superintendents and other staff*

-- *College/summer custodial help*

-- *Addendum to Schedule of Approved Substitute Teachers/Nurses for 2005/2006*

The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

b. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on March 28 and 31; April 26 and 28; May 4, 5, 12, 15, 17, 24 and 30 (2 meetings).

c. **and** that the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on April 21 and 25; May 1 and 10.

The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

d. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve the health service contracts for students attending private/parochial schools:

(TAB D)

<i>Huntington UFSD</i>	<i>18 students</i>	<i>\$ 8,796.42</i>
<i>Hicksville CSD</i>	<i>1 student</i>	<i>798.22</i>
<i>Farmingdale Public Schools</i>	<i>2 students</i>	<i>1,165.94</i>

The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

e. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board accept the Official Vote Tallies for the School Board Election and Budget Vote held on May 16, 2006.

(TAB E)

The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

f. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve the varsity and junior varsity football camp at the Fresh Air Camp Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill, New York from August 21 through August 26, 2006.

(TAB F)

The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

- g. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board approve the following policies (first reading): **(TAB G)**
JLC Automatic External Defibrillators
JLC-R Automatic External Defibrillators - Regulations
ADA Recognizing the Civic Mission of Schools
GDBF Confidential Personnel – Employment Provisions
 The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
- h. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board accept the donation from the John Glenn Football Alumni of three Legend Fitness Power Stations to the High School weight room. **(TAB H)**
 The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
- i. Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board accept a \$1,200.00 Citigroup Foundation grant to be used for the Operation Respect program at Elwood-John Glenn High School. **(TAB I)**
 The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
- j. Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board accept the donation of sheet music from Munro Music, Inc. to the Elwood Middle School band. **(TAB J)**
 The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
- k. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve the girls varsity volleyball trip to the Burnt Hills Volleyball Tournament September 8-9, 2006. **(TAB K)**
 The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
- l. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve the boys varsity soccer team's proposed tri to the PAL "cup" Soccer Tournament at the Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta, New York September 9-10, 2006. **(TAB L)**
 The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
- m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve the license and operating agreement with Scope Education Services for the after school child care program at James H. Boyd Intermediate School for the 2006-2007 school year. **(TAB M)**
 The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
- n. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board approve the resolution for joint bidding by Elwood UFS and Long Island Food Service Directors Association for cafeteria supplies for the 2006-2007 school year. **(TAB Mc)**
 The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
- o. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board approve Resolution "A" for the Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program CoSer 612 with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the 2006-2007 school year. **(TAB N)**
 The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
- p. Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board approve the nomination of Judith A. Chen as Area 12 Director of New York State School Boards Association. **(TAB O)**
 The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
- q. Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board accept the Academic Intervention Services Plan. **(TAB O)**
 The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
- r. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve the removal of obsolete computer equipment from the district inventory and the donation of any working equipment to the LINCT Coalition and the National Cristina Foundation. **(TAB P)**
 The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
- s. Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board amend the school calendar for the 2006-2007 school year as follows: **(TAB R)**

Delete "Conference Day" on March 16, 2007;
Add "Conference Day" on March 30, 2007.
The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

K. COMMUNICATIONS

(TAB Q)

- a. Correspondence to Ms. Leah Holbrook, Heart Links Project Coordinator 5/8/06
- b. Correspondence from Jessica Straube 5/22/06
- c. Correspondence from Catherine Hennessy 5/19/06
- d. Correspondence from Town of Huntington 5/17/06 Re: Orchard Park
- e. Correspondence from Laura Williams 5/30/06

L. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – 8:50 – 8:51 p.m.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board go in to Executive Session regarding a personnel matter.

The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board begin Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.
The motion carried unanimously.

Present	Michael Kaszubski	President
	Joseph Fusaro	Vice President
	Dina Annunziata	Member
	Julie Badlato	Member
	Dan Ciccone	Member
Staff	Dr. William J. Swart	Superintendent
	Robert Annucci	Assistant Superintendent/Human Recourses

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Badlato seconded that the Board end executive session and adjourn the meeting at 11:45 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Granieri
District Clerk