

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

January 29, 2015

Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President, 7:37 p.m.

B. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk

Present:	Joseph Fusaro	President
	Andrew Kaplan	Trustee
	Julia Fried	Trustee
Absent:	Dan Ciccone	Vice President
	Michael LaMena	Trustee
Staff:	Peter C. Scordo	Superintendent
	Keri Loughlin	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Gary Furman	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation
	Diane Wilkinson	Exec. Director/ Special Education

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Business Meeting – December 11, 2014 - tabled

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:

***Owen Smith** for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout*

E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. Woodworking equipment from Rich Werner (parent of an 8th grade student) for the Technology Department at Elwood Middle School
2. Box Tops for Education donation of \$716.34 to fund cultural arts programs for the 2014-15 school year for Harley Avenue Primary School
3. Stop & Shop A+ Rewards donation of \$245.06 to fund the co-curricular budget code at Elwood-John Glenn High School
4. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$3,957.00 to fund the homework club at Elwood Middle School
5. Stop & Shop A+ Rewards donation of \$304.08 to fund cultural arts programs at James H. Boyd Intermediate School.

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

1. Report from Brooke Thornhill, Student Liaison – not present

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

H. **PRESENTATIONS** -- None

I. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** -- None

J. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a) Treasurer's Report for the months ended November 30 and December 31, 2014
 - b) and Revenue Report for the month ended December 31, 2014
 - c) and Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended December 31, 2014
 - d) and Budget Status Report for the month ended December 31, 2014
 - e) and Trial Balances Report for the month ended December 31, 2014
 - f) and Executive Summary for the period ending December 31, 2014
 - g) and Extraclassroom report for the quarter ended December 31, 2014
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.
Mrs. Fried moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers.
The motion carried 3 ayes and 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 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:

Submitted to the Board
December 8

Meeting Dates

August 20; September 2, 15; October 2,
(2 meetings), 7, 16, 23, 26, 29, 30 (2
meetings);, November 12 (2 meetings),
18, 26; December 1 (2 meetings)
October 28; November 5, 10, 19, 20;
December 15 (2 meetings)

December 17

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

Submitted to the Board
December 2
December 5
December 30

Meeting Dates

November 26
October 21, November 24
December 2

3. Recommend the Board approve the calendar for 2015-16.- tabled

(TAB D)

4. Recommend the Board amend policy 1500 and Exhibit 1500-E (*first reading*)

(TAB E)

5. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached – tabled 5c and added addendum 1c

Mr. Kaplan moved and seconded a motion to approve Action Items 1-5 excluding Action Item 3 and Business agenda 5c and including Business agenda addendum 1c.
The motion carried 3 ayes and 0 nays.

(TAB F)

L. **ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

M. **COMMUNICATIONS** -- None

N. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** - None

O. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** -- None

P. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:05 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk