

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 18, 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 Dan Ciccone Andrew L. Kaplan Michael LaMena Julia Fried	President Vice President Trustee (9:15 p.m.) Trustee Trustee
Staff:	Peter C. Scordo Keri Loughlin Gary Furman Gene Tranchino Nancy Mancini	Superintendent Asst. Superintendent/Business Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation District Clerk
Absent:	Diane Wilkinson	Exec. Director/ Special Education

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Business Meeting – May 21, 2015

Mrs. Fried moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2015. The motion carried 4 ayes and 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:

Victoria Ciccone, "Best Lead Actress in a Musical" – Hunting-Tony Awards

Sarika Krish, winner of a scholarship from the Long Island Chapter of U.S. Green Building Council

Stella Blue Porzungolo, winner of an award from the Dupont Science Essay Challenge (Senior Division)

Students attaining the rank of Eagle Scout:

*Mathew Anekstein
Matthew Spalding*

*James O'Brien
Justin Svitek*

Thomas Priest

25 Year Employees:

*Patricia Biscardi
David Heiss*

*Christine Graber
Dianne Wilkinson*

Kevin Harrington

Retirees:

Lee Bertram

Rita Guttilla

Patricia Lipari

Anthony Pantaleno

Linda Schmidt

Eileen Byrne

Randi Hansen

Graceanna Maiello

Robert Peters

Joanna Smiloff

Karen Cleveland

Catherine Keteltas

Delia Neitzel

Camille Rizzo

School Board Members Joseph Fusaro and Dan Ciccone for their dedicated service to the children of Elwood:

Joseph Fusaro,

Board Member 2003-15

Board Vice President 2004-11

Board President 2011-15

Dan Ciccone

Board Member 2003-15

Board Vice President 2011-15

E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$2,305.19 to purchase folding sideline chairs for the High School Athletic Department (*donation accepted by BOE 5/7/15*)
2. Donations to the Middle School Extra Classroom Fund by the Elwood Booster Club (\$1,250.00) and Elwood Middle School PTA (\$1,250.00) to fund costs associated with the 8th grade field trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty
3. Target "Take Charge of Education" donation of \$190.87 to fund cultural arts at James H. Boyd Intermediate School
4. Stop & Shop A+ Rewards donations:
 - a. \$237.69 to fund cultural arts at James H. Boyd Intermediate School
 - b. \$725.94 to fund cultural arts at Harley Avenue Primary School
5. Elwood Athletic Club donation of \$1,008.80 in support of Community Day to fund expenses related to Buildings & Grounds expenses
6. Astoria Bank/Huntington Arts Council grant of \$50.00 to fund art materials and supplies in honor of artwork by a James H. Boyd student selected "Best in Grade" at the Huntington Tulip Festival
7. Harley Avenue Primary School PTA donation of \$9,984.70 to fund cultural arts
8. James H. Boyd Intermediate School PTA donation of \$11,442.11 to fund cultural arts
9. Services from Anastasio's Mason Supply (via Harley Avenue Primary School PTA) to repair the broken kindergarten planter in front of Harley Avenue Primary School.

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

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

H. PRESENTATIONS -- None Recommended

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Replacing the high school student ranking system with a "cum laude" system

J. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a) Treasurer's Report for the month ended May 31, 2015
 - b) Revenue Report for the month ended May 31, 2015
 - c) Executive Summary for the month ended May 31, 2015

(TAB B)

- d) Budget Status Report for the month ended May 31, 2015
- e) Trial Balance Report for the month ended May 31, 2015
- f) and Claims Auditor Reports dated May 18 and June 2, 2015.

2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers.

The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan).

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

Meeting Dates

June 9

February 23; March 24, 25, 26; April 23; May 13

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

Meeting Dates

May 29

March 19; April 23; May 1

June 4

May 19 (2 meetings); June 2

June 12

April 28

3. Recommend the Board approve a change to the course catalogue to reflect changes in the class ranking system and apply these changes to current eighth and ninth graders.

4. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached

(TAB D)

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve action items 1 and 4 including Personnel Addendum I. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan).

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to approve action items 2 and 3. The motion carried unanimously.

L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

M. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:37 p.m., Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations and personnel matters. The motion carried unanimously.

At 10:54 p.m., Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to exit executive session to vote on action item 5. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEM

5. Recommend the Board approve an agreement with the Elwood Teachers Alliance to resolve a grievance regarding Article XV, Section A of the collective bargaining agreement and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute same.

Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve action item 5. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:56 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to go back into executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

At 11:30 p.m., Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to extend the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

P. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:00 a.m., Mrs. Fried moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk