

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 22, 2015  
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

**B. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk**

Present:	Michael LaMena	Vice President
	Julia Fried	Trustee
	Heather Mammolito	Trustee
	James Tomeo	Trustee
Absent:	Andrew L. Kaplan	President
Staff:	Peter C. Scordo	Superintendent
	Keri Loughlin	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Gary Furman	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation
	Nancy Mancini	District Clerk
Absent:	Diane Wilkinson	Exec. Director/ Special Education

**C. UPDATE ON THE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS**

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

**(TAB A)**

1. Business Meeting – September 24, 2015
2. Special Meeting – October 8, 2015

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 2015 and October 8, 2015. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**E. 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:

***National Merit Commended Students:*** Amanda DiMartini  
Katherine McVetty  
Zachary Wollman  
Alice Yoon

***Elwood Board of Education for their commitment and dedication to the community***

**F. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS - None**

**G. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS / SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA – Mr. Peter C. Scordo  
Student Liaison – Danielle Rubin**

**H. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**I. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation of the Audit Report – Christopher Reino, Cullen & Danowski, LLP

**J. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Safety Plan review
2. Smart Schools Investment Plan

**K. BOARD COMMITTEE AND BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee
2. Curriculum
3. Facilities
4. Health and Nutrition
5. Safety
6. Technology

**L. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(TAB B)**

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
  - a. Treasurer's Report for the month of September, 2015
  - b. Revenue Report for the period July 1 – September 30, 2015
  - c. Cash Flow Report through September 30, 2015
  - d. Budget Status Report for the period July 1 – September 30, 2015
  - e. Trial Balance Report for the period July 1 – September 30, 2015
  - f. Executive Summary through September 30, 2015
  - g. Extraclassroom Reports for Elwood Middle School and Elwood-John H. Glenn High School for the quarter ended September 30, 2015
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**M. 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)**

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the personnel agenda, personnel addendum I and addendum II. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**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  
September 29

Meeting Dates  
May 4 (2 meetings), 26; June 3; August 3;  
27; September 6, 7, 8 (2 meetings), 9, 10,  
14, 15, 16 (2 meetings), 18, 21; October 22

- 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  
September 28

Meeting Dates  
August 10; September 4, 22 (3 meetings), 28

Mrs. Fried moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve action item #2. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

3. Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

- a. *BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby certifies the following administrators as APPR lead evaluators for the 2015-16 school year according to Section 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents:*

TITLE	NAME
Assistant Superintendent	Dr. Gary Furman
Executive Director/Directors	Dianne Wilkinson Pamela Fine Eileen Kelly-Gorman
Principals	Elissa Toubin, Dr. Denise Toscano, Dr. Hugh Gigante, Dr. James Ruck
Assistant Principals	Dawn Valle, Carisa Burzynski Leroy Cole

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve action item #3. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

4. Recommend the Board adopt the amended Audit Committee Charter 6690-E (*1<sup>st</sup>* and *second reading*) and appoint members: Andrew L. Kaplan and Michael LaMena (Board members), Julie Badlato, Michael Kaszubski, Seeta Lochan, Doreen Marino and Kenneth Rubin. **(TAB D)**

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve action item #4. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

5. Recommend the Board adopt policy 2260.2 Legislative Committee (*first reading and second reading*). **(TAB E)**

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve action item #5. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

6. **“BE IT RESOLVED** that the Elwood Board of Education accepts the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, as prepared by the firm Cullen & Danowski, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.”

**“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Elwood Board of Education accepts the Corrective Action Plan for 2014/2015.”

Mrs. Fried moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve action item #6. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

7. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached **(TAB F)**

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve action item #7. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**N. NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

Email correspondence between the Board of Education and the community.

**O. COMMUNICATIONS** -- None

**P. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:05 p.m., Mrs Mammolito moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters, negotiations and legal matters. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

At 10:12 p.m., Mrs. Fried moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to exit executive session to vote on the following resolution. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

***BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District herewith authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Settlement Agreement and General Release between the Board and a certain staff member (Employee #862) discussed in Executive Session.*

At 10:13 p.m., Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to go back into executive session. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

At 10:35 p.m., Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to end executive session. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the following action. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

*The Board of Education hereby appoints the following members to the Legislative Committee for the 2015-16 school year:*

- a. Stacey Eno*
- b. Becky Marcus*
- c. James Cameron*

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:36 p.m., Mrs. Fried moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini  
District Clerk