

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elwood, New York

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING – BOARD OF EDUCATION

**February 13, 2003
Elwood Middle School**

- A. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk 8:03 p.m.
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| Present | John Santomauro | President | |
| | Michael Kaszubski | Vice President | |
| | Dina Annunziata | Member | (not present) |
| | Bill Cameron | Member | (arrived 8:11) |
| | Brian Madden | Member | |
| Staff | Michael A. Maina | Superintendent | |
| | Carl Fraser | Assistant Superintendent/Business | |
| | Robert Annucci | Assistant Superintendent/Personnel | |
| | Kathleen Semergieff | Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum | |
| | David Cenerelli | Director/Special Education | |
| | Nancy Raguzin | Treasurer | |
| | Carlene Granieri | District Clerk | |

- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President

- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)** (TAB A)

Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of January 9, 2003.

The motion carried unanimously.

- D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** – Michael A. Maina

The district has three snow days and to date we have used have used one. If we need a fourth day it will be taken from the Friday before Memorial Day. If additional days are needed they will be taken from the spring vacation.

The District Emergency Preparedness Plan is in place. The District has met with local authorities and the Office of Emergency Preparedness. Mr. Fraser leads the Safe School Team.

The Board requested and has received a long term Enrollment Projection Study from Western Suffolk BOCES. The Board has concerns regarding the increasing student population and whether or not we will be able to accommodate our students with similar programs and our current class sizes. This year's kindergarten class is the largest in 25 years. In 1992 enrollment was 1,905. Today's enrolment is 2,462. BOCES projection for 2007 is 2,941 and for 2012 it is 3,037. For residents who wish to have a copy of the study it can be obtained from Mr. Fraser's office.

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Governor Pataki’s Proposed Budget has Elwood’s State Aid **reduced by 14%**. The Governor’s cuts would likely mean over **\$1 million dollars in lost aid** or a **4.35% increase** in the district tax rate or an increase of \$5.55 per \$100 assessed value. The Governor’s proposed budget could not come at a worse time, particularly with mandated pension benefits, increase in social security benefits and rising health care coverage. The stock market decline and the current economy make for a “Perfect Storm” scenario. The Board, along with representatives from Harborfields and other grass roots organizations, will meet on Saturday, March 1 with our State Legislators to discuss our loss of State Aid. The District pledges to provide quality services at an affordable price.

E. COMMENDATIONS –

Neil Patel, a senior at Elwood-John Glenn High School was named as a semi-finalist in the Intel Science Talent Search. Neil was one of three hundred students nation wide to be recognized and is the first Elwood recipient of this prestigious award. The title of Neil’s submission was “Photon Orbits Around a Black Hole.” Congratulations to Neil and to Science Coordinator, Mr. Ramonetti.

F. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS – 8:39 – 9:00 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 December 31, 2002.
2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended January 31, 2003.
3. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Extra Classroom Fund Reports (High School and Middle School) for the quarter ended December 31, 2002.
4. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Capital Projects Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2002.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board approve personnel items.

(TAB C)

<u>Resignations:</u>	Joanne Grove	Internal Auditor
<u>Appointments:</u>	Kathleen Corrigan	Paraprofessional
	Marietta Haack	Account Clerk
	Jeanne Laufer	Paraprofessional

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I. **NEW BUSINESS**1. **ACTION ITEMS** – cont'd.Other:

- *Emergency Appointments and Reappointments*
- *Staff for Academic Intervention Services*
- *Additional 9.75 hours per week for paraprofessional at Boyd*
- *Co-advisor of set construction for High School Musical*
- *Extension of child care leave*
- *On-call security guard*
- *Schedule of 2002/03 Spring Inter-scholastic Coaching assignments*
- *Supervisor of swimming competitions for HS student*
- *Middle School Intramural Boys' Lacrosse Coach*
- *Addendum to Schedule of Approved Substitute Teachers/Nurses*
- *Memorandum of Agreement with the Elwood Paraprofessional Association*

The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services dated: *January 8; January 15; January 22*. **(TAB D)**
The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services dated: *December 19; January 9*. **(TAB E)**
The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Santomauro moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded that the Board approve the resolution under the Real Property Tax Law Section 466-C to exempt up to 10% of the assessed value of property owned by volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. **(TAB F)**
The motion carried unanimously.
- e. 1. Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board approve debit change orders for capital work at Boyd for Walsh Mechanical (3). **(TAB G)**
The motion carried - 3 ayes and 1 nay (Mr. Madden).
2. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board approve debit change orders for M.H.Kane (4) and Hutton Electric (11) for capital work at Boyd and one credit change order for Ruttura & Sons Construction Corp. for capital project at Harley Avenue. The net cost of the aforementioned change orders is \$56,483.72.
The motion carried - 3 ayes and 1 nay (Mr. Cameron).

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- f. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Santomauro seconded that the Board approve the following health service contracts for students attending private/parochial schools:

Northport/East Northport UFSD	60 students	\$ 26,720.40
Huntington UFSD	11 students	5,617.26

The motion carried unanimously

- g. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Cameron seconded that the Board accept the donation of miscellaneous computer equipment from Reuters. **(TAB H)**
The motion carried unanimously.
- h. Mr. Kaszubski moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board declare obsolete a two-compartment stainless steel sink at Harley Avenue. **(TAB I)**
The motion carried unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS --

Mr. Kaszubski nominated Mr. Santomauro for an award given by SCOPE to Board of Education members for outstanding service of 12 or more years.

Mr. Cameron asked construction manager Tom Slattery if the light poles which are to be taken down, can be re-used. Mr. Slattery will ask the engineer.

Mr. Madden stated that 96.5% of families have computers. However, he wondered what percentage of those families has Internet access. Dr. Semergieff will provide this information to the Board of Education.

Mr. Santomauro asked if the net is gaining acceptance by the teachers. He noted that the Guidance Office has a web page and asked if the science teachers are using the net, and if not, to mention it to all of the school principals, to make better utilization of the net.

Mr. Maina said teacher training re Internet usage was provided.

Mr. Cameron questioned the data from BOCES re Enrollment/Long Range Planning. He noted all studies have a plus or minus quotient and takes issue with the BOCES study.

Mr. Maina is awaiting an appraisal of the DeLea property.

Mr. Madden would like to have a technology committee or task force made up of teachers, parents, and students on how to best utilize technology, the Internet and to establish home pages. The task force need not be expensive to implement.

Mr. Maina recommended that the Site Based Committees in each school work with Dr. Semergieff on forming a technology task force.

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J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

K. COMMUNICATIONS -- (No Recommended Items)

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Madden seconded that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss a specific pupil issue.
The motion carried unanimously.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Kaszubski seconded to end Executive session and to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m.
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Granieri
District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **LEGAL MATTERS** - (No Recommended Items)
2. **LABOR RELATIONS/CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS** - (No Recommended Items)
3. **PERSONNEL** - (No Recommended Items)
4. **OTHER** - (No Recommended Items)