

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
February 17, 2011  
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk (7:35 p.m.)**

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| Present: | Michael Kaszubski                  | President                                  |
|          | Joseph Fusaro                      | Vice President                             |
|          | Dan Ciccone                        | Trustee                                    |
|          | Andrew Kaplan (left at 11:00 p.m.) | Trustee                                    |
|          | Patricia Matos                     | Trustee                                    |
| Staff:   | Peter C. Scordo                    | Superintendent                             |
|          | William Pastore                    | Asst. Superintendent/Business              |
|          | Ronald L. Friedman                 | Asst. Superintendent/Human Resources       |
|          | Gene Tranchino                     | Exec. Dir. Adm. & Instructional Technology |
|          | Maryann Llewellyn                  | Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum            |
|          | Peggy Pietzak                      | District Clerk                             |

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President**

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

(TAB A)

1. Business Meeting – January 20, 2011  
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
2. Work Session – February 3, 2011  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**D. COMMENDATIONS – This evening we honored:**

**National Merit Finalist:** *Claudia Geib*

**High School Science Research Students:** *Alexa Bombria, Christopher Conover, Dennis Foley, Angelina Gabrielli, Ryan Harrigan, Andrew Katz, Sebastian Morales, Stephen Orkiszewski, Nikoli Rinaldi, Griffin Ryan*

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

1. Report from Gwen Rosen, Student Liaison
2. Report on the budget calendar – Mr. Pastore
3. Update on the budget documents – Mr. Tranchino
4. Legislative update – Mr. Tranchino

**F. PRESENTATION**

1. High School Science Research Project

**G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – (None)**

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Budget direction to the Superintendent from the Board of Education

**I. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended December 31, 2010,
2. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended December 31, 2010,
3. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended December 31, 2010,
4. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the month ended December 31, 2010,
5. **and** the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Trial Balances for all funds as of December 31, 2010,
6. **and** the Board acknowledge the receipt for audit of the Extra Classroom Fund Reports (High School and Middle School) for the quarter ended December 31, 2010.
7. Recommend the Board approve the budgetary transfers.  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**J. BUSINESS MATTERS**

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)  
Recommend the Board approve personnel items with the exception of P8c and the equipment supervisors for middle school and high school (listed in P8g) which were withdrawn.  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.
2. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached (TAB D)  
Recommend the Board approve business items.  
Mr. Fusaro moved and Mrs. Matos seconded. The motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Kaplan).
3. **Special Education**
  - a. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on: December 9<sup>th</sup>, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, January 10<sup>th</sup>, January 11<sup>th</sup>, January 13<sup>th</sup>,
  - b. **and** the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on: January 6<sup>th</sup>, January 13<sup>th</sup> (2 meetings), January 14<sup>th</sup>, January 20<sup>th</sup>, January 31<sup>st</sup>, and February 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**K. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA -- None**

**L. COMMUNICATIONS**

**M. RESIDENTS' REMARKS -- (8:50 -- 8:55 p.m.)**

**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION -- At 8:55 p.m. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and negotiations.  
The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.**

- O. At 11:15 p.m. the Board concluded executive session business and reconvened in public session.
- P. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion:
- a. to approve contracts for the following nurses: Lisa McNamara, Linda Pellegrino, and Karen Wenda **and** (TAB E)
  - b. to approve the appointment of the following teachers as Mentors at the compensation rate of \$500 (pro-rated accordingly) per mentor (see personnel item **TAB C**, item P-8 c):
- | <u>Mentor:</u> | <u>Mentee:</u> | <u>Term:</u>      |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Rita Guttilla  | Jill Loveland  | 1/31/11 – 6/30/11 |
| Lisa Sallie    | Erica Cisek    | 1/31/11 – 6/30/11 |

The motion carried 4 ayes 0 nays.

- Q. **ADJOURNMENT** – At 11:21 p.m. Mr. Ciccone moved and Mrs. Matos seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

- R. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** March 17, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Pietzak  
District Clerk