

<p><b>ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>  <b>REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>  <b>October 23, 2014</b>  <b>Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.</b></p>
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**MINUTES**

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President, 7:38 p.m.

**B. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk

Present:	Joseph Fusaro	President
	Dan Ciccone	Vice President
	Andrew Kaplan (7:57)	Trustee
	Michael LaMena (8:28)	Trustee
	Julia Fried	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
	Nancy Mancini	District Clerk

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

**(TAB A)**

1. Special Meeting – May 20, 2014
2. Business Meeting – June 19, 2014  
Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve the May 20 and June 19, 2014 minutes. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
3. Business Meeting – August 28, 2014  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve the August 28 , 2014 minutes. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Ciccone).
4. Special Meeting – September 4, 2014  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to approve the September 2, 2014 minutes. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.
5. Business Meeting – September 18, 2014  
Mrs. Fried moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to approve the September 18, 2014 minutes. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan).

**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:

***National Merit Commended Students:***

<i>Mathew Anekstein</i>	<i>Kaitlyn Corazzata</i>
<i>Solomon Choi</i>	<i>Trevor Lochan</i>

**Outstanding Participants in the National Achievement Scholarship Program**

Simisola Familusi

John Fletcher

Julia Hyacinthe

**All County Musicians:**

Chanu Choi (violin) – also **All-State**

Solomon Choi (cello) – also **All-State**

Emily Dimitriou (soprano)

Jennifer Most (violin)

Jasmine Pigott (tuba) – also **All-State** (alto)

Thomas Priest (tenor)

Rebecca St. Paul (violin) – also **All-State**

**E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$1,400 to fund leveled Big Books at Harley
2. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$7,001.14 to fund classroom-leveled libraries at Harley
3. Target Take Charge of Education donation of \$1,333.73 to fund Cultural Arts programs at Harley
4. Elwood Middle School PTA donation of 22 books for the Middle School library

Mrs. Fried moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to move the Presentation section to before Superintendent's Report. The motion carried 3 ayes and 0 nays.

**F. PRESENTATION --**

*Review of Audit Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2014 -- Cullen & Danowski*

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

1. Next week is School Board Recognition Week, so tonight we honor the **Elwood Board of Education** for their dedication and service to the children and residents of Elwood
2. Report from Brooke Thornhill, Student Liaison

**H. RESIDENTS' REMARKS - None**

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS -- Budget Timeline and Legislative Timeline**

**J. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(TAB B)**

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
  - a) Treasurer's Report for the month ended September 30, 2014
  - b) **and** Revenue Report for the month ended September 30, 2014
  - c) **and** Cash Flow Report for general funds for the month ended September 30, 2014
  - d) **and** Budget Status Report for the month ended September 30, 2014
  - e) **and** Trial Balances Report for the month ended September 30, 2014
  - f) **and** Executive Summary for the month ended September 30, 2014
  - g) **and** Extraclassroom Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2014.
2. **and** Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers. The motion carried 4 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

Meeting Dates

September 10

February 25; May 8, 13, 16, 19, 21; June 6; July 24

September 11

February 7; April 23; May 13; June 11, 19 (2 meetings)

September 12

February 12 (2 meetings);, March 12, 20; April 24, 28 (4 meetings), 29; May 6 (2 meetings), 7, 8, 12, 14 (3 meetings), 15 (2 meetings), 16 (2 meetings), 19 (3 meetings), 21. 23, 30 (2 meetings); June 3, 9 (3 meetings), 12

September 16

February 4. 6, 26; March 6, 11; April 23 (2 meetings); May 1, 14, 21, 28 (2 meetings); June 2, 6, 12, 20, 23, 25; July 8, 17; August 4; September 4, 10

- 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

October 3

September 3 (2 meetings), 5, 10, 12, 15, 16 24, 30 (2 meetings)

3. Recommend the Board approve the following resolutions:

- 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 2014-15 school year according to Section 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents:*

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

- b. **"BE IT RESOLVED** that the Elwood Board of Education accepts the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, 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 2013/2014."

4. Recommend the Board appoint a chairperson or chairpersons for the Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee.

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

**(TAB D)**

Mr. Ciccone moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve Action Items 1 – 5 including naming Dr. Howard Koenig and Mrs. Heather Mammolito as co-chairpersons of the Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee and excluding business agenda item D1C which was withdrawn. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

**M. COMMUNICATIONS** -- None

**N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS** - None

**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:22 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations and legal matters. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:30 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The carried 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini  
District Clerk