

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BUDGET WORKSHOP / REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**March 19, 2015
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

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 – 8:20 p.m.
	Andrew Kaplan	Trustee – 7:40 p.m.
	Michael LaMena	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. Business Meeting – February 12, 2015

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the minutes.
The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Ciccone).

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:

Kelsey J. Hackett and Bridget Ann Leighton, finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program

Emily Taylor, Winner of the 2015 Suffolk County Pole Vault Championship

Varsity Wrestling Team, winners of the Suffolk County Dual Meet Wrestling Team Championship:

<i>Brandon Aviles</i>	<i>Jake Blanton</i>	<i>Osman Bayrak</i>
<i>Christopher Bosco</i>	<i>Quentin Caffrey</i>	<i>Damien Caffrey</i>
<i>Andrew Friedman</i>	<i>Derek O'Brien</i>	<i>Joseph Franzese</i>
<i>Anthony Pino</i>	<i>Matthew Porrello</i>	<i>Edwin Rubio</i>
<i>Anthony Sgambati</i>	<i>Robert Valdez</i>	<i>Sean Wieck</i>
	<i>Zachary Ancewicz</i>	<i>Gregory Witthuhn</i>

E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. Target Take Charge of Education donations:

- a. Donation of \$130.24 to fund materials and supplies at Elwood-John H. Glenn High School
- b. Donation of \$236.46 to fund Cultural Arts programs at Elwood Middle School
- c. Donation of \$540.37 to fund Cultural Arts programs at Harley Avenue Primary School

2. Suffolk ASSET (Association of Suffolk County Supervisors for Educational Technologies Inc.
donation of \$50 to fund a technology project presented by students of Elwood Middle School

3. Elwood Middle School PTA donation of \$1,280 to fund the Elwood Middle School trip, Italian Food Tour of New York

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

1. Report from Brooke Thornhill, Student Liaison

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

H. BUDGET PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

1. Instructional programs
2. Technology
3. Athletics

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. May 8, 2015 Community Gathering

J. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a) Treasurer's Reports for the months ended January 31 and February 28, 2015
 - b) **and** Revenue Reports for the months ended January 31 and February 28, 2015
 - c) **and** Cash Flow Reports for general funds for the months ended January 31 and February 28, 2015
 - d) **and** Budget Status Reports for the months ended January 31 and February 28, 2015
 - e) **and** Trial Balances Reports for the months ended January 31 and February 28, 2015
 - f) **and** Executive Summary through February 28, 2015
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers.
The motion carried 5 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

February 23

February 24

February 25

February 26

February 27

Meeting Dates

December 8, 10, 17, 19; January 7 (2 meetings),
13, 21; January 16; February 4, 6

November 18, 25, 26; December 1, 10, 12,
17, 18; January 6, 8, 12, 16, 30; February 13

November 26; December 18

January 15, 21

February 12

3. Recommend the Board approve the schedule of Board of Education meetings for the 2015-16 school year.

(TAB D)

4. Recommend the Board adopt amended Policy 5405 – Wellness Policy (*first reading*).

(TAB E)

5. Recommend the Board adopt the following textbook for use in AP Physics 1: (TAB F)
College Physics: A Strategic Approach, AP Edition, Knight, Jones, Field, 2015

6. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached (TAB G)

Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve action items 1-6 with the exception of Personnel Agenda P-8 a. The motion carried 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mrs. Fried moved Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to approve Personal Agenda P-8 a. The motion carried 4 ayes and 1 nay (Mr. Kaplan).

L. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

M. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:45 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. The motion carried unanimously.

At 10:40 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to exit executive session to vote on additional action items. The motion carried unanimously.

P. ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to approve Addendum III to the Personal Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to approve the following resolution. The motion carried 4 ayes and 1 nay (Mr. Kaplan).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education nominates Sydney Finkelstein and Salvatore Marinello to be placed on the ballot as candidates to fill positions on the Western Suffolk BOCES Board at its election on April 28, 2015.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:44 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk