

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING & BUDGET WORKSHOP #3
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 12, 2015
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President, 7:37 p.m.

B. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk

Present:	Joseph Fusaro	President
	Andrew Kaplan	Trustee – 7:47 p.m.
	Michael LaMena	Trustee
	Julia Fried	Trustee
Absent:	Dan Ciccone	Vice President
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/Budget Workshop – December 11, 2014
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Fusaro).
2. Work Session/Special Meeting/Budget Workshop – January 15, 2015
Mr. LaMena moved and Mrs. Fried seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes and 0 nays.
3. Business Meeting – January 29, 2015
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Fried seconded. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. LaMena).

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

PTA Reflections winners:

***Alex Itzler** – Award of Excellence, visual arts
Morgan Jae Schwartz – Award of Excellence, photography
Joy Lee – Award of Excellence, literature
Ashley Blauer – Award of Merit, visual arts
Peter Giovi – Award of Merit, film production
Luca Babbit – Award of Merit, photography
Drew Kuroda – Award of Merit, literature*

E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. Elwood Booster Club donation of a flag pole for the varsity baseball field at Elwood-John H. Glenn High School

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. PRESENTATIONS --

1. Historical Testing Data for Elwood-John H. Glenn High School – Dr. Furman
2. Chromebook Project – Dr. Gigante
3. NYS STEM Updates – Mrs. Kelly-Gorman

I. BUDGET PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

J. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Community Gathering – May 8, 2015

K. FINANCIAL MATTERS -- None

L. ACTION ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following business matters be approved:

1. **Personnel Agenda** -- no action needed

2. Special Education

- a. 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
January 22

Meeting Dates
September 5; December 2 (2 meetings);
January 6 (2 meetings)

3. Recommend the Board approve the revised APPR plan for 2014-15 pending successful negotiations by the Superintendent with the Elwood Teachers Association and the Council of Elwood Administrators.

4. Recommend the Board approve the calendar for 2015-16.

(TAB B)

5. Recommend the Board amend policy 1500 and Exhibit 1500-E (*second reading*)

(TAB C)

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

(TAB D)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve Action Items 2, 3, 5 and 6. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded a motion to approve Action Item 4. The motion carried 3 ayes and 1 nay (Mr. Kaplan).

M. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

N. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

O. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:59 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations and legal matters. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:21 p.m., Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk