

**EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
With Audit Committee**

At 6:32 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss the selection of internal and external auditors with the Board of Education Audit Committee. The motion carried 3 ayes and 0 nays. (Mrs. Fried and Mrs. Mammolito were not present.)

Audit Committee: At 7:01 p.m., Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion for the Audit Committee to recommend R.S. Abrams as the external auditor and Nawrocki Smith LLP as the internal auditor. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Kaszubski)

At 7:07 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to end executive session. The motion carried 3 ayes and 0 nays.

NEW THIS YEAR!

Board members will be available from 7 to 7:30 p.m. to have conversations with community residents in an informal setting prior to the commencement of the Board meeting

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND BUDGET WORKSHOP #1**

December 10, 2015

Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President, 7:32 p.m.

B. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk

Present:	Andrew L. Kaplan	President
	Michael LaMena	Vice President
	Julia Fried	Trustee
	James Tomeo	Trustee
Absent:	Heather Mammolito	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

Holiday performance by the High School Chamber Choir

C. UPDATE ON THE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(TAB A)

1. Business Meeting – November 12, 2015

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2015.

The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

E. 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:

Recipients of the Girl Scout Silver Award:

Krista Nicole Gross

Alexandra Feete

Margaret Tella

Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team (Suffolk County and Long Island Champions)

Camryn Ackley

Grace Cergol

Mia Cergol

Cassidy Evans

Hanna Graifman

Madison Graifman

Alexis Groark

Erika Gross

Emma Hines

Julia Lombardi

Julianne Malusa

Maggie McGuckin

Julia Molano

Ilissa Pipia

Isabella Sansanelli

Sarah Weitman

Mary Zabransky for her recently published book, I Understand, exploring stereotypes

F. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. The Mihalopoulos family donation of a wheelchair for Harley Avenue Primary School

2. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$2,640 to fund the ESL after-school Homework Club at James H. Boyd Intermediate School.

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

Student Liaison – Danielle Rubin

H. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

I. PRESENTATIONS

1. 2016-17 Budget Overview

2. High School Course Catalogue for 2016-17

J. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Appointment of the External and Internal Auditors for 2015-16

K. BOARD COMMITTEE AND BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee

2. Curriculum

3. Facilities

4. Health and Nutrition

5. Safety

6. Technology

7. Legislative Committee

L. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(TAB B)

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
 - a. Treasurer's Report for the month of October, 2015
 - b. Revenue Report for the period ending October 31, 2015
 - c. Cash Flow Report through October 31, 2015
 - d. Budget Status Report through October 31, 2015
 - e. Trial Balance Report through October 31, 2015
 - f. Executive Summary through October 31, 2015
 - g. Claims auditor report for September, 2015
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers. The motion carried 4 ayes and 0 nays.

M. 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)

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve the personnel agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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
November 24

Meeting Dates
September 29 (2 meetings); October 8 (3 meetings), 18, 21 (2 meetings); November 6 (2 meetings), 15, 19

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve action item #2. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommend the Board approve the direction to the Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee for the 2015-16 school year.

(TAB D)

Mr. Tomeo moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve action item #3. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Recommend the Board adopt the following policies:
 - a. Policy 6020 - Fund Balance and Reserve Funds (*second reading*)
 - b. Amended policy 5420 – Student Health Services (*first reading*)

(TAB E)

Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve action item #4. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Recommend the Board approve the High School Course Catalogue for 2016-17.

(TAB F)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve action item #5. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Pursuant to the Request for Proposal process, the Board of Education of Elwood Union Free School District hereby appoints R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP as External Auditor for the district for the school year 2015-16; **and** the Board hereby authorizes

the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education subject to agreement negotiated by counsel.

Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve action item #6. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Pursuant to the Request for Proposal process, the Board of Education of Elwood Union Free School District hereby appoints Nawrocki Smith, LLP as Internal Auditor for the district for the school year 2015-16; **and** the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education subject to agreement negotiated by counsel.

Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve action item #7. The motion carried unanimously.

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

(TAB G)

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the business agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

N. NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

O. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

P. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:42 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss privileged matters with counsel. The motion carried unanimously.

At 10:20 p.m., Mr. LaMena moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to exit executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board then acted on the motion in **Tab H**.

Mrs. Fried moved and Mr. LaMena seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

At 10:30 p.m., Mr. Tomeo moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to go back into executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

R. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:04 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini
District Clerk