

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Elwood, New York

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING -- BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**October 14, 2004**  
**Elwood Middle School**

**A. CALL TO ORDER – District Clerk 8:14 p.m.**

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| Present | Michael Kaszubski | President                                |
|         | Joseph Fusaro     | Vice President                           |
|         | Dina Annunziata   | Member                                   |
|         | Julie Badlato     | Member                                   |
|         | Dan Ciccone       | Member                                   |
| Staff   | Michael A. Maina  | Superintendent                           |
|         | Carl Fraser       | Assistant Superintendent/Business        |
|         | Robert Annucci    | Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources |
|         | John Hogan        | Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum      |
|         | David Cenerelli   | Director/Special Education               |
|         | Carlene Granieri  | District Clerk                           |

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

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

Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the

1. Regular Business Meeting – September 9, 2004
2. Special Business Meeting – September 20, 2004
3. Special Business Meeting – September 27, 2004

The motion carried 4 ayes 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Ciccone).

**E. COMMENDATIONS –**

Mr. Maina along with the Board gratefully accepted a \$1,000 check from Mr. Gargano and Mr. Sloggatt. It will be used for a Homework Intervention Program.

Mr. Kaszubski read a Proclamation honoring Mr. Maina's 19 years of service to the District and conferred upon him the honorary lifetime designation "Superintendent Emeritus" of Elwood. The Board will fund a \$500 scholarship in his name with Mr. Maina deciding the particulars. In addition, the district law firms of Ehrlich, Frazer & Feldman and Ingerman Smith have agreed to fund the second and third years of the scholarship.

Mrs. Annunziata stated the Board asked the students to participate in honoring Mr. Maina's service to Elwood. Ed Pietzak, Editor-in-Chief of the High School Video Club, produced a "Farewell to Mr. Maina" video and it was shown to the audience.

**D. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Michael A. Maina**  
Gargano Associates and the Long Islander newspaper group, represented by Frank Gargano and Peter Sloggatt, respectively, presented Mr. Maina and the school district with a check in the amount of \$1,000 to help fund any program of the District's choice. Thanks were given to both men for their worthwhile gift and for their efforts in supporting education throughout the township.

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math results have been released, showing 4<sup>th</sup> grade results holding steady and 8<sup>th</sup> grade results increasing. Mr. Maina thanked Mr. Scarola and the Middle School staff for such a positive change in the results at the Middle School.

Three students received letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program, Congratulations to Brittany Binler, Angan Madan, and Andy Tan.

There is now a crossing guard at the entrance to the Middle School and High School on Elwood Road thanks to the assistance of Inspector Casagne of the Second Precinct.

BOCES has set October 25 to honor School Board Members for their volunteer service. BOCES sent certificates to our Board members.

Student Liaison, Brooke Kluepfel reported:

Homecoming was a success. There was a welcome 9<sup>th</sup> grade dance. New ID cards were issued and must be worn at all times. The Student Council will introduce a coffeehouse-like setting with an open mike, karaoke and comedy skits. Order forms for sweatshirts are in the main office. Funds from both events will go to Student Council. Mr. Maina was wished good luck on behalf of the student body.

Mr. Maina thanked the teachers, support staff, secretaries, nurses, teacher assistants and monitors, building and grounds staff, administrators, school lunch staff, and security personnel for their assistance over the years. He also thanked the PTA, all residents of the community, the civic associations, Mr. Joe Caruso and Mrs. Ann Maguire. He also thanked the current and past members of the Board of Education for their support, encouragement and confidence.

Mr. Andy Miller of Miller Lilly & Pearce, LLP reported on the financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2004. The independent audit report is available for inspection from 9 – 3 in the Business Office. A copy will be placed in the Elwood Library. Mr. Miller congratulated Mr. Maina on his retirement and said it was a privilege to serve him and Elwood. He announced that his firm, Miller Lilly & Pearce, would contribute to the fourth year of the scholarship fund. Mr. Miller said that he would be returning to the district in January or February as part of his regular work and would review the status of the recommendations contained in the management letter. In addition, he would provide the district with the names of several firms who could conduct a review of the district's internal controls should the district wish to pursue this matter. Mr. Kaszubski thanked Mr. Miller, Treasurer Nancy Raguzin, and Carl Fraser for their efforts this past year.

F. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** – 9:45 –9:48 p.m.

G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -- (No Recommended Items)

H. **FINANCIAL MATTERS** **(TAB M)**

1. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended August 31, 2004.
2. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Revenue Report for the month ended September 30, 2004.
3. The Board acknowledged receipt for audit of the Budget Status Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2004.
4. The Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the Capital Projects Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2004.

I. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve personnel items:

|                      |                           |                            |
|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Resignations:</i> | <i>Sharon Cappiello</i>   | <i>Paraprofessional</i>    |
|                      | <i>Christina Cinnante</i> | <i>Paraprofessional</i>    |
|                      | <i>Marietta Haack</i>     | <i>Clerk Typist</i>        |
|                      | <i>Catherine Keteltas</i> | <i>Paraprofessional</i>    |
|                      | <i>Dineen Lago</i>        | <i>Food Service Worker</i> |

**(TAB N)**

|                                       |                        |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Appointments:</u> Kimberly Aylward | Clerk Typist           |
| Anne Cosmai                           | Paraprofessional       |
| Karen D'Alessio                       | Paraprofessional       |
| Jared DeMott                          | Custodial Worker I     |
| Robert Lauth                          | Custodial Worker I     |
| Gyslaine Pierre                       | Food Service Worker    |
| Denise Sanginario                     | Paraprofessional       |
| Gene Tranchino                        | Director of Technology |
| Dagoberto Velasquez                   | Custodial Worker I     |

*Other:*

- Emergency appointments
  - Extra classes for teachers
  - Co-Curricular appointments for the 2004/05 school year
  - Lead science teachers for 2004/05
  - Academic tutors at Elwood-John Glenn High School
  - Teacher for Math Academic Intervention at Harley Avenue School
  - Per diem substitute for Assistant Principal at high school
  - Increase in hours for two paraprofessionals
  - Addendum to Schedule of Substitute Teachers/Nurses
- The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Badlato moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve Addendum Schedule of Substitute Teacher Lisa Fusaro (no immediate relation to Mr. Joe Fusaro) The motion carried 4 ayes 0 nays and 1 Abstention. (Mr. Fusaro)

- b. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on May 4, August 18 and 24, and September 15 and 22.
- c. **and** that the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services for meetings held on August 20 and September 14.
- d. **and** that the Board approve the following resolution: **(TAB O)**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Elwood Board of Education accepts the audits of the General Fund and the Extra Classroom Activity Funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, as prepared by the firm of Miller Lilly & Pearce LLP, Certified Public Accountants.
- e. **and** that the Board approve the disposal of the following books and equipment that are obsolete, beyond repair, or old and damaged: **(TAB P)**
  - Single convection oven at High School
  - Washer and dryer and vinyl records at Elwood Middle School
  - Obsolete library books from Boyd Intermediate School
- f. **and** that the Board approve tuition agreement with Variety Child Learning Center for Special Education student for the period 7/1/04 through 8/11/04.
- g. **and** that the Board approve the change order WR-1 with SED certification for Arrow Steel in the **debit** amount of \$3,867.45. **(TAB Q)**
- h. **and** that the Board approve the 2004-05 Tax Levy of \$27,917,711. **(TAB R)**
- i. **and** that the Board enter into agreement with agencies providing special Education services through the 611 and 619 Federal flow-through programs. **(TAB S)**

- j. **and** that the Board approve resolution for a Climate Control System in the Boyd Elementary School auditorium:  
**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District, upon examination of all information related to the capital improvement work to add the air conditioning system located at the Boyd Intermediate School auditorium, hereby determines that the proposed project is an action classified as a Type II action, which, by definition, has no significant adverse impact on the environment and requires no further environmental review under SEQRA (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(8).
- k. **and** that the Board enter into agreement with the Town of Huntington for radar speed monitor. **(TAB T)**
- l. **and** that the Board waive the custodial/building use fees for the Harley Avenue and James H. Boyd PTAs for the use of the Harley Avenue School cafeteria on Saturday, October 23, 2004, for Community Donation Day.
- m. **and** that the Board approve the October edition of *Elwood Education Highlights*. **(TAB U)**
- n. **and** that the Board approve the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Resolution. **(TAB V)**  
The motion carried unanimously.
- o. Mr. Fusaro moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded that the Board award to Landtek Corp. a contract for the installation of a subsurface drainage system on the varsity Baseball field at a cost of \$39,450. **(TAB XYZ)**  
Prior to the vote, the Board indicated the following:
  - that the administration recommended that the Board of Education enter into the contract with Landtek;
  - that the architect was on board with the recommendation; and
  - that Landtek would not hold the district liable financially if the product failed to address the drainage issues.
The motion carried unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Security – Due to recent communiqués from government agencies, security measures in all of our schools have been reviewed. Additional security will be utilized on Election Day, and the district will continue to assess the security needs on an ongoing basis.
- b. Correspondence – The Board will develop a formal policy for acknowledging and responding to correspondence.
- c. Draft School Calendar & Handbook – For 2005/06 the Board indicated that the calendar should indicate certain agenda items at their public board meetings.

J. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

To discuss at the November meeting:

Mr. Fusaro requested that concession stands at our athletic fields (and the possible input of Community Connect Survey) and new School Board Member training be discussed at the November meeting.

The Board will meet in open session in round table discussion with teachers and administrators on Thursday evening, November 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School library.

Also, there will be a welcome for Superintendent Swart, on Tuesday, November 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria. Residents are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Mr. Maina thanked the community again and announced that he would continue to fund the scholarship in his name.

**K. COMMUNICATIONS**

**(TAB W)**

1. 10/4 Letter from Patricia Matos
2. 9/17 Letter from Dr. Mark D. Quintana
3. 9/10 Letter from Mr. Bill Cameron
4. 9/8 Letter from Gerard Hannon

**L. RESIDENTS' REMARKS – 11:15 p.m.**

**M. EXECUTIVE SESSION -- (No Recommended Items)**

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Annunziata moved and Mr. Fusaro seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting at 11:19 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Granieri  
District Clerk