

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 24, 2020

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**A. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.**

**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions related to a pupil personnel matter made confidential under FERPA at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Present at Executive Session were: James Tomeo, Heather Mammolito, Thomas Scarola, Dr. Sara Siddiqui, Deborah Weiss, Dr. Kenneth Bossert, Dr. Maureen Hull and Lorraine Dunkel.

2. Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:35 p.m.**

1. Mr. Tomeo called the meeting to order in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 7:35 p.m.

Present:	James Tomeo	President
	Heather Mammolito	Vice President
	Thomas Scarola	Member
	Dr. Sara Siddiqui	Member
	Deborah Weiss	Member

Absent: None

Staff:	Dr. Kenneth Bossert	Superintendent of Schools
	Dr. Maureen Hull	Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
	Lorraine Dunkel	Assistant Superintendent/Business
	Mary Lou Marx	District Clerk

Absent: None

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

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

1. September 10, 2020 Regular Meeting  
Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of September 10, 2020.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

## **F. COMMENDATIONS**

Rithika Narayan & Brennan Finnegan - National Merit Semifinalists

Rithika Narayan & Juliana Weber - Huntington League of Women Voters Video Contest winners

Devin Lee & Juliana Weber - Commended Students

Honored for Board Service and Board Leadership: Becky Marcus

Honored for Exemplary Service to the District:

Principals: Carisa Burzynski, Christina Moran, Denise Toscano, Elissa Millan

Asst. Principals: Leroy Cole, Corey McNamara, Dawn Valle

Technology: Gene Tranchino, Nancy Mancini, Martha Hanley, Jason Winters, Kevin Conron, Aeriell Clem, Frank Benavides, Krista Albrecht, Matthew McGuire, Terry Lopipero

## **G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert

## **H. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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## **I. DISCUSSION ITEMS** - None

## **J. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items L.1-L.17) as presented the Board at this meeting.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

## **K. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt for audit of the following report:
  - a) Claims Auditor Report for August, 2020

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve Item K.1, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

## **L. ACTION ITEMS (Personnel, Business, Special Education)**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Michael Abbate as a Custodial Worker I, in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twelve month probationary term commencing September 25, 2020, at a rate of \$50,320 pro-rated (\$48,970 + \$1,350 night differential), for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Sarah Yurgel, from her position as a Permanent Substitute, effective September 9, 2020.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Kaitlyn Tuna, from her position as a Permanent Substitute, effective September 10, 2020.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the previously approved (7/13/20) leave of absence for Jean Cipolla from a 0.5 FTE leave of absence to a 0.6 leave of absence, from her position as a Mathematics Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year, at an annual salary of \$52,787.20 (0.4 of MA75 Step 25- \$131,968), effective September 1, 2020.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the appointment of Alexandra Kapuscinski, from a 0.8 FTE part-time Social Studies position to a 0.6 FTE part-time Social Studies position for the 2020-2021 school year, at an annual salary of \$44,553.60 (0.6 of MA Step 5 - \$74,256), effective September 1, 2020.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following mentors for the 2020-2021 school year:

Mentor	Mentee	Period	Compensation
Danielle Whitcomb	Dana Dorrian	First and Second Semesters	\$1,000
Patrick Burke	Kim Pelkonen	First and Second Semesters	\$1,000
Jessica Kennedy	Deidra O'Brien	First and Second Semesters	\$1,000
Patricia Farrell	Laura Raimondi	First and Second Semesters	\$1,000

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitute Teachers, for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jamie Kelly as a Permanent Substitute, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at a rate of \$120.00 per day worked, effective September 29, 2020 through June 11, 2021.
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Linda Aims-Jablonsky as a Permanent Substitute, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at a rate of \$200.00 per day worked for the first forty-five (45) days, thereafter, the per-diem rate increases to \$354.72 per day (MA Step 4 Equivalent), effective September 29, 2020.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves 2020 summer hours for Matthew McGuire, for the purpose of his assistance with implementing our reopening plans, not to exceed 14 hours, with compensation at his 2020-2021 hourly rate of pay.
11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following Elwood Middle School Advisors to the

corresponding clubs/activities for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

12. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elwood Board of Education hereby approves the Town of Huntington 2020-2021 tax levy in the amount of \$48,475,302 and that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education.
13. BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of James Tomeo, Heather Mammolito, Thomas Scarola, Dr. Sara Siddiqui and Deborah Weiss, Member(s) of the Board, and the Superintendent of Schools at the annual NYSSBA Convention to be held virtually from October 20-22 and October 27-29, 2020.
14. BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Deborah Weiss as the Voting Delegate at the NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting to be held virtually on October 31, 2020.
15. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares the following items as surplus and obsolete as they are beyond repair or outdated and allow for their appropriate removal:  
(3) EMS Sewing Machines
16. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute an Agreement with Huntington Hospital, a member of Northwell Health, Inc. and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing physician services to the District, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
17. BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Committee and Subcommittee on Special Education's recommendations for the meeting held on 9/1/2020, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for the meeting held on 9/15/2020 for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes and appropriates the use of District funds necessary to implement the special education programs and services consistent with said recommendations.

**M. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA** - None

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**O. ADJOURNMENT – 8:43 p.m.**

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx  
District Clerk