

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 14, 2021

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**A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 p.m.**

**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of confidential discussions related to the medical history of a particular certificated employee at 6:04 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Present at Executive Session were: James Tomeo, Heather Mammolito (via Zoom), Thomas Scarola, Dr. Sara Siddiqui, Deborah Weiss, Dr. Kenneth Bossert, Dr. Maureen Hull and Lorraine Dunkel (excused at 7:21 p.m.)

2. Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:38 p.m.**

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to reconvene Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 7:38 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Present:	James Tomeo	President
	Heather Mammolito (via Zoom)	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. December 17, 2020 Regular Meeting  
Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of December 17, 2020.  
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

**F. 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. We honored the following members of the Elwood school community:

1. Teachers who were recognized as a JGHS Noble Knight for the 2019-2020 school year:

Nicole Gendjoian

Sarah Santos-Camacho

Kimberly Barnes

Patricia Farrell

Christopher Lafferty

Solomon Buchman

Patricia Iadarola

Krista Albrecht

Arnold Kamhi

Suzanne Hulme

Jennifer Champouillon

2. Dr. Maureen Hull, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Ms. Lorraine Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Dr. Kenneth Bossert, Superintendent of Schools

**G. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT – Daniel Rourke**

**H. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert**

1. Superintendent’s Update: “Opening the Valve”

**I. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS**

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**J. DISCUSSION ITEM – Virtual 2020 NYSSBA Convention Discussion**

**K. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

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

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

**L. 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 reports:
  - a) Treasurer's Report for November, 2020
  - b) Revenue Status Report July 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020
  - c) Cash Flow Report through November 30, 2020

- d) Budget Status Report July 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020
- e) Trial Balance Report July 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020
- f) Executive Summary through November 30, 2020
- g) Budget Transfer Report for November, 2020
- h) School Lunch Fund Report for November, 2020
- i) Claims Auditor Report for November, 2020

**M. ACTION ITEMS (Personnel, Business, Special Education)**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board President and Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to sign and execute the Memorandum of Agreement dated January 14, 2021 between the District and the Elwood Teachers' Alliance, as presented to the Board at this meeting, a copy of which Memorandum of Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Moira Citko as Lead Teacher, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at a rate of an additional \$100 per day served, effective January 19, 2021.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Morgan Goldstein, who holds a Students with Disabilities 1-6 Certificate, to a four-year probationary term as a teaching assistant, commencing on January 15, 2021 and terminating on January 14, 2025 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$24,594 (Step 1, pro-rated).
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Lisa Kastel as an Office Assistant (11 month) in the competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twenty-six week probationary term, effective February 1, 2021 at a salary of \$30,988 (Step 1, pro-rated) for the 2020-2021 school year.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Kim Walsh, from her position as a paraprofessional, effective January 15, 2021.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as Permanent Substitutes, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, at a rate of \$120 per day worked, effective January 15, 2021 through June 11, 2021:  
Mara Pereschensky  
Melissa Rizzuto:
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as a part-time Food Service Worker, for the 2020-2021 school year, effective January 15, 2021:

Name	Hours per day	Hourly Rate
Serina Negri	4.5	\$14.00

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves after-school hours for the following teachers, to

participate in a curriculum writing project during the 2020-2021 school year, with compensation of \$66 per hour:

Curriculum Writing Project	Total Hours per Project	Number of Participants	Teacher Participants
EMS Social Emotional Learning, MindUP Program	Aggregate total not to exceed 60 hours	6	Erica Giordano Jill Locascio Danielle Whitcomb Amy Lindenbaum Lindsay Brady Marianne Migut

9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law Section 913, that a tenured employee whose identity is known to the Board of Education, is hereby directed to report for an examination in order to determine the capacity of such person to perform said employee's duties with the Elwood Union Free School District. Said examination will be conducted by Dr. Randall Solomon on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.
  
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the unpaid leave of absence for Employee #2133, effective December 21, 2020 through June 30, 2021, as requested.
  
11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitute Teachers, Custodial Worker, Teaching Assistant, Paraprofessionals and Food Service Worker for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
  
12. WHEREAS, the Elwood Union Free School District has incurred a series of unanticipated ordinary contingent expenses during the 2020-2021 budget year, which are necessary to effectuate the education of the students of the Elwood Union Free School District relating primarily to the COVID-19 pandemic; and  
 WHEREAS, the District has available unassigned fund balance sufficient to fulfill its obligations to pay for these legally required expenditures; and  
 WHEREAS, the District wishes to designate available unassigned fund balance to pay for these legally required expenditures;  
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes a budget revision increasing the budget in the amount of \$400,000 to allow for the use of unassigned fund balance to pay for the unanticipated ordinary contingent expenses referenced herein; and  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the transfer of \$400,000 of the available unassigned fund balance to the COVID-19 (Object 599) item line of the 2020-2021 Budget to allow for the payment of unanticipated ordinary contingent expenses, which the District is legally obligated to pay.
  
13. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District advertised for the bid for Base Bid No. GC-1 - Mechanical Upgrades at James H. Boyd Intermediate School;  
 WHEREAS, the Elwood Union Free School District received bids for Base Bid No. GC-1 - Mechanical Upgrades on January 6, 2021; and  
 WHEREAS, the District's Architect and Administration have reviewed the bids submitted by the bidders in connection with the Base Bid No. GC-1 - Mechanical

Upgrades at James H. Boyd Intermediate School; and  
WHEREAS, based upon said review, Light House Designs, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder on Base Bid No. GC-1 - Mechanical Upgrades in accordance with General Municipal Law section 103.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby awards the contract for the Base Bid No. GC-1 - Mechanical Upgrades at James H. Boyd Intermediate School to Light House Designs, Inc., 1913 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729 in accordance with the bid specifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business is hereby authorized to approve change orders in the maximum amount of \$25,000 per change order for this project.

14. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the 2021-2022 School Budget Development & Annual Meeting Calendar, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
15. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the County of Suffolk and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for conducting New York State mandated school COVID-19 testing for the purpose of continued in-person education, and said Memorandum of Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
16. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that pursuant to Section 912 of the Education Law, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the Elwood Union Free School District and the Huntington Union Free School District for health and welfare services for resident students of the Elwood Union Free School District attending non-public schools in the Huntington Union Free School District, in the amount of \$694.33 per eligible child for the period September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 inclusive, 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 meetings held on 11/24/20, 12/4/20, 12/8/20, 12/9/20, 12/11/20 and 12/14/20, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 11/24/20, 12/8/20, 12/18/20 and 1/6/21 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.

#### **N. POLICY**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board Policy Sub-Committee, the Board of Education hereby approves the second reading and adoption of the following policies, as presented to the Board at this meeting:
  1. 1120 School District Records

2. 1120-E.1 Application for Public Access to Records
3. 1120-E.2 Agency Response to Request for Records
4. 1120-R School District Records Regulation
5. 2310 Regular Meetings
6. 2342 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
7. 4321.8 Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation
8. 5220 School Sponsored Student Expression
9. 5500 Student Records
10. 5500-R Student Records Regulation
11. 8630 Computer Resources and Data Management
12. 8630-R Computer Resources and Data Management Regulation

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

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

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

**P. COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**Q. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

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**R. ADJOURNMENT – 9:19 p.m.**

Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx  
District Clerk