

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 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 potential discipline of a particular certificated employee at 7:00 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

Present at Executive Session were: 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 7:28 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

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

1. Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene in to Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 7:35 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

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

Absent:	James Tomeo	President
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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 Vice President

E. MOMENT OF SILENCE

1. The Board, and those in attendance, observed a moment of silence for the passing of Sarina Vito, graduate of the JGHS Class of 2017.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. November 10, 2021 Regular Business Meeting

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of November 10, 2021.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

G. COMMENDATIONS

1. 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 Union Free School District:
 1. JGHS Varsity Volleyball Team - Coaches: Nicholas Tremaroli & Alessia Franco
 1. Alicia Ancewicz
 2. Philomena Awadalla
 3. Carmela Ciriello
 4. Lauren Conover
 5. Rebecca Costanza
 6. Sarah Koerner
 7. Meghan McGowan
 8. Shannon McGrath
 9. Carly Nichols
 10. Zoe Pando
 11. Abigail Miller
 12. Diana Muniz
 13. Sophia Pelkofsky
 14. Brittney Pham
 15. Shayna Purow
 16. Isabella Ross
 17. Emma Siniscalchi
 18. Danielle Tomasello
 2. Varsity Girls' Cross Country - Coach: Patrick Burke
 1. Sofia Condron

H. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT – Alexandra Haddad, Student Liaison to the Board

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert

J. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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K. DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

L. PRESENTATION – Federal Grant Update - Dr. Maureen Hull, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Lorraine Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business, and Dawn Valle, Director of Math, Science & Technology and Federal Grants K-12

M. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items N.1, O.1-O.16), as presented to the Board at this meeting.

Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

N. 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 October, 2021
 - b) Revenue Status Report through October 31, 2021
 - c) Cash Flow Report for October, 2021
 - d) Budget Status Report through October 31, 2021
 - e) Trial Balance Report through October 31, 2021
 - f) Executive Summary for October, 2021
 - g) Budget Transfer Report for October, 2021
 - h) School Lunch Fund Report through October 31, 2021
 - i) Claims Auditor Report for October, 2021
 - j) Claims Auditor Report for November, 2021

O. ACTION ITEMS (Personnel, Business, Special Education)

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Christina Conover, from her position as a Paraprofessional, effective November 19, 2021.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Christine Marchetti for the purpose of retirement, from her position as a Food Service Worker, effective November 19, 2021.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Michael Ruiz, from his position as Custodial Worker I, effective December 9, 2021.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Kirk Kreitmayr as a Custodial Worker II, in the non-competitive class of the civil service, at a rate of \$53,789 pro-rated (\$52,439 + \$1,350 night differential), for the 2021-2022 school year, effective December 13, 2021.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves additional after-school hours for Wendy Braxton and Alexandra Kapuscinski to participate in Social Studies (Facing History) curriculum writing during the 2021-2022 school year, with an additional aggregate total of hours not to exceed 12 hours, with compensation of \$66 per hour.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the resolution it acted upon at its June 10, 2021 meeting, by changing Catherine Carbone's probationary term in the Speech tenure area from October 28, 2021, ending on October 27, 2025, to October 28, 2021, ending on October 27, 2024.

7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the following previously approved co-curricular appointments, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting:

Club	Building	Previously Appointed Advisor(s)	Previous Appointment Date	New Appointment
Science Research Club	JGHS	Arnold Kamhi	9/2/2021	Rescind appointment
Robotics Club	JGHS	Matthew McGuire	9/2/2021	Rescind appointment
Alpha to Omega	JGHS	Lisa Sallie	9/2/2021	Rescind appointment
Science Olympiad	JGHS	Richard Greening	9/2/2021	Rescind appointment
Cooking Club	JGHS	Ilene Fucci	9/2/2021	Rescind appointment

8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the additional providers, as listed, to provide Intensive Behavioral Intervention Services for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, as mandated by the Committee on Special Education (CSE), with compensation of \$66 per hour:
Shannon Flores
Helen Aliano
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jolita Haigis as an additional Member to serve on the Committee for Special Education for the 2021-2022 school year.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following mentor for the 2021-2022 school year:
- | Mentor | Period | Compensation |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Kristen Saidler | 1.5 Semesters | \$750 |
11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional substitute paraprofessional, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
12. 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 Consultant Service Contract with Curriculum Associates and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing nine (9) additional days of professional development training to teachers and administrators across the district during the 2021-2022 school year, with compensation of \$13,500 funded by the Title II Grant, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
13. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board of Education President to sign and execute an Agreement with the South Huntington Union Free School District to provide special education services for student(s) who reside in the Elwood Union Free School District, at a cost pursuant to this Agreement and in accordance with the Education Law and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 inclusive, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

14. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to sign and execute an Agreement with Nawrocki Smith, LLP and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing external auditor services to the District, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of the meeting.
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, duplicate copies or outdated and allow for their appropriate removal:
1-Library Books (EMS), as presented
16. BE IT RESOLVED, that 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 10/13/21, 10/14/21, 10/25/21, 11/2/21, 11/3/21, 11/15/21, 11/17/21, 11/18/21, 11/29/21 and 12/6/21, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 5/19/21, 10/29/21 and 11/10/21 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.

P. POLICY

1. Draft Policies Reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools and the Policy Committee and Submitted for a First Reading
0101 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms
2120 School Board Elections
2121 Board Member Qualifications
2342 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
8505 "Charging" School Meals and Prohibition Against Shaming

Q. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

R. COMMUNICATIONS - None

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T. ADJOURNMENT – 8:44 p.m.

Mr. Scarola moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 4-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk