

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER – 5:35 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of confidential discussions related to the promotion of particular certificated employees and the review of confidential information from our legal counsel at 5:35 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 (excused at 7:22 p.m.), Lorraine Dunkel (excused at 7:22 p.m.) and Maryann Sadowski, Esq. (excused at 6:10 p.m.)

2. Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Mammolito 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 Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to reconvene in to 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	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. March 14, 2022 Regular Business Meeting
Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of March 14, 2022.

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:

1. **2022 JGHS Valedictorian: Anson Kwan**
2. **2022 JGHS Salutatorian: Trinity Hausch**
3. **JGHS Mock Trial:**
 - Marsha McLeod - advisor
 - Megan Gieser - advisor
 - Anthony Marino - advisor
 - Matthew Charlotin
 - Sarah Collins
 - Gianna Cook
 - Logan Demianczyk
 - Evan Faraci
 - Sean Faraci
 - Isabella Marino
 - Grace Motta
 - Genaveva Musgrove
 - Mason Navon
 - Abigail Rothleder
 - Kaitlyn Schieble
 - Max Slesinski
 - Arianna Vouthas
 - Victoria Weissberg

G. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT – None

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

1. Board Committee Update: Technology Committee, Gene Tranchino

I. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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J. DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

K. PRESENTATIONS

1. Budget Workshop #4 – Ms. Lorraine Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business
2. Special Education Initiatives – Mrs. Eileen Kelly-Gorman, Executive Director of Special Education

L. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following donations, with gratitude:
 1. \$2,000 from the Elwood Middle School PTA to support the purchase of a new scoreboard for the football field.
 2. \$3,000 from the John Glenn Football Alumni Association to support the purchase of a new scoreboard for the football field.
 3. \$500 from Elwood SEPTA to support the purchase of uniforms or other expenses for the Unified Basketball Program.

Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approved Item L.1, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

M. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items N.1-N.2, O.3-O.25), as presented to the Board at this meeting.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-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 February, 2022
 - b) Revenue Status Report through February 28, 2022
 - c) Cash Flow Report for February, 2022
 - d) Budget Status Report through February 28, 2022
 - e) Trial Balance Report through February 28, 2022
 - f) Executive Summary for February, 2022
 - g) Budget Transfer Report for February 2022
 - h) School Lunch Fund Report through February 28, 2022
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the budget transfers as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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 adopts the expenditure appropriation of \$69,181,071 (The Budget) to operate the schools for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and present such budget appropriation to district residents for a vote on May 17, 2022.

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

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

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the 2022-2023 Property Tax Report Card as presented to the Board at this meeting; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business is

directed to submit the Property Tax Report Card to the State Education Department by the end of the next business day following this approval; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business is authorized to amend and subsequently resubmit the Property Tax Report Card to the State Education Department at a later date if our state aid changes as a result of the final adoption of the New York State budget.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to approved Item O.2, as presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Rosemarie Ortiz as an Administrative Assistant (12 month), in the competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twenty-six week probationary term, effective March 23, 2022, at a salary of \$42,925 (Step 1, pro-rated).
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Linda Franey from her position as Senior Office Assistant, effective close of business on April 7, 2022, contingent on her appointment as a Principal Office Assistant.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Linda Franey as a Principal Office Assistant (12 month), in the competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twelve-week probationary period, effective April 8, 2022, at a salary of \$45,302 (Step 3, prorated).
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Michael Abbate, from his position as Custodial Worker I, effective close of business on April 10, 2022, contingent on his appointment as a Driver/Messenger.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Michael Abbate as a Driver/Messenger, in the non-competitive class of the civil service, commencing April 11, 2022, at a rate of \$49,705 prorated, for the 2021-2022 school year.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Brad Stentiford as a Maintenance Mechanic III, in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a twelve-month probationary term commencing April 25, 2022, at a rate of \$63,957 prorated, for the 2021-2022 school year, pending fingerprint clearance.
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following Election Officials for the Annual Meeting of the Elwood Union Free School District to be held on May 17, 2022; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the District Clerk to make any changes to the appointments or employ substitutes as deemed necessary.
Chairperson/Election Inspector: Rate of pay - \$15.00/hour
Elvira Lubrano
Election Inspectors: Rate of pay - \$15.00/hour

Eileen Bellman, Veronica Bohrer, Patricia Grasso, Lawrence Rose, Hilda Schulkind, Loretta Wilson, Sam Batanchiev, Audrey Boodie, Medeline Palencia, David Rigo, Rose Moszczyc, Jenny Samuelson, Donald Resnick, Michelle Lavitt

10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as an AIS Tutor at Elwood-John H. Glenn High School, to serve at the pleasure of the Board for the 2021-2022 school year, at a rate of \$36.67 per class period, effective April 8, 2022:

Kaitlyn Maliszewski - AIS Social Studies

11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves additional compensation for the following teachers for the High School Credit Recovery Program (Intensive Intervention) held during the school day, for the 2021-2022 school year, with compensation as presented:

Name	Subject Area	Number of Periods Within the School Day	Compensation
Laura Raimondi	ENL	Not to exceed 24 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
Samantha Heuer	Math	Not to exceed 24 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
Richard Rose	Social Studies	Not to exceed 24 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
Sima Lis	Science	Not to exceed 24 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
James Maue	Social Studies	Not to exceed 24 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
Suzanne Hulme	Science	Not to exceed 24 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
Matthew Carrino	Math	Not to exceed 24 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
Lindsay Brady	English	Not to exceed 24 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
Allen Epstein	Social Studies	Not to exceed 24 periods	0.2 FTE, prorated by period
Linda Doyle	AIS Science	Not to exceed 24 periods	one additional period of pay

12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves after-school hours for the following to participate in the after-school High School Credit Recovery Program (Intensive Intervention) during the 2021-2022 school year, with compensation of \$66 per hour, effective April 25, 2022:

Name	Subject Area	Total Hours
Suzanne Hulme	Science	Not to exceed 16 hours
James Maue	Social Studies	Not to exceed 16 hours
Richard Rose	Social Studies	Not to exceed 16 hours
Sima Lis	Science	Not to exceed 16 hours
Allen Epstein	Social Studies	Not to exceed 16 hours
Laura Raimondi	ENL	Not to exceed 16 hours

13. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby acknowledges the receipt of \$386,000, as a community benefit contribution required by the Town of Huntington as part of the approvals given by both the Town Board and Planning Board for a age-restricted multi-family residential units known as the Seasons at East Northport.

14. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the Single Audit as prepared by our internal auditors, R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, 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 and Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to sign and execute a Multi-year Lease Agreement with Western Suffolk BOCES and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing Chromebooks and other technology related services to the District with financing under Coser A501.020 for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting:

Equipment	\$186,708
Coordination	\$18,671
Insurance/Legal	\$5,000
Financing	\$11,660
Total Payment	\$222,039

16. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion to approve the following resolution:
 WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Elwood Union Free School District advertised for the bid of Bond Phase III Building Improvements at Elwood Middle School;
 WHEREAS, the Elwood Union Free School District received bids for the Bond Phase III Building Improvements at Elwood Middle School; on April 4, 2022; and
 WHEREAS, the District’s Architect and Administration have reviewed the bids submitted by the bidders in connection with the Bond Phase III Building Improvements at Elwood Middle School contract; and
 WHEREAS, based upon said review, JNS Heating Service Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder on BASE BID & Alternate 2 for MC-1 MECHANICAL, W.J. Northridge Construction Corporation is the lowest responsible bidder on BASE BID & Alternates 1 & 2 for GC-1 GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, VSC Electric, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder on BASE BID & Alternate 1 & 2 for EC-1 ELECTRICAL and WHM Plumbing & Heating Contractors, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder on BASE BID PC-1 PLUMBING in accordance with General Municipal Law section 103.
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby awards the contract for the Bond Phase III Building Improvements at Elwood Middle School (MC-1 MECHANICAL) to JNS Heating Service Inc., Bond Phase III Building Improvements at Elwood Middle School (GC-1 GENERAL CONSTRUCTION) to W.J. Northridge Construction Corporation, Bond Phase III Building Improvements at Elwood Middle School (EC-1 ELECTRICAL) to VSC Electric, Inc. and Bond Phase III Building Improvements at Elwood Middle School (PC-1 PLUMBING) to WHM Plumbing & Heating Contractors, Inc. 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.
17. 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 and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the Elwood Union Free School District and the South 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 South Huntington Union Free School District, in the amount of \$817.80 per eligible child for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 inclusive, and said agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

18. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign and execute an Agreement with Horizon Healthcare Staffing and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing skilled nurse staffing services to the District, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

19. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion to adopt the following resolution:
WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and
WHEREAS, the Elwood Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Participant") is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and
WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and
WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES' standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and
WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding the bids, and reporting the results to the Participant.
BE IT RESOLVED that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk

BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

20. 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 Shannon Ciccotto and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing IBI services to the District for the 2021-2022 school year, and said Contract will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
21. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
22. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the Board of Education meeting schedule, for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
23. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the following mathematics textbook series for use in Kindergarten through grade 6:
Envision Mathematics 2020 National Edition, 2020, Savvas Learning Company
24. 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:
1-Smartboards from JGHS and EMS, as presented
2-(1) Surface Planer (JGHS)
3-JGHS Library books, as presented
25. 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 3/2/21, 2/1/22, 2/3/22, 2/28/22, 3/3/22, 3/4/22, 3/9/22 and 3/18/22 and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 3/10/22, 3/16/22, 3/18/22, 3/23/22 and 3/30/22 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. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

Q. COMMUNICATIONS - None

R. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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S. **ADJOURNMENT** – 10:21 p.m.

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk