

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of confidential discussions related to an independent contractor at 6:02 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 (excused at 7:11pm), Dr. Maureen Hull (excused at 7:11pm) and Lorraine Dunkel (excused at 7:11pm)

2. Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:39 p.m.

1. Mrs. Mammolito moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to reconvene in to Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 7:39 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. December 9, 2021 Regular Business Meeting
Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of December 9, 2021.
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 Union Free School District:

1. Assemblyman Steve Stern
2. Elementary Reflections Winners 2021
 1. Harley Avenue Primary School
 - Photography: Winner-Kyle Clancy
 - Visual Arts: Winner-Sienna Boremski, Honorable Mention-Jolie Roman & Mya Campbell
 2. James H. Boyd Intermediate School
 - Visual Arts: Winner-Mia Giacalone, Honorable Mention-Johaib Mubeen
 - Photography: Winner-Harper Moran, Honorable Mention-Brayden Clancy
 - Film Production: Winner-Arden Moshos
 - Music Composition: Winner-Sally Ferruzzi
 - Literature: Winner-Bekalu Bitew, Honorable Mention-Alexander Benavides, Janelle Reyes Garrido & Mikaela Rosa

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

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

I. RESIDENTS’ REMARKS

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J. DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

K. PRESENTATION – Mid-Year Goals Update for 2021-2022 – Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert

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. \$200 grant from Jovia Federal Credit Union (procured by Maria Trucios, EMS English teacher) for the purpose of providing access to books for students using the purchased e-readers and downloaded e-books
 2. \$150 from Elwood Middle School PTA to support the annual STEAM event
 3. \$150 from Harley Avenue Primary School PTA to support the annual STEAM event
 4. \$150 from James H. Boyd Intermediate School PTA to support the annual STEAM event
 5. \$880 from Elwood SEPTA to support an after-school sign language club at James H. Boyd Intermediate School for eight sessions

6. \$25.40 from King Solutions Inc donated to the Elwood School District as a result of community supplied codes from their Coca-Cola purchases

Mrs. Weiss moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve Item L.1, as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

M. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items N.1-N.2, O.1-O.20), 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 November, 2021
 - b) Revenue Status Report through November 30, 2021
 - c) Cash Flow Report for November, 2021
 - d) Budget Status Report through November 30, 2021
 - e) Trial Balance Report through November 30, 2021
 - f) Executive Summary for November, 2021
 - g) Budget Transfer Report for November, 2021
 - h) School Lunch Fund Report through November 30, 2021

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the budget transfer 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 accepts the resignation of Melanie Hornstein, from her position as a Teaching Assistant, effective January 7, 2022.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the additional provider, 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:
Sylmary Avalos

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following as advisors to the corresponding after-school clubs at James H. Boyd Intermediate School with compensation as listed:

Name of Advisor	Club	Effective	Rate
Beth Theodorellis	3rd Grade Homework Club	January-June, 2022	\$1,328
Margueritte Carvana	4th Grade Homework Club	January-June, 2022	\$1,328
Marsha McLeod	5th Grade Homework Club	January-June, 2022	\$1,328
Diane Pramberger	3rd Grade Literature Club	January-June, 2022	\$1,328
Julian Gordon	4th Grade Literature Club	January-June, 2022	\$1,328

Lisa Magrino	5th Grade Literature Club	January-June, 2022	\$1,328
Nicole Correia	SEPTA American Sign Language Club	January 14, 2022 for 8 sessions (\$110 per session)	\$880

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Raywa Elmenayer as a part-time Paraprofessional (5.92 hours/day), in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a thirty (30) month probationary term commencing January 18, 2022, at an hourly rate of \$15.30 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Paraskevi Athanasiou, who possesses an Italian Certificate, to a leave replacement substitute position for the duration of the leave of Employee #2871, as an Italian Teacher, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, effective January 24, 2022, at a per diem rate of \$120.00 per day worked.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Irene Calanese, from her position as a Paraprofessional, contingent on her subsequent appointment as a Teaching Assistant, effective close of business on January 13, 2022.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Irene Calanese, who holds a Teaching Assistant Level I Certificate, to a four-year probationary term as a teaching assistant, commencing on January 14, 2022 and terminating on January 13, 2026 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant with compensation of \$24,963 (Step 1, prorated).
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Kathleen Fanara as a clerical substitute, to provide training and transitional services to the District, effective January 14, 2022, at a rate of \$35.38 per hour.
9. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves fifteen (15) additional hours to Linda Pellegrino, for the purpose of providing COVID-19 reporting services for the District, from December 31, 2021 through and including January 3, 2022, outside of her contractual obligation, with compensation as per her current Salary and Benefits Agreement.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the extension of the unpaid leave of absence for Employee #2866, effective February 17, 2022 through April 8, 2022, as requested.
11. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the following previously approved coaching/co-curricular appointments, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting:

Coaching/Co-Curricular Appointment	Building	Previously Appointed Advisor/Coach	Previous Appointment Date	New Appointment	Stipend
Middle School Wrestling Assistant	EMS	Jon Guercio	October 14, 2021	John Ledda	Step 4

Coach					\$3,729
Italian Club	JGHS	Elena Jersey	September 2, 2021	Elena Jersey & Alessia Franco	\$1,528 (50/50 Split)

12. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Elizabeth Musi as a volunteer cheerleading coach, effective January 14, 2022 for the 2021-2022 school year, pending issuance of her Temporary Coaching License.
13. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitute Teachers and Substitute Custodial Workers, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
14. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Elwood-John H. Glenn High School and Elwood Middle School Co-Curricular Club Charters, for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented to the Board at this meeting, and authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents on the Board's behalf.
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 Consultant Service Contract with Stephanie Kalan and the District, setting forth the terms and conditions for providing after-school SAT preparation services to the District, effective January 14, 2022, and said 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, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board of Education President to sign and execute an Agreement with the Smithtown Central School District to provide special education services for student(s) who reside in the Elwood Union Free School District, with compensation pursuant to this Agreement, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 inclusive, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.
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 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 \$721.71 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, 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 Uniondale 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 Uniondale Union Free School District, in the amount of \$934.27 per eligible child for the period September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 inclusive, and said Agreement will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

19. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the 2022-2023 School Budget Development & Annual Meeting Calendar, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
20. 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 4/20/21, 11/23/21, 12/2/21, 12/8/21, 12/10/21, 12/13/21, 12/16/21, 12/21/21, 12/22/21, 1/4/22 and 1/5/22, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for meetings held on 11/23/21, 11/26/21, 12/1/21, 12/7/21, 12/8/21, 12/15/21, 12/22/21 and 1/5/22 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. 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:
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

Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to approve Item P.1, as presented.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Q. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA - None

R. COMMUNICATIONS - None

S. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

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T. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:31 p.m.

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to reconvene in to Executive Session for the purpose of confidential discussions regarding the mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools at 8:31 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

U. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 9:31 p.m.

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to reconvene in to Open Session at 9:31 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

V. ADJOURNMENT – 9:31 p.m.

Mrs. Mammolito moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk