

**ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ELMIRA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK**

C-2

**Board of Education Meeting  
February 27, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Harry Blish, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Lisa Benedict, Harry Blish, William Brewer, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Christopher Callas, Harvey Harris

**OTHERS PRESENT** Mary Beth Fiore, Dawn Hanrahan, Andy Lutz, Joe Robinson, Mike Coghlan, Carol Cady, Randy Cornell, Barb Day, Carol Sullivan,

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**Agenda:**

A motion was made by William Brewer seconded by Harry Blish and carried 5-0 to approve the February 27, 2012 agenda.

**Order of Business:**

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to suspend the regular order of business to accommodate guests, special discussion topics and presentations in an order of business as deemed appropriate.

**Minutes:**

February 13, 2012 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by William Brewer seconded by Harry Blish and carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012 Regular Meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF**

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦Chardon OH High School tragedy – our thoughts and feelings are with them ♦APPR continue to work on

Andy Lutz –Elementary School Principal ♦Benchmark analysis – taking a tremendous amount of time ♦Parent Testing Information night – 50 parents attended – presentation done and resources given to parents ♦Friday is Dr. Seuss Day

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE Chair ♦Career Day is Wednesday ♦Talent Show is Friday at 6:30 ♦DDI Teams are working to accomplish task ♦Assembly - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades – Friday LoraLee of Locker 572 will be here ♦8<sup>th</sup> grade Parent night – not well attended, but parents are making individual appointments

Joe Robinson – High School Principal ♦New Anti-Tardiness Initiative has been instituted ♦EMM – have stepped up the tracking and follow-up ♦Benchmark II – teachers will be meeting to develop instructional plan based on analysis ♦Assembly Wednesday on character ♦"Every Day Heroes – discussing with WENY to honor students of character who live out the six pillars of character

**PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 5-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1a through F-2a as presented, and being further resolved that upon receipt of final clearance from the State Education Department, any conditional appointments shall be changed to regular appointments, reflecting the effective date of said Board meeting.

**F-1 Appointments**

**a. Volunteers - approved**

The Board approved the following volunteers to work with our athletic program for the 2011-12 school year:

Devin Burch	Baseball
Ashley Crozier	Softball

**F-2 Salary Correction – long term substitute approved**

**a. Laura Carozza**

The Board approved the recommendation to correct the salary for Laura Carozza, Ms. Carozza was appointed at the February 13, 2012 Board of Education Meeting as a long-term substitute in Grade 4. Her pro-rated salary under EHTA contract should be the equivalent of Step 1 \$35,955 with 30 graduate hours at \$74.00 per hour for a per diem rate of \$190.88.

**FINANCIAL**

**No Reports**

**FACILITIES**

Capital Project – ♦ Close out documents are nearing completion

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

None

## CONSENT

A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by Harry Blish and carried 5-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1 through K-2.

### **K-1 CSE Recommendations and Funding - approved**

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the February 9, 13,14,15,16, 2012 CSE meetings.

### **K-2 Datamatics Inc. d.b.a. Achieve HighPoints - approved**

Approved the contractual services agreement between the Elmira Heights Central School District and the Datamatics Inc. d.b.a. Achieve HighPoints, pending certificate of insurance, for the purpose of providing supplemental educational instructional mandates of No Child Left Behind.

## AWARDS / HONORS / ACHIEVEMENTS

None

## COMMUNICATIONS

No Report

## DISCUSSION

### ◆ **Health Insurance Costs Savings:** Nancy Zito

Presented cost and plan comparisons primarily relative to retirees that are still on the PO7 Plan. Significant cost savings possible if these plans can be converted and Medicare Option III is instituted. To save money by requiring this conversion, the board would have to agree to pay the out of pocket difference.

### ◆ **Equity in School Lunch Pricing USDA Mandate -**

Mandated increase – which requires raising the cost of lunches for those not on free and reduced until USDA level is reached.

### ◆ **Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) – Dawn Hanrahan**

Ms. Hanrahan detailed the plan instituted for intervention at the Middle School depending on the areas of need as a result of being a School in Need of Improvement. This was an extensive procedure and Ms. Fiore commends Ms. Hanrahan for a job well done

### ◆ **Corning Community College Developmental Placement Data**

Data presented on 2006-2011 Developmental Placements

### ◆ **Shared Director of Facilities Pilot**

Met with Horseheads School District – to discuss details relevant to budgeting. This pilot will start with the 2012-2013 school year

### ◆ **Budget Development**

Budget Summary was updated relative to both revenue and expenditures and details on 3 levels of cuts to accomplish the task of getting to the necessary limits. Cuts could be so deep as to have to eliminate Kindergarten. Most districts across the date are facing the same destruction over next few years.. Consolidation is not necessarily the answer as we will go from smaller poor schools to larger poor schools.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:44pm a motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 5-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel and negotiations.

## ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:58pm a motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by William Brewer and carried 5-0 to adjourn executive session

## **Budget Discussion Continued**

## NEXT MEETING

Mon March 12, 2012

7:00 pm -Regular Meeting

TAE Community Room

ADJOURNMENT – At 9:14pm a motion was made Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

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Clerk