

ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELMIRA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

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Board of Education Meeting
March 12, 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, Christopher Callas (7:04), Harvey Harris, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

OTHERS PRESENT Mary Beth Fiore, Debra Palmer, Dawn Hanrahan, Andy Lutz, Joe Robinson, Carol Sullivan, Barb Day, Colleen Dengler, numerous students, family, community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda:

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict seconded by William Brewer and carried 6-0 to approve the March 12, 2012 agenda.

Order of Business:

A motion was made by Andrew Willard seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 6-0 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 27, 2012 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by William Brewer seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 6-0 to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2012 Regular Meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦Before moving on to the awards/recognition portion of the meeting Superintendent Fiore took a moment to address the audience that this year's budget process is very difficult and that the Governor's 2% tax cap is a misnomer. The formula is very complicated and 2% is not every districts' number.

Andy Lutz -Elementary School Principal ♦Fri Mar 16 is conference day – will be working on common core curriculum ♦2nd benchmarks complete ♦Marzano training – evaluation process ♦Rotary Reads is March 27 & 28 ♦March 29 is Family Literary night ♦Spring Mini Plays are being rehearsed ♦Employee Fitness Challenge is going strong

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE Chair ♦Talent Show was a huge success and a great time for all – Winners 1st Noah Ward, 2nd Cassie Goff, Hannah Goff, Valerie Shaw, 3rd Savannah Rae ♦Medieval Festival is May 29 – we have received a grant to support this event ♦Educational Support Services are set

Joe Robinson – High School Principal ♦Wizard of Oz was Awesome ♦Character education – Feb 29 Mike D'Aloisio spoke about character and his biography of Joel Stephens ♦March 1 Christine Baze performed a wonderful program ♦Paint It Yellow Week was Feb 29 – March 10 as proclaimed by the Village of Elmira Heights in recognition of cervical cancer recognition ♦Faculty & Staff working on academic best practices

Debra Palmer – Business Manager ♦Internal control audit starts this week ♦Copiers – leases are up for some of them so looking at some more economical options ♦Medicaid training is Friday ♦Mandate reform – report to come out soon

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 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. Substitutes – for the 2011-12 school - approved

Substitute Support Staff Michael Bennett Sr.

b. Coach - approved

Approved the following coach to work with our athletic program for the 2011-12 school year
Kurt Warner Modified Tennis Year 1 Level 1 Stipend \$1,402.25

c. Volunteer - approved

Approved the following volunteer to work with our athletic program for the 2011-12 school year:
Abel Menechella Tennis

F-2 Resignations - approved

a. Modified Tennis Coach

Kevin Sauer

Due to an injury, the Board accepted with wishes for a speedy recovery, the resignation of Kevin Sauer as Modified Tennis Coach, effective March 13, 2012

FINANCIAL

G-1 Budget Status Report as of March 5, 2012- acknowledged

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Christopher Callas, and carried 7-0 to acknowledge the budget status as of March 5, 2012

G-2 Treasurer's Report (January 2012) - acknowledged

A motion was made by Andrew Willard seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 7-0 to accept the Treasurer's report for January 2012.

G-3 Investment Report

No Report

G-4 Claims Auditor Report (January 2012) - acknowledged

A motion was made by William Brewer seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 7-0 to accept the Claims Auditor Report for January 2012.

G-5 Extra-Classroom Report (January 2012) - acknowledged

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to accept the Extra-Classroom Report for January 2012.

G-6 Bus Bond Anticipation Note - \$330,024.00 - approved

A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by William Brewer and carried 7-0 to approve the following Bus Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$- \$330,024.00.

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 12, 2012

WHEREAS, at an annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Elmira Heights Central School District, held May 17, 2011, a proposition was duly adopted authorizing the purchase of three school bus at a cost not to exceed \$332,000.00 and further authorizing the levy of a tax therefore to be collected in five annual installments and, to issue obligations of the District thereof in accordance with the Education Law and Local Finance Law.

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the financing of the purchase of three school buses pursuant to the aforesaid proposition;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the total cost of the aforesaid items is \$330,024 and the plan for the financing thereof consist of the issuance of \$330,024 in serial bonds of said School District hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

FACILITIES

Capital Project – continue to closeout project paperwork

OLD BUSINESS

No Items

NEW BUSINESS

No Items

CONSENT

A motion was made by Christopher Callas seconded by Harry Blish and carried 7-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1 through K-6.

K-1 CSE Recommendations and Funding - approved

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the February 24, 27, 28, 29 and March 1, 2012 CSE meetings.

K-2 CPSE Recommendations and Funding - approved

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the February 27, 2012 CPSE meetings.

K-3 School Lunch Prices - approved

Approved the following school lunch rates for the 2012-13 school year in accordance with the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Acts
Elementary \$1.30 Middle School \$1.50 High School \$1.50
The Cost for Breakfast will remain unchanged at \$1.00

K-4 Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) - adopted

Approved the recommendation to adopt the Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) as presented at the February 27, 2012 Board of Education Meeting.

K-5 Health & Welfare Services – Elmira City School District - approved

Recommendation to approve the Health and Welfare Services contract with the Elmira City School District, to provide services to twenty-one (21) Elmira Heights students attending non-public schools located in the Elmira City School District, at a rate of \$354.76 per student for the 2011-12 school year, at a cost of \$7,449.96.

K-6 Health & Welfare Services – Horseheads Central School District - approved

Recommendation to approve the Health and Welfare Services contract with the Horseheads Central School District, to provide services to eleven (11) Elmira Heights students attending non-public schools located in the Horseheads Central School District, at a rate of \$289.48 per student for the 2011-12 school year, at a cost of \$3,184.28.

AWARDS / HONORS / ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations were expressed and certificates distributed for the following achievements:

◆ **Middle School Caring Awards**

8th grade McKenzie Slaven 7th grade –Rana Elliott 6th grade – Rachel Becker

◆ **Paint It Yellow Week – February 29, 2012 - March 10, 2012**

Proclamation by Mayor Margaret Smith of the Village of Elmira Heights declaring February 29- March 10, 2012 “Paint It Yellow Week” in an effort to support the Yellow Umbrella Organization as they hold awareness raising events during this time.

◆ **WENY “Every Day Heroes Award”**

Award Recipients – Sarah Bryant Cheyenne Seymour Chelsea Storch Ryan Willard Tori Woodard
Additional Nominees: Alexis Briggs, Madison Bussmann, Megan Cook, Mary Cornell, Ben Davis, Pebbles Ellsworth, Maria Forte, Kassie Gleason, Amanda Green, Makia Hall, Anna Hoyt, Allena Jamison, Jillian Johnson, Gabe Kick, Molleigh Malanoski, Brendan Morgan, Bridget Murphy, Dana Paul, Ally Pine, Ryan Roberti, Sam Sauer, Jack Sheridan, Adam Shumacker, Kevin Snyder, Tyler Troccia, Tyler Ungerland, Elizabeth Warren, Katelyn Warren, Connor White, Kevin Yusko

◆ **Jackals Senior Honors Program**

This is an upcoming program

◆ **Parent Internet Safety Class**

Student Facilitators

Alexis DiBucci Kendall Lucarelli Helena Melendez Cheyenne Seymour Jack Sheridan

COMMUNICATIONS

◆ none

DISCUSSION

◆ Health Care Plan - Option –

Analysis of health care claims indicates that thousands of dollars could be saved by switching the retirees on the PO7 plan to the P61 and converting the Medicare option 1 participants to option 3. This takes into consideration that the district reimburse for balance billed amounts for option 3. The Board will have to review and pass a resolution

◆ Budget Development

Difficult year for budgeting. Figures from the State change daily. The Board will have to make some difficult decisions now that they have the latest figures and possible options.,

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:48pm a motion was made by Christopher Callas seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel and negotiations.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:04pm a motion was made by [redacted] seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to adjourn executive session

NEXT MEETING

Mon March 19, 2012 7:00 pm -Budget Workshop TAE Community Room
Mon March 26, 2012 7:00 pm -Regular Meeting TAE Community Room

ADJOURNMENT – At 10:08pm a motion was made Harvey Harris seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk