

ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ELMIRA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

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Board of Education Meeting  
April 2, 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, Harvey Harris, Andrew Willard

**OTHERS PRESENT** Mary Beth Fiore, Debra Palmer, Dawn Hanrahan, Andy Lutz, Joe Robinson, Carol Cady, Barb Day, Joe Melville-WENY, Stephanie Eichenlaub, Stephanie Seelye, Kelly Sanford, Katy Rayne, Christian Pelchar, 8 other attendees, Colleen Dengler

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**Agenda:**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 5-0 to approve the April, 2012 agenda.

**Order of Business:**

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict seconded by Harvey Harris 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:**

March 26, 2012 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by William Brewer seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2012 Regular Meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:03pm a motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel and negotiations.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:06pm a motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 5-0 to adjourn executive session

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF**

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦State has adopted their budget ♦Food Service has an excess fund balance of about \$700 that will be used to purchase sneeze bars for the cafeteria

Andy Lutz -Elementary School Principal ♦Spring Mini-Plays are great ♦Thank you to Rotary for read-a-loud time ♦Thank you to the Clemens family for donating funds to support family literacy night – 50 students and their families attended ♦Employee Fitness Challenge complete – results forthcoming ♦NYS testing starts Tuesday after break

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE Chair ♦Medieval Festival tickets are on sale ♦Assembly last week – addressed dress code- respect in classroom and reporting of bullying instances ♦Test Prep Rally coming up ♦Training occurring for ELA and Special Education teachers ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Joe Robinson – High School Principal ♦4<sup>th</sup> marking period has begun ♦43 students honored at the recent Jackals event

Debra Palmer – Business Manager ♦Received \$2000. Teacher Center Grant for Reading First professional development ♦Bond Refunding – savings are anticipated at \$149,000 over 5 years ♦\$50,000 –of general operating support to be dispersed – grant from Senator O'Mara

**AWARDS / HONORS / ACHIEVEMENTS**

- ♦ **Middle School Citizenship Awards** - congratulations  
8<sup>th</sup> grade – Tyler Barrett      7<sup>th</sup> grade –Madison Seelye      6<sup>th</sup> grade – Jordan Sanford & Samantha Goodwin
- ♦ Presidential Scholarship Award Corning Community College  
Alexis Rozell - congratulations

**PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1a through F-2c 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**

### **b. Substitutes – for the 2011-12 school year pending fingerprint clearance - approved**

Substitute Support Staff Teuta Hoxha

## **F-2 Retirement Notifications - Teachers - approved**

### a. Patricia Sauer

The Board accepted with thanks and appreciation of service the retirement notification of Ms. Patricia Sauer, effective June 30, 2012. Ms. Sauer shall be entitled to all retirement benefits as provided for in the current EHTA contract. We thank her for her dedication to the teaching profession and the numerous children she has taught during the past twenty-five (25) years, as a teacher at Cohen.

### b. Terry Allison –

The Board accepted with thanks and appreciation of service the retirement notification of Ms. Terry Allison, effective June 30, 2012. Ms. Allison shall be entitled to all retirement benefits as provided for in the current EHTA contract. We thank her for her dedication to the teaching profession and the numerous children she has taught during the past thirty-one (31) years, as a teacher at Cohen.

### c. Linda Buice –

The Board accepted with thanks and appreciation of service the retirement notification of Ms. Linda Buice, effective June 30, 2012. Ms. Buice shall be entitled to all retirement benefits as provided for in the current EHTA contract. We thank her for her dedication to the teaching profession and the numerous children she has taught during the past twenty-six (26) years, as a teacher at Cohen.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **G-1 Budget Status Report dated March 26, 2012- acknowledged**

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to acknowledge the budget status report dated March 26, 2012.

### **G-2 Treasurer's Report (February 2012) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by William Brewer and carried 5-0 to accept the Treasurer's report for February 2012.

### **G-3 Investment Report**

No Report

### **G-4 Claims Auditor Report (February 2012) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to accept the Claims Auditor Report for February 2012.

### **G-5 Extra-Classroom Report (February 2012) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to accept the Extra-Classroom Report for February 2012.

## **FACILITIES**

### Capital Project –

◆Continue to close out documents – final report in the near future

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Tentative Agreement – Teachers Association – ratified

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Harvey Harris to ratify the tentative agreement between the Superintendent of Schools of the Elmira Heights Central School District and the Elmira Heights Teachers Association (EHTA), effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015

### Tentative Agreement – Support Staff Association - ratified

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by William Brewer and carried 5-0 to ratify the tentative agreement between the Superintendent of Schools of the Elmira Heights Central School District and the Elmira Heights Educational Support Staff Association (EHSSA), effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

## **CONSENT**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 5-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1 through K-3.

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

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the March 22, 23, 2012 CSE meetings.

**K-2 Policy 4212: Organizational Chart accepted**

Accepted revised Board of Education Policy 4212: Organizational Chart as presented at the March 27, 2012 Board of Education Meeting.

**K-3 Agreement – Cerebral Palsy Handicapped Children’ Association - approved**

Approved the agreement between the Elmira Heights CSD and the Cerebral Palsy Handicapped Children’s Association of Chemung County, effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. The total budgeted amount for the agreement is \$3,818 for Section 611 and \$1,1011 for Section 619.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- ◆ None

**DISCUSSION**

- ◆ Grade 8 End of Year Trip  
Washington DC – stops at the museums – zoo and Baltimore Orioles game – gone 24 hours
- ◆ Teacher/Principal Evaluation Assessment Rubrics and Evidence Binders –  
Kudos to all involved on implementing – lots of hard work and thanks to Deb Palmer for finalizing required RTTT paperwork
- ◆ Final Budget Review  
After much discussion the Board would like to present a budget with a 3.88% levy increase

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday April 18, 2012                      7:00 pm -Regular Meeting                      TAE Community Room

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 8:54pm a motion was made Andrew Willard, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

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Clerk