

**Elmira Heights Central School District  
Elmira Heights, New York**

**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, Harvey Harris, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

**OTHERS PRESENT** Mary Beth Fiore, Debra Palmer, Tom Boyanowski, Dawn Hanrahan, Andy Lutz, Mike Bennett, Carol Cady, Barb Day, Christin Melville, David Conkright

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**Agenda:**

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 7-0 to approve the November 26, 2012 agenda.

**Minutes:**

November 5, 2012 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by William Brewer seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2012, 2012 Regular Meeting.

**Minutes: - Correction**

March 12, 2012 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 7-0 to approve the corrected minutes of the March 12,, 2012 Regular Meeting to reflect a suspension that was moved and carried at the meeting but was not reflected in the original minutes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:02pm a motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by William Brewer and carried 7-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:12pm a motion was made by William Brewer, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 7-0 to adjourn executive session

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF**

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦continue to keep everyone posted and promote involvement ♦grades 3-8 math testing – cannot use calculators for certain parts-new ruling ♦no answer on Park assessments yet ♦meeting with community next week – hope to get some answers from meeting with Commissioner next week ♦showed chart on **region** (loss of \$1.49 mil in 12-13)

Andy Lutz –Elementary School Principal ♦1<sup>st</sup> marking period over ♦elementary teachers are taking attendance three times a day ♦multiple cases of pink eye – thus we are on a serious hand washing campaign- school physician has been notified ♦WENY interviewed Mr Lutz for Cornell Elf Program -over \$14,000 raised in last 2 years and 110 families will have benefited

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE Chair ♦Special Education Reports being completed ♦Knight Club – passes and rewards were given out ♦Cohen Middle School Jackals Night is in December ♦Conduct referrals – 87 so far this year, last year at this time there were 131

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal ♦Have received a Warm Welcome and delighted by student manners ♦Spartan Honor Assembly 2<sup>nd</sup> day & first time to address full student body ♦Been learning procedures/Protocols, schedules, Crisis teams, BLT/Faculty meeting ♦\$1000. – PBIS donation ♦21 students attended YWCA Youth Summit

Debra Palmer – Business Manager ♦SCASBO meeting to review rules of using reserves ♦Proposed Fiscal monitoring system ♦Tax Collection - % collected is a bit lower this year. Reviewed 4 year financial plan, enough fund balance to close budget gap 1 more year. Rollover budget is 4.89% above 2012-13 (\$948,000). Means tax levy increase of 13.54%; showed \$100,000 house with tax increase of 21% (worst case) would mean increase of \$467 before STAR; \$454 after STAR.

**PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Christopher Callas seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 7-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1a through F-4a, which now includes F3a-suspension of a coach and an additional appointment F4a-interim coach, 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 2012-13 school - approved**

**Substitute Teachers** Liz Reed (Sowell) Julie Wenck  
**Substitute Support Staff** Ramona Griffin Randy Hardy Paulette Norton Julie Wenck

**b. Supervision/Game Help - approved**

Kirsten Southard

Approved Kirsten Southard as a Supervisor for extracurricular events for the 2012-13 school year. She is CPR/AED certified.

**c. Volunteers - approved**

The following volunteers were approved to work with our athletic program for the 2012-13 school year:

Michael Houghtaling – Bowling  
Jonathan Schiefen – Basketball  
Jim Schiefen – Basketball

**b. Game Help - approved**

Jerry Pesesky

Approved Jerry Pesesky for the position of game help, for extracurricular events for the 2012-13 school year.

**F-2 Resignations - approved**

**a. Modified Wrestling Coach**

Nick Roberti

With thanks and appreciation of service, the Board accepted the resignation of Nick Roberti as Modified Wrestling Coach, effective November 14, 2012.

**F-3 Suspension – varsity wrestling coach - approved**

**a. Corey May**

The Board of Education approved the suspension of Corey May for a time period of November 20, 2012 through December 19, 2012

**F-4 Appointment -**

**a. Coach – interim varsity wrestling - approved**

Kevin Weber

Approved the recommendation to appoint Kevin Weber as interim varsity wrestling coach pending completion of NYS coaching license requirements. Mr. Weber will be serving as interim coach from November 27, 2012 through December 19, 2012. He will be compensated at a year 1, level 1, pro-ration of \$974.05 for his 23 days of services.

**FINANCIAL**

**G-1 Budget Status Report as of November 19, 2012- acknowledged**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 7-0 to acknowledge the budget status report as of November 19, 2012.

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

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by William Brewer and carried 7-0 to accept the Treasurer's report for September 2012.

**G-3 Investment Report**

No Report

**G-4 Claims Auditor Report (September 2012) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 7-0 to accept the Claims Auditor Report for September 2012.

**G-5 Extra-Classroom Report (September 2012) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to accept the Extra-Classroom Report for September 2012.

**G- 6 Affidavit of Unpaid School Taxes \$514,251.86 - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to acknowledge the Affidavit of Unpaid 2012 School Taxes in the amount of \$514,251.86 to be re-levied by the Chemung County Treasurer.

**FACILITIES**

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

## CONSENT

A motion was made by Andrew Willard seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 7-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1 through K-11.

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

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the October 29, 2012 CPSE meetings.

### **K-2 CSE Recommendations and Funding - approved**

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the October 22 and November 5, 6, 13, 2012 CSE meetings.

### **K-3 Donation up to \$1,000.00 - PFO - accepted**

Accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of up to \$1,000.00 from Elmira Heights PFO for the purpose of purchasing laminating film for the Cohen Complex for the 2012-13 school year.

### **K-4 Donation up to \$500.00 - PFO - accepted**

Accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of up to \$500.00 from Elmira Heights PFO for the purpose of providing transportation to the Elmira Library for the kindergarten classes. This Kinderbooks program allows every kindergartner to get their own library card. We are proud that our district is the only one in the region that still provides this program.

### **K-5 Donation \$1,000.00 - PFO - accepted**

Accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of \$1,000.00 from Elmira Heights PFO for the TAE PBIS Program for the 2012-13 school year.

### **K-6 Donation \$750.00 - PFO - accepted**

Accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of \$750.00 from Elmira Heights PFO for the Cohen Elementary and Middle School PBIS Program for the 2012-13 school year.

### **K-7 Donation up to \$350.00 - PFO - accepted**

Accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of up to \$350.00 from Elmira Heights PFO for the purpose of supporting the 5<sup>th</sup> grade positive behavior charms program.

### **K-8 Health & Welfare Services – Corning Painted Post - \$1,287.33 - approved**

Approved the Health and Welfare Services contract with the Corning Painted Post District, to provide services to three (3) Elmira Heights students attending non-public schools located in the Corning Painted Post School District, at a rate of \$429.11 per student for the 2012-13 school year, at a cost of \$1,287.33.

### **K-9 Sequestration Resolution**

Approved the following Sequestration Resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION REGARDING SEQUESTRATION**

***WHEREAS**, a world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today's schoolchildren; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts to almost all federal programs including education that would become effective January 2, 2013; and*

***WHEREAS**, these across-the-board budget cuts would impact school districts during the 2013-14 school year, with the exception of the Impact Aid program, with which a reduction would become effective this school year; and*

***WHEREAS**, these across-the-board budget cuts, also known as sequestration, would impact education by a reduction in funds of 8.2 percent or more and could result in larger class sizes, fewer course offerings, possible four-day school weeks, loss of extracurricular activities, teacher and staff lay-offs, and ultimately bankruptcy of school districts; and*

***WHEREAS**, sequestration would impact almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and more; and*

***WHEREAS**, Elmira Heights Central School District, as well as other public schools, would be impacted nationwide by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss from just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants and Head Start – that serve a combined 30.7 million children; and*

***WHEREAS**, federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011, and state and local funding for education continues to be impacted by budget cuts and lower local property tax revenues; and*

***WHEREAS**, states and local governments have very limited capacity to absorb further budget cuts from sequestration, as Elmira Heights Central School District has already implemented cuts commensurate to state and local budget conditions;*

***WHEREAS**, that the Elmira Heights Central School District urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.*

### **K-10 Policy 5510: Accounting of Funds - revised-1<sup>st</sup> reading - accepted**

Accepted the first reading of revised Policy 5510: Accounting of Funds

### **K-11 Regulation 5510R: Electronic Banking - new - acknowledged**

Acknowledged new Regulation 5510R: Electronic Banking

**AWARDS / HONORS / ACHIEVEMENTS**

none

**COMMUNICATIONS**

none

**DISCUSSION**

- ◆ Community Forum: - Problems to Solutions,  
December 10, 2012 6:00pm  
-Will continue to promote this forum -Podcast with Rick Timbs -4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade to perform

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:22pm a motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 7-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel/legal.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 9:14pm a motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to adjourn executive session

**NEXT MEETING**

Mon December 10, 2012 7:00 pm -Regular Meeting TAE Community Room

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 9:15pm a motion was made William Brewer, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting.

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Clerk