

ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ELMIRA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

C-2

Board of Education Meeting  
March 11, 2013

Prior to the regular meeting the Board met in executive session:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:35pm a motion was made by Lisa Benedict seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 5-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:58pm a motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to adjourn executive session

**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, Harvey Harris, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

**OTHERS PRESENT** Mary Beth Fiore, Debra Palmer, Tom Boyanowski, Dawn Hanrahan, Andy Lutz, Barb Day, Carol Cady, Carol Sullivan, David Nelson, Kim Mowchan, Joe Mowchan, Sean Brown, Whitney Brown,

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**Agenda:**

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Andrew Willard, and carried 5-0 to approve the agenda of the March 11, 2013 Board of Education Regular Meeting.

**Minutes:**

February 25, 2013 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2013 Regular Meeting.

**Clerk Pro-Tem:**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by Harry Blish and carried 5-0 Appoint Debra Palmer as Clerk Pro-Tem for tonight's meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF**

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦Thanks to all who came to the rally – hope to influence change ♦Read a letter that a parent sent to Albany ♦Testing on Common Core that has not been taught, can expect student scores will drop 25%

Andy Lutz –Elementary School Principal ♦Teachers are rally working on the Marzano binders ♦Leaf Training soon for Superintendent Fiore and the Principals ♦Rotary Reads is this month ♦Mini Play season for Mrs. Shaw's music classes ♦NYS Testing coming up soon

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE Chair ♦Concert with Twin Tiers Orchestra was last week was well attended ♦Dance last Friday was a St Patrick's Day theme

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal ♦Willy Wonka – wonderful production and well attended ♦Pops Concert is Wednesday ♦5<sup>th</sup> marking period began today ♦Round 3 of benchmarks underway ♦continue to schedule conferences

Debra Palmer – Business Manager ♦Risk Assessment report received- will review ♦Health Care meetings and MVP meetings continue ♦Workers Comp premium will go down \$2100next year ♦CAF Tax Pilot received – no effect this year – it is only on addition and railroad spur upgrades

**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-1b 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 Teacher Dorothy Mischo  
Substitute Support Staff Dorothy Mischo

**b. Volunteers - approved**

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

Tennis Tom Menechella Abel Menechella.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **G-1 Budget Status Report as of March 4, 2013- acknowledged**

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 5-0 to acknowledge the budget status report as of March 4, 2013.

### **G-2 Treasurer's Report (January 2013) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to accept the Treasurer's report for January 2013.

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

No Report

### **G-4 Claims Auditor Report (January 2013) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 5-0 to accept the Claims Auditor Report for January 2013.

### **G-5 Extra-Classroom Report (January 2013) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 5-0 to accept the Extra-Classroom Report for January 2013.

## **FACILITIES**

No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No Items

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **J-1 Resolution for Local Government Efficiency Grant application**

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Harry Blish, and carried 5-0 to approve the following resolution for local government efficiency grant application:

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of State is accepting applications for the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program for the 2012-2013 Program Year, and

**WHEREAS**, the Elmira Heights Central School District, as lead applicant, and the Horseheads Central School District as co-applicant, wish to apply for a Local Government Efficiency grant award, and

**WHEREAS**, grant funds awarded through the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program will be used by the Elmira Heights Central School District and the Horseheads Central School District to hire a consultant to study the feasibility of consolidating the two school districts, and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum grant award is \$25,000 per entity for a total of \$50,000 for the two districts, and

**WHEREAS**, the total project amount will not exceed \$55,556, ninety percent of which will be grant funds (not to exceed \$50,000), and ten percent of which will be the required local share contribution (not to exceed \$5,556) of the total, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the application by the Elmira Heights Central School District, as lead applicant, for a Local Government Efficiency grant, with the Horseheads Central School District as co-applicant, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, and authorizes Mary Beth Fiore, Superintendent of Schools, to serve as the contact person for the lead applicant and allows Mary Beth Fiore to execute all financial and administrative processes relating to the Local Government Efficiency grant, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the use of local share funds, in an amount not to exceed \$5,556, for the required local share contribution toward the grant project, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Elmira Heights Central School District, upon receipt of a Local Government Efficiency grant award, will enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Horseheads Central School District.

### **J-2 Health Supplies Cooperative Bid**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Andrew Willard, and carried 5-0 to approve the following resolution for cooperative bidding of health supplies:

**WHEREAS**, it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany Counties of New York to bid jointly on Health Supplies under the direction of the Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany Counties Board of Cooperative Educational, dba, Greater Southern Tier BOCES, popularly known as GST BOCES.

**WHEREAS**, the Elmira Heights Central School District is desirous of participating with the GST BOCES and other school districts in Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany Counties in the joint bidding of the Commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District hereby appoints GST BOCES, to represent it in all matters related above, and, that Linda Theetge is hereby appointed as the school district's representative to GST BOCES in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Elmira Heights Central School District Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by the decisions of the GST BOCES Purchasing Manager regarding the quality standards. (2) that unless all bids are rejected, award of contracts will be according to the recommendations of the GST Purchasing Manager (3) that after award of contract (s) it will conduct all business directly with the successful bidder(s).

## **CONSENT**

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

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

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the February 25, 2013 CPSE meeting(s).

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

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the February 19, 25, 26, 28 and March 1, 2013 CSE meetings.

### **K-3 Donation**

Item removed – no documentation

### **K-4 GST BOCES Nomination**

Gloria Moss

Approved the recommendation to nominate Ms. Gloria Moss to serve on the Board of the Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Alleghany Board of Cooperative Educational Services for a term beginning on July 1, 2013 and concluding on June 30, 2016.

### **K-5 Cafeteria Tables - approved**

Approved the recommendation to purchase tables for the Cohen Cafeteria. Funds for the purchase of tables shall be supported by the Cafeteria Fund and shall not exceed \$33,797.16 on State bid.

## **AWARDS / HONORS / ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **◆ Cohen Middle School Respect Awards -**

6<sup>th</sup> grade – Matt Mowchan

7<sup>th</sup> grade – Ethan Leonard

8<sup>th</sup> grade – Whitney Brown

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **◆ Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act notification**

In compliance with this effective 7/1/2012

### **◆ Letter from Horseheads CSD**

Thanking us for inviting them to our meeting and for the conversations and collaborative items

## **DISCUSSION**

### **◆ Senior Trip –**

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Lisa Benedict, and carried 5-0 to approved the Senior Trip to the Lake George area for various activities on June 9-10, 2013

### **◆ Budget Development -**

Reviewed Federal Sequestration, State Budget Status, BOCES changes, Tax Cap Calculation, Revenue Shortfall and Budget Gap

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:10pm a motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel.

## **ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 9:45pm a motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to adjourn executive session.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Monday March 18, 2013 7:00 pm Budget Workshop Community Room

Monday March 25, 2013 7:00 pm Regular Meeting Community Room

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 9:45pm a motion was made Harvey Harris, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

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Clerk