

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

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**Board of Education Meeting  
August 12, 2013**

**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, Christopher Callas, Harvey Harris, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

**MEMBERS ABSENT** William Brewer

**OTHERS PRESENT** Mary Beth Fiore, Debra Palmer, Tom Boyanowski, Dawn Hanrahan, Colleen Dengler

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**Agenda:**

A motion was made by Christopher Callas seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to approve the August 12, 2013 agenda with an addition.

**Minutes:**

July 2, 2013 Reorganization Meeting- A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 6-0 to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2013 Reorganization Meeting.

July 2, 2013 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 6-0 to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2013 Regular Meeting.

July 22, 2013 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2013 Regular Meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:04pm a motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 6-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:12pm a motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to adjourn executive session

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF**

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦Met with commissioner today – his idea on AIS for this year due to test results in in conflict with regulations(looking at using a comparable rigor chart) ♦much of the curriculum for the common core has not been released ♦Bob Reidy will be leading the training at the Board Retreat ♦Non- Resident requests – letters will be going out this week – many request – could not accommodate all

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE ♦New Guidance Counselor has been in doing training and working on scheduling. ♦Orientation is in a couple weeks – all materials are ready ♦CSE – new students registering every day. ♦AIS – now that scores are available we can finalize scheduling.

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal ♦Fall Sports meeting is Wednesday night ♦Aug 19 – have 5 students that successfully completed summer school and are graduating ♦Have met with new teachers getting them oriented

Debra Palmer – Business Manager ♦Many new student registrations ♦Audit is this week ♦Contacted by State Comptroller's Office regarding tax cap calculation – numbers have been updated and resubmitted. ♦New secretary, Erin is doing well ♦SED – conference call regarding transportation and requirements as a result of consolidating services

**PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 6-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1a through F-3a 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. Secondary Science (Living Environment) - approved**

Sarah Hillman-Scotchmer

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Ms. Sarah Hillman-Scotchmer, effective August 13, 2014, in the tenure area of Secondary Science: Living Environment. Ms. Hillman Scotchmer returns to the district from the Preferred Eligibility list. Ms. Hillman-Scotchmer has agreed to extend her probationary period per the attached Juul agreement, and shall serve a two-year probationary period, effective August 13, 2013 Ms. Hillman-Scotchmer shall be placed on Step 4 of the current EHTA contract with 29 hours of graduate credits for a salary of \$42,139.

**b. Purchasing Agent - approved**

Jean Peterson

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Jean Peterson as the Purchasing Agent, Effective August 19, 2013. Ms. Peterson's services are part of the contracted services through the GST BOCES Central Business Office (CBO).

**F-2 Permanent Status – Probation Complete - approved**

a. Mark Fivie – Bus Driver -

Having successfully completed his probationary period in accordance with civil service regulation, the Board of Education approved the permanent status of Mark Fivie, as a bus driver, effective August 31, 2013.

**F-3 Resignations - approved**

a. **Teacher – Secondary Science**

Laurel Strobel

With thanks and appreciation of service, the Board accepted the resignation of Secondary Science Teacher Laurel Strobel effective August 31, 2013.

**FINANCIAL**

**G-1 Budget Status Report as of August 5, 2013- acknowledged**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 6-0 to acknowledge the budget status report as of August 5, 2013.

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

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 6-0 to accept the Treasurer's report for June 2013.

**G-3 Investment Report**

No Report

**G-4 Claims Auditor Report (June 2013) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Harry Blish and carried 6-0 to accept the Claims Auditor Report for June 2013.

**G-5 Extra-Classroom Report (June 2013) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 6-0 to accept the Extra-Classroom Report for June 2013.

**FACILITIES**

Cohen Roof leak last week during the downpour. –Damage was minimal but still a time consuming process to clean up. Contractors were very responsive and repaired under warranty at no cost to the District.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No Items

**NEW BUSINESS**

Administrative Council Agreement – ratified

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 6-0 to ratify the agreement between the Superintendent of Schools of the Elmira Heights Central School District and the Elmira Heights Administrative Council, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.

NYSTRS Stable Contribution Election - approved

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 6-0 to approve the recommendation under Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2013: NYSTRS Stable Contribution Election, to submit the Stable Contribution Election Form to the NYSTRS indicating that the Elmira Heights CSD elects not to participate in the stable contribution option.

Impartial Hearing Officer – Paul T. Bumbalo, Esq

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 6-0 to approve of the terms of appointment of Paul T. Bumbalo, Esq as Impartial Hearing Officer as selected from the state approved IHO list.

## CONSENT

A motion was made by Christopher Callas seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 6-0 to approve the following consent agenda item

### **K-1 Donation \$130.00 - PFO - accepted**

Accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of \$130.00 from the Elmira Lodge B.P.O.E. Elks #62 to support the outstanding balance of the May 2013 College Fair..

## AWARDS / HONORS / ACHIEVEMENTS

No Items

## COMMUNICATIONS

- ◆ Correspondence: State Senator Thomas F. O'Mara – Letter acknowledging approval of \$40,000. Bullet Aid to be received for 2013-14
- ◆ Thank you from Megan Cook: for Harrison Earl and Francis Smith Scholarship
- ◆ SED APPR Approval Notification – Plan has been successfully submitted and received

## DISCUSSION

- ◆ NYSSBA Advocacy: Changes to E Rate  
Modernization of the program is to increase broadband capacity to schools & libraries, to allow cost-effective purchasing and streamline administration of the program
- ◆ NYS Assessment Data Update  
Kudos to our grade 5 team for their students scoring in the top in the area. The information is sobering but it is a benchmark that allows us to move forward. The idea of the common core cannot be disputed it is the implementation and timeline that are the issues
- ◆ Capital Project – Remaining Funds & Transfer to Debt Service for Capital Outlay Project  
Met with Bernie Donegan – he indicates that we have been very responsible with the project funding (kudos to Deb). Some strategies were discussed that allows District to use the funds over an extended period.

## NEXT MEETING

Sun	August 25, 2012	Board Retreat / Training
Mon	August 26, 2013	6:00 pm -Visual Inspection(begin at Cohen) Regular Meeting to follow - TAE Community Room

ADJOURNMENT – At 7:55pm a motion was made Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 6-0 to adjourn the meeting.

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Clerk