

ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELMIRA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

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Board of Education Meeting
September 9, 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, William Brewer, Christopher Callas(7:03), Harvey Harris, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

OTHERS PRESENT Mary Beth Fiore, Debra Palmer, Tom Boyanowski, Dawn Hanrahan, Andy Lutz, Carol Cady, Brenda Kelly, Debbie Levanduski, Belinda Michaud, Elise Root, Colleen Dengler

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda:

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to approve the agenda of the September 9, 2013 Board of Education Meeting with additions.

Minutes:

August 26, 2013 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan seconded by William Brewer and carried 6-0 to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2013 Regular Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:01pm a motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:07pm a motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 7-0 to adjourn executive session

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦Great opening week ♦retreat this past weekend with my colleagues to strategize over all the new challenges before us ♦Parent Education Series – Signs/Symptoms of Abuse 9/17 ♦cable issues – squirrel chewed through cable causing \$7000. Damage – squirrel guard is an additional \$3,000. ♦Verizon issues – problems continue when weather is wet. Problem is between here and downtown – repair is expensive but that should not be our cost since it is not on our property and services many customers. ♦Classroom observations have begun ♦new Heights family gathering is 9/14

Andy Lutz - Elementary School Principal ♦Great opening is due to great people, with kudos to Kathleen Willis ♦Dismissal the first day was 20 minutes late but everyone ended up on the correct bus. ♦Pre K is up and running – few criers this year but they are adjusting ♦Various district committees are organized and ready to roll ♦Foss Stem trainings are scheduled ♦Piloting an ELA series – rough start with missing materials but training is excellent

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE ♦Opening has been quiet and smooth ♦PBIS activities the first day ♦pretests are complete ♦Medieval Festival is next Friday

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal ♦Great start for the new year - schedules going smoothly ♦Pep Rally on Friday was a great beginning ♦Volleyball team is doing well ♦starting pretesting ♦cross country and football underway

Debra Palmer – Business Manager ♦Audit is complete – all went well – Ron Tryon at the CBO was very helpful – draft will be available soon ♦CAF USA – their project is not complete so the tax pilot will not be in force this year ♦Preparing for the sale of one bus ♦\$40,000. Grant award notice received from Senator O'Mara

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by William Brewer seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1a through F-3b 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 – approved

The Board of Education approved the following substitutes for the 2013-14 school year:

Substitute Teachers Jennifer Sekella Kimberly Rundle Jose Gomez Kacie Walten
Substitute Support Staff Kimberly Rundle Teuta Hoxha Ronda Washburn Abigail Green

b. Volunteers - approved

The Board of Education approved the following volunteer to work with our athletic program for the 2013-14 school year:

Andy Lutz Football

F-2 Termination - approved

a. Cleaner

Beth Smith

The Board of Education approved the recommendation to terminate the services of Ms. Beth Smith as cleaner/substitute bus driver, effective October 1, 2013; with best wishes. Ms. Smith's last day of service with the district will be September 30, 2013. Ms. Smith has failed to complete a successful probationary period and meet the terms and conditions of her employment.

F-3 Elimination/Creation of Position

a. Elimination – Cleaner/Sub Driver Position

The Board of Education approved the recommendation to eliminate the position of Cleaner/Substitute Bus Driver effective October 1, 2013

b. Creation – Cleaner Position

The Board of Education approved the recommendation to create a position of Cleaner effective October 1, 2013

FINANCIAL

G-1 Budget Status Report as of September 3, 2013- acknowledged

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 7-0 to acknowledge the Budget Status report as of September 3, 2013.

G-2 Treasurer's Report (July 2013) - acknowledged

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 7-0 to accept the Treasurer's report for July 2013.

G-3 Investment Report

No Report

G-4 Claims Auditor Report (July 2013) - acknowledged

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to accept the Claims Auditor Report for July 2013.

G-5 Extra-Classroom Report (July 2013) - acknowledged

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by William Brewer and carried 7-0 to accept the Extra-Classroom Report for July 2013.

G-6 Tax Levy Limit Determination-

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Harry Blish and carried 7-0 to accept the letter from the NYS Comptroller's office, that they have "reviewed the supporting documentation and calculation of our tax levy limit and determined that our tax levy for the 2013-2014 school year was materially within the allowable limit."

G-7 Computer Hardware Budget Increase-

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 7-0 to approve the following resolution increasing the budget for instructional hardware and technology equipment:

RESOLUTION FOR THE 2013-14 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following budget line, be increased in the amount of \$4,497; due to the anticipated increase in maximum Instructional Computer Hardware and Technology Equipment Aid. This is a result of increased BEDS enrollment in 2013-14: A2630-220-3-00 State Aided Hardware-Elementary

Such increase shall be supported by fund balance in the 2013-14 school year and will result in additional Instructional Computer Hardware and Technology Equipment Aid being received in 2014-15.

FACILITIES

Cohen Roof – Architects discovered that plumbers did not connect pipe to drain; won't be any cost to the District.

OLD BUSINESS

No Items

NEW BUSINESS

No Items

CONSENT

A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K1 – K3

K-1 School Related Group – Booster Club - acknowledged

The Board of Education acknowledged the Elmira Heights Sports Booster Club as a School Related Group for the 2013-14 school year.

K-2 School Related Group – PFO - acknowledged

The Board of Education acknowledged the Elmira Heights Parent Faculty Organization as a School Related Group for the 2013-14 school year.

K-3 Target Take Charge of Education Program - approved

The Board of Education approved participation in the Target *Take Charge of Education Program* for the 2013-2014 school year. Through these efforts we shall receive and accept periodic donations from Target throughout the year. The appropriate miscellaneous building materials and supplies budget code will be increased for each check received to be spent at the Principal's discretion..

AWARDS / HONORS / ACHIEVEMENTS

No Items

COMMUNICATIONS

No Items

DISCUSSION

◆ Voting Delegate NYSSBA Annual Meeting

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Harry Blish and carried 7-0 to designate William Brewer as the NYSSBA voting delegate and Andrew Willard as the alternate at the 2013 NYSSBA Annual Meeting.

◆ AIS Regulations

State Education Department has not been definitive and they suggest looking at the cut scores. We are providing services to all

◆ UPK Grant

We are eligible to apply for expanded UPK grant money to use for all day PK or to add more half days to our program. There are many pluses and minuses. The application deadline is pending. It would service more students but the funds would not completely cover the cost of adding additional services. The Board is hesitant of taking on any additional expenses.

◆ Policy 7132: Non Resident Students

In the policy, it states that parents will provide transportation for the non-resident student to and from school. Apparently years ago there was an exception for a student(s) that had daycare within the District and they were allowed to ride the bus if there were available seats on the bus. The Board will have to determine if they want to revise the policy or adhere to the current one.

NEXT MEETING

Mon	October 7, 2013	6:30pm	Audit Committee Meeting	TAE Community Room
Mon	October 7, 2013	7:00pm	Regular Meeting to follow	TAE Community Room

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:28pm a motion was made Christopher Callas, seconded by William Brewer and carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk