

**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, Christopher Callas, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

**OTHERS PRESENT** Mary Beth Fiore, Debra Palmer, Tom Boyanowski, Dawn Hanrahan, Andy Lutz, Carol Cady, Carol Sullivan, Mike Coghlan, WETM, Colleen Dengler

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**Agenda:**

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Andrew Willard, and carried 5-0 to approve the agenda of the February 10, 2014 Board of Education regular meeting.

**Minutes:**

January 27, 2014 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Joseph Sullivan, and carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2014 Regular Meeting.

**Order of Business:**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas, 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.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF**

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦NYSCOSS has signed on to a lawsuit charging the State with unconstitutional actions relative to gap elimination, tax cap, super majority voting et al ♦Board of Regents and the common core – 19 items for consideration, encompassing six areas (review of standards)(professional development funding)(State assessments –delay graduation consequences until class of 2022 & redefine Academic Intervention qualifications)(Local Assessments-decrease to less than 10% of instruction time)(APPR -avoid consequences for teachers based on ratings resulting from tests)(Curriculum – additional resources and changes for SWD and ELL students)

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal ♦Junior/Senior Banquet was Saturday at the Elmira Country Club- nice function with the students dressed up and dancing – however it was the chaperones led by Patti Pautz that took the lead and taught the electric slide ♦Play “HONK” is in three weeks. –lots of rehearsing and set building going on ♦Winter sports are wrapping up: Wrestling – Troy Gonzalez is going to Section 4 Championships, Bowling- the entire boys’ team and Molleigh Malonoski from the girls’ team are going to NYS Qualifiers, Basketball – Michelle Woychak named all IAC large school south division 1<sup>st</sup> team All Star, Katelyn Warren named all IAC large school south division 2<sup>nd</sup> team All Star – Both will participate in the IAC Exceptional Senior Game ♦Thursday is the New Vision Road Show from BOCES to expose juniors to the programs ♦Senior Trip information to be presented later in the meeting

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE Chair ♦Saturday was the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Semi Formal – 2/3 of the class attended (this was a very good turnout compared to prior years) ♦Feb 25 is 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent night at TAE – to familiarize them with procedures and goals for their high school student then counselor will start meeting individually with students and parents ♦CSE – has been very busy – annual reviews & lots of new students ♦

Andy Lutz –Elementary School Principal ♦Regional Principal Meetings meet few times a year–very informative and helpful to get together with colleagues to share ideas, concerns and possible solutions ♦Mr. Lutz relayed to the Board, Mr. Nolan’s thanks and appreciation for their support ♦Interviews for the long-term elementary substitute will be tomorrow.

Debra Palmer – Business Manager ♦Grant-Gateway – new State on-line process for grant submission, review & approval–logistics are being worked out ♦Interest Rate Recalibration-Bernie Donegan’s office will be reviewing and submitting a waiver request so that we don’t lose \$24,015 in building aid in each of the next two years. ♦ASBO meeting – fiscal stress monitoring system demonstration, this-should be a helpful tool ♦Copier Trials are complete – we will be contracting with Toshiba – savings are in the range of \$18,000. Will have contract for Board approval at the next meeting.

## PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, 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 2013-14 school - approved**

Substitute Teacher Elizabeth Warren  
Substitute Support Staff Elizabeth Warren

#### **b. Volunteers- approved**

Approved the following volunteers for the 2013-14 school year:

##### Athletic Program

Paul Richmond      Softball  
Dylan Bellinger      Baseball

##### Drama Program

Luella Korsky      Sarah Dennis

## FINANCIAL

### **G-1 Budget Status Report as of February 3, 2014 acknowledged**

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Lisa Benedict, and carried 5-0 to acknowledge the budget status report as of February 3, 2014.

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

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 5-0 to acknowledge the Treasurer's report for December 2013.

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

No Report

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

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Harry Blish and carried 5- to acknowledge the Claims Auditor report for December 2013.

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

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to acknowledge the Extra Classroom report for December 2013.

### **G-6 Chemung Canal Insured Cash Sweep Account**

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 5-0 to approve the opening of a General Fund Insured Cash Sweep account through Chemung Canal Trust Company. Chapter 128 of the Laws of 2012 amended sections 10 and 11 of the General Municipal Law (GML) authorize local governments to use "reciprocal deposit" programs for their deposits and investments.

## FACILITIES

No Report

## OLD BUSINESS

### Policy 1335: Appointment and Duties of the Claims Auditor — approved

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to approve Board of Education Policy 1335: Appointment and Duties of the Claims Auditor, as presented at the January 27, 2014 Board of Education Meeting

### Policy 3281: Use of Facilities by the Boy Scouts of American and Patriotic Youth Groups – new — approved

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to approve new Board of Education Policy 3281: Use of Facilities by the Boy Scouts of America and Patriotic Youth Groups, as presented at the January 27, 2014 Board of Education Meeting.

### Policy 3280: Use of School Facilities, Materials and Equipment - new — approved

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 5-0 to approve new Board of Education Policy 3280: Use of School Facilities, Materials and Equipment, as presented at the January 27, 2014 Board of Education Meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Policy 7110: Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy. – revised – first reading - accepted

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 5-0 to accept the first reading of revised Policy 7110: Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy.

Policy 7130: Entitlement to Attend – Age and Residency. – revised – first reading - accepted

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to accept the first reading of revised Policy 7130: Entitlement to Attend – Age and Residency.

Senior Class Trip – June 1 & 2, 2014 – Boston MA - approved

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 5-0 to approve the Senior Class Trip to Boston, MA for various activities on June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

## **CONSENT**

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to approve the following consent agenda item K-1

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

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the January 21, 28, 2014 CSE meetings.

## **DISCUSSION**

- ◆ Potential Special Board of Education Meeting to Appoint Elementary & Special Education Long Term Substitute(s)  
Special Meeting to be held Wednesday February 12, 2014 at 6:00pm
- ◆ Regional Calendar Proposal  
Though the calendar may not be ideal, the Board acknowledges the proposed regional calendar with no alternate recommendations
- ◆ Joint Board of Education Meeting with Horseheads: February 24, 2014  
Elmira Heights, as the lead district, will be responsible for communication with SED.  
SED recommended Time Line was distributed and reviewed relative to decision making deadlines.  
The committee when formed, will consist of equal representation from both districts (approximately 10 members from each district).
- ◆ 2014-15 Budget Development  
Budget presentation included the benefit projection costs and reserve fund status and information.
- ◆ Veterans' Exemption  
Superintendent Fiore reminded the Board that they will have to decide at the next meeting whether to allow this exemption. Many districts are opting to hold off and review for the following year. The sentiment is that the Veterans certainly deserve an exemption but on the other hand it could significantly impact the remaining taxpayers negatively. It will also result in loss of STAR funding for the district. This will be a hard decision.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:30pm a motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel.

## **ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:50pm a motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 5-0 to adjourn executive session

## **NEXT MEETING**

Wed February 12, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting 6:00pm District Office

Mon February 24, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7:00pm Community Rm

Invited Guests Horseheads CSD Board of Education/Superintendent

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 8:52pm a motion was made Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.