

● correction approved 04/07/2014 – Health/Welfare Contract agenda item approved at 3/10/14 mtg – inadvertently left off minutes

**Board of Education  
Regular Meeting**

**Minutes March 10, 2014**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President, Harry Blish, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Harry Blish, Harvey Harris, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

**OTHERS PRESENT** Mary Beth Fiore, Debra Palmer, Tom Boyanowski, Andy Lutz, Carol Cady, Barb Day, Carol Sullivan, Tracie Mayotte, Stacia Kruckow, Ron & Carina Ball, Colleen Dengler

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**Agenda:**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Andrew Willard, and carried 4-0 to approve the agenda of the March 10, 2014 Board of Education regular meeting.

**Minutes:**

February 24, 2014 Regular Meeting joint with Horseheads- A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Harvey Harris, and carried 4-0 to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 Regular Meeting joint with Horseheads.

**Order of Business:**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan, and carried 4-0 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 ♦Received contract for Local Government Efficiency Grant (Consolidation Study)  
♦Consolidation Study Board Sub-Committee begins meeting this week ♦Invitation from Elmira Mayor Skidmore to rsvp for NYCOM meeting ♦Meetings with legislators and governor are more positive – they are stating that there will be some restoration of aid – either GEA or foundation or combination of both ♦the State is dealing with the common core issues but they are being reminded that time is short and the financial piece needs to be addressed first.

Andy Lutz –Elementary School Principal ♦Marzano March Madness – APPR check in point – Principals are meeting with all teachers to help keep everyone on track ♦Guest non-fiction author Alexander Sly will be visiting all elementary grades tomorrow ♦Mini Play season begins Thursday ♦NYS Testing is just around the corner

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal ♦Feb 28 & Mar 1, was the successful and well done production of “HONK” ♦5<sup>th</sup> Marking Period began today ♦Parent meetings in progress for scheduling ♦Spring Sports are off to a good start.  
♦Attendance award winner Zachary Donahue with his guests were served lunch by Mr. Boyanowski and Mr. Bennett ♦Blood Drive is March 19

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE Chair ♦Ms. Hanrahan is hosting the Combined Twin Tiers Orchestra and Cohen Band Concert

Debra Palmer – Business ♦Special Education – 6 new students have enrolled ♦Pilot notification received for construction of a building on Grand Central Ave by DG Reality ♦Waiver Request for Bonds - \$50,000 deduction

**PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Joseph Sullivan, and carried 4-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1a through F-1c 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. F2 was added at the conclusion of executive session at the end of the meeting.

**F-1 Appointments**

**a. Substitutes – for the 2013-14 school - approved**

**Substitute Teacher** Adam Coghlan  
**Substitute Support Staff** Adam Coghlan Jennifer Cole

**b. Volunteers- approved**

Approved the following volunteers to work with our athletic program for the 2013-14 school year:  
Tennis Tom Menechella Abel Menechella

**c. Tutor- approved**

Approve the following tutor for the 2013-14 school year at a rate of \$22.50 per hour:  
Meagan Sabatini

❖ **F-2 – Superintendent Contract / Salary**

See after executive session

**FINANCIAL**

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

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Harvey Harris, and carried 4-0 to acknowledge the budget status report as of March 3, 2014.

**G-2 Treasurer's Report (January 2014) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Harry Blish and carried 4-0 to acknowledge the Treasurer's report for January 2014.

**G-3 Investment Report**

No Report

**G-4 Claims Auditor Report (January 2014) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 4-0 to acknowledge the Claims Auditor report for January 2014.

**G-5 Extra-Classroom Report (January 2014) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 4-0 to acknowledge the Extra Classroom report for January 2014.

**G-6 Close School Lunch Fund Savings Account M&T Bank**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 4-0 to approve the following resolution to close the school lunch fund savings account at M & T Bank and transfer the balance to the school lunch checking account at JPMorgan Chase Bank:

Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District desires to maximize interest earned on its invested funds,

WHEREAS, the interest rate on the JPMorgan Chase checking account is equivalent to the interest rate on the M & T Bank savings account,

WHEREAS, consolidating funds into one account decreases administration time

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District authorizes the Treasurer to close the School Lunch Fund Savings Account at M & T Bank and transfer the balance to the School Lunch Checking Account at JPMorgan Chase Bank.

**G-7 2013-14 Budget Increase \$976.00**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 4-0 to approve the following resolution increasing the 2013-14 Budget by \$976.00 to purchase unanticipated special education equipment

RESOLUTION FOR THE 2013-14 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED,

That special education equipment be purchased in 2013-14 due to the requirements of a handicapped student that was unanticipated when the budget was approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following budget line, be increased for a total amount of \$976.

A2250-200-0-00 Special Education Equipment

Such increase shall be supported by fund balance in the 2013-2014 school year.

**FACILITIES**

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

No Items

**NEW BUSINESS**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip – May 31, 2014 – Washington DC - approved

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 4-0 to approve the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, end of year, trip to Washington DC on Saturday May 31, 2014 for various activities

Policy 7222: Diploma and/or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities. – revised – first reading - accepted

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Harry Blish and carried 4-0 to accept the first reading of revised Policy 7222: Diploma and/or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities.

Policy 7223: Phase in Graduation Standard of 65 on Required Regents Examinations. – revised – first reading - accepted

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 4-0 to accept the first reading of revised Policy 7223: Phase in Graduation Standard of 65 on Required Regents Examinations.

Policy 7210: Student Evaluation. – revised – first reading - accepted

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 4-0 to accept the first reading of revised Policy 7210: Student Evaluation.

### **CONSENT**

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Harry Blish and carried 4-0 to approve the following consent agenda item K-1 through K-6

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

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the February 24, 28, March 4, 2014 CSE meetings.

**K-2 Health and Welfare Services – Corning Painted Post \$462.55**

Approved the health and welfare services contract with the Corning-Painted Post Area School District, to provide services for one (1) Elmira Heights student, attending non-public schools located in the Corning-Painted Post Area School District, at a rate of \$462.55 per student for the 2013-14 school year at a total cost of \$462.55.

**K-3 Donation up to \$725.00 - PFO - accepted**

Accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of \$725.00 from the Elmira Heights PFO for the Kindergarten classes to attend a field trip at the Clemens Center.

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

Accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of \$500.00 from the Elmira Heights PFO to cover the cost of the pianists and musical director for the theatrical production of "Honk". The donation will be split as follows, \$50.00 to the audition pianist and \$225.00 a piece to the rehearsal pianist and music director.

**K-5 Donation up to \$470.00 - PFO - accepted**

Accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of \$470.00 from the Elmira Heights PFO for the Second Grade classes to attend a field trip at the Blakemore Dairy Farm.

**K-6 Donation up to \$300.00 - PFO - accepted**

Accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of \$300.00 from the Elmira Heights PFO to cover the cost of spare clothes to keep on hand.

### **DISCUSSION**

◆ 2014-15 Budget Development

After discussion, the Board is in consensus that reserves should be used to balance the expenditure/revenue gap in the 2014-15 budget. This is with the anticipation that the District receives a reasonable amount of increased foundation aid and GEA relief. They prefer to not eliminate any positions this year if possible but will address if necessary.

◆ Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2014-15

In an effort to make the scheduling of joint meetings with the Horseheads District more convenient, the Board sees no problem with changing their meeting dates for 2014-15 to Thursday nights.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:17pm a motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 4-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel.

### **ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:34pm a motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 4-0 to adjourn executive session

### **PERSONNEL -continued**

✧ **F2 Superintendent Agreement -**

- a. A motion was made by Harry Blish, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 4-0 to extend the contract of the Superintendent for the period of April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2019
- b. A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 4-0 to set the Superintendent salary increase for the 2016-17 contract at 0% increase.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Mon. March 17, 2014	Budget Workshop (if needed)	7:00pm	Community Rm
Mon. March 24, 2014	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:00pm	Community Rm

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 8:36pm a motion was made Harvey Harris, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 4-0 to adjourn the meeting.

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Clerk