

**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, William Brewer, Harvey Harris, Joseph Sullivan,

OTHERS PRESENT Mary Beth Fiore, Debra Palmer, Tom Boyanowski, Dawn Hanrahan, Andy Lutz, Mike Coghlan, Barb Day, Mary Ann Sheets, Carol Sullivan, Ron & Carina Ball, WETM, Colleen Dengler

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda:

A motion was made by William Brewer, seconded by Lisa Benedict, and carried 5-0 to approve the agenda of the April 7, 2014 Board of Education regular meeting.

Minutes:

March 24, 2014 Regular Meeting - A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Joseph Sullivan, and carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2014 Regular Meeting.

March 10, 2014 – correction - A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Harry Blish, and carried 5-0 to approve the corrected minutes from the March 10, 2014 Board of Education Regular Meeting. Approved agenda item Health & Welfare Services Contract was inadvertently left off the minutes of the meeting.

Order of Business:

A motion was made by William Brewer, seconded by Joseph Sullivan, 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.

AWARDS/HONORS/ACHIEVEMENT

Mary Ann Sheets - Mrs. Sheets was recognized as the winner of the SSL Continuing Education Award sponsored by Follett. Congratulations

DISCUSSION

2014-15 Budget Development – Final figures were presented with question and answers for vote later in the meeting

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦looking forward to finalizing the budget and presenting to the community

Andy Lutz –Elementary School Principal ♦Welcome back Mr. Brewer ♦ELA testing was smooth sailing ♦Ms. McNamara did a good job for her first year. ♦Math tests are at the end of the month ♦Final Mini-Play coming up is 3rd grade and it is a science theme.

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE Chair ♦ELA testing is complete as well as makeups ♦Career Programs – 8th graders will be going to Mansfield University and the 7th graders will be going to Corning Community College ♦Construction Career Program will be held at Fair Grounds on May 6. Some students will be attending ♦National Jr. Honor Society – getting this up and running again. Ceremony is June 3

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal ♦Pops Concert was March 26 – phenomenal job – hats off to Mr. Cornell and his students ♦Athletics – they keep practicing but weather has not allowed for much competition yet ♦Career Ready – Juniors will go to Corning Community College on April 21 – will also have students attending the Construction Careers program at the Fair Grounds ♦Scheduling end of year bus drills and fire drills ♦working out the plan with other districts relative to scoring exams ♦Seniors in jeopardy letters have been sent ♦

Debra Palmer – Business ♦Finalizing 13/14 purchasing ♦copiers have been received ♦Health & Wellness Fair for employees was very positive – very good presenters ♦ineligible for Security Grant ♦ASBO meeting is tomorrow

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Harvey Harris, and carried 5-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1a through F-2b 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 Support Staff Ken Kaplan

b. Student Teacher- acknowledged

The Board acknowledged Ms. Alexa Angelopoulos as a student teacher in the area of Elementary Math at Cohen Middle School for the period of April 22, 2014 through May 28, 2014. Ms. Angelopoulos is an Elmira College student and will serve under the direction and cooperation of Ms. Kerry Johnson, an Elementary Teacher in the subject area of math.

c. Volunteer - approved

The Board approved the following volunteer to work with our athletic program for the 2013-14 school year:
Softball Bryan Maggs

d. Poll Workers & Substitute Workers– for the May 20, 2014 Annual Meeting/Budget Vote - approved

The Board approved the following poll workers and substitute poll workers for the May 20, 2014 Annual Meeting:

Chairman: Kenneth Erickson **Chief Inspector –** Kris Manns

Inspectors and Clerks- Connie Campbell, Millie Cheplick, Judy Clark, Connie Gleason, Lindsay Hostrander, Gail Legge, Mary Moore, Liz O'Brien, Marian Oldroyd, Bonnie Perry, Peg Ridosh, Lola Sherman, Sharon Shutt, Caroleen Vaughn **Alternates:–** Sue Blish, Pam Coghlan , Fran Juriga

F-2 – Retirement Notifications

a. Marcie Robinson – Family & Consumer Science Teacher - accepted

The Board of Education, accepted with thanks and appreciation of service, the retirement notification of Ms. Marcie Robinson, effective August 11, 2014. Ms. Robinson shall be entitled to all retirement benefits as provided for in the current EHTA contract. We thank her for her dedication to the teaching profession and the numerous children she has taught during the past 10 years, as the Family and Consumer science teacher at Cohen Middle School.

b. Sylvia Milliken – Elementary Teacher - accepted

The Board of Education, accepted with thanks and appreciation of service, the retirement notification of Ms. Sylvia Milliken, effective June 30, 2014. Ms. Milliken shall be entitled to all retirement benefits as provided for in the current EHTA contract. We thank her for her dedication to the teaching profession and the numerous children she has taught during the past 21 years, as an elementary teacher at Cohen.

FINANCIAL

G-1 Tax Refund - Map 073089 88.08-2-12 - Rogers - \$669.00

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by William Brewer and carried 5-0 to approve the following resolution correcting a bill due to a star exemption not being applied:

RESOLVED: That the tax bill for 2013 for Shannon L. Rogers for property designated as Tax Map No. 88.08-2-12, Town of Elmira, be decreased by \$669.00, from \$3,029.39 to \$2,360.39 and that any amount already paid in excess of the corrected tax bill be refunded. The assessor has certified that the property owner applied for and was eligible to receive the Basic Star exemption. However, the exemption was not entered on the 2013 assessment roll in error. Failure to grant the exemption represents a clerical error as defined by RPTL section 550(2)(c), and should be corrected for the 2013-14 tax rolls..

FACILITIES

2014 Annual Fire Inspection Report

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Harry Blish and carried 5-0 to accept the 2014 Annual Fire Inspection Report as presented. Hats off to Mr. Coghlan for such a good job.

OLD BUSINESS

2014-15 – School Calendar

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by William Brewer and carried 5-0 to adopt the 2014-15 school calendar as presented at the March 24, 2014 Board of Education Meeting., with recommended modifications.

2014-15 Board of Education Calendar

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Harry Blish and carried 5-0 to adopt the Board of Education 2014-15 meeting calendar as presented at the March 24, 2014 Board of Education Meeting.

Policy 5410: Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering – revised - approved

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 5-0 to approve revised Policy 5410: Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering as presented at the March 24, 2014 Board of Education Meeting.

Policy 5411: Procurement of Goods and Services – new - approved

A motion was made by Harry Blish, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 5-0 to approve new Policy 5411: Procurement of Goods and Services as presented at the March 24, 2014 Board of Education Meeting.

Policy 5413: Alternative Formats for Instructional Materials – new - approved

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by William Brewer and carried 5-0 to approve new Policy 5413: Alternative Formats for Instructional Materials as presented at the March 24, 2014 Board of Education Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposition Number 1 – (Budget)

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by William Brewer and carried 5-0 to approve the following budget resolution and the corresponding property tax report card.

Shall the following proposition be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of \$20,055,987. of the Elmira Heights Central School District for 2014-2015 be approved in accordance with Section 2022 of the Education Law and that the balance of said budget after applying available public moneys thereto be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of said District.

CONSENT

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 5-0 to approve the following consent agenda item K-1 through K-2

K-1 CSE Recommendations and Funding - approved

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the March 24, 25, 27, 2014 CSE meetings.

K-2 CPSE Recommendations and Funding - approved

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the March 24, 31, 2014 CPSE meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:53pm a motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by William Brewer and carried 5-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:39pm a motion was made by William Brewer, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 5-0 to adjourn executive session

NEXT MEETING

Tue. April 8, 2014	GST BOCES Annual Meeting	Coopers Campus
Wed. April 23, 2014 7:00pm	Regular Board Mtg & BOCES Admin vote	Community Rm

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:40pm a motion was made Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk