

**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 Vice President, Joseph Sullivan, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Lisa Benedict, William Brewer, Christopher Callas, Harvey Harris, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

**OTHERS PRESENT** Mary Beth Fiore, Debra Palmer, Tom Boyanowski, Dawn Hanrahan, Carol Sullivan, approximately 25 parents, family and guests

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**Agenda:**

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded Harvey Harris, and carried 6-0 to approve the agenda of the May 12, 2014 Board of Education regular meeting and public hearing on the budget.

**Minutes:**

April 23, 2014 Regular Meeting - A motion was made by William Brewer, seconded by Andrew Willard, and carried 6-0 to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2014 Regular Meeting.

**Order of Business:**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Christopher Callas, and carried 6-0 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 ♦Harry Blish is doing well after surgery – our best wishes ♦Principals will be doing summer training through LEAF- expense free to the District ♦RTTT funding – no new modules - social studies framework/adopted – no decisions on science program development ♦Letter received from Senator O’Mara’s office requesting radon testing feedback(unfunded mandate). ♦Mark Twain Scholars awards will be June 18 at Elmira College ♦June 9 will be a joint meeting with Horseheads for consolidation RFP finalists’ presentations

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE Chair ♦1/2 day career day went over very well ♦23 middle and high school students attended the careers in constructions fair (40 businesses were there) ♦Triangle Fund Grant Application submitted – funds support shadowing and college visits for our students ♦Junior Achievement Program – meeting to set up partnership – it is a volunteer program which will help with career and college readiness

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal ♦21 class days left for the year ♦AP exams are complete ♦DUI simulator on site in preparation of the prom ♦Prom – beautiful night at Eldridge Park – very nice evening ♦May 19 is National Honor Society Inductions ♦Scoring process is set up with Odessa-Montour and Watkins Glen for finals next month ♦Val/Sal awards coming up in addition to the Mark Twain Scholars award

Debra Palmer – Business ♦Getting ready for the vote on Tuesday ♦Health Insurance – open enrollment occurring due to new tier structure ♦Internal Audit – fixed assets ♦May 28-29 external auditors will be doing preliminary work

**AWARDS / HONORS / ACHIEVEMENTS**

Middle School Responsibility and Fairness Awards were presented to the following by Principal Dawn Hanrahan and Board Vice President Joseph Sullivan.

Congratulations

	<u>Responsibility</u>		<u>Fairness</u>	
6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Ben Thresher	Madison Pelchar	Anthony Stilson	Mackenzie Crown
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Olivia Evans	Clayton Teeter	Alex Alverson	Jadyn Baskoff
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Olivia Thresher	Seth Rounsville	Julia Eichenlaub	Alex Carroll

## **PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by William Brewer, seconded by Lisa Benedict, and carried 6-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1a through F-2a 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 Changes in Employment Status**

The Board of Education approved the following tenure recommendations:

- a.) Ellen Bankaitis           tenure area   Secondary Mathematics,           effective July 1, 2014.
- b.) Stephanie Littlefield   tenure area   LOTE (Spanish),               effective September 1, 2014.
- c.) Kevin Weber            tenure area   Secondary Mathematics,       effective July 1, 2014.
- d.) Barbara Snyder        tenure area   Elementary Education,        effective July 5, 2014.
- e.) Christin Bresett        Juuhl Agreement   the Board approved the Juuhl agreement to extend the probationary period of Ms. Christin Bresett until August 13, 2015. Ms. Bresett serves in the tenure area of School Guidance Counselor.

### **F-2 – Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement**

- a. Rebecca Arthur – Teaching Assistant - accepted

The Board of Education, accepted with thanks and appreciation of 22 years of service, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Ms. Rebecca Arthur, effective June 30, 2014. Ms. Arthur shall be eligible for all retirement benefits per the current EHESSA contract

## **FINANCIAL**

### **G-1 Budget Status Report as of May 5, 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 May 5, 2014.

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

A motion was made by William Brewer, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 4-0 to acknowledge the Treasurer's report for March 2014.

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

No Report

### **G-4 Claims Auditor Report (March 2014) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 4-0 to acknowledge the Claims Auditor report for March 2014.

### **G-5 Extra-Classroom Report (March 2014) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by William Brewer and carried 4-0 to acknowledge the Extra Classroom report for March 2014.

## **FACILITIES**

No Report

## **Old BUSINESS**

### **Policy 7320: Alcohol, Tobacco, Electronic Cigarettes, Drugs and Other Substances (STUDENTS)** – revised – accepted

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 6-0 to accept revised Policy 7320: Alcohol, Tobacco, Electronic Cigarettes, Drugs and Other Substances (STUDENTS) as presented at the April 23, 2014 meeting

### **Policy 7330: Searches and Interrogations of Students** – revised –accepted

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 6-0 to accept revised Policy 7330: Searches and Interrogations of Students as presented at the April 23, 2014 meeting

### **Policy 7360: Weapons in School and the Gun Free Schools Act** – revised –accepted

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 6-0 to accept revised Policy 7360: Weapons in School and the Gun Free Schools Act as presented at the April 23, 2014 meeting.

### **Policy 3411: Prohibition of Weapons on School Grounds** – revised –accepted

A motion was made by William Brewer, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 6-0 to accept revised Policy 3411: Prohibition of Weapons on School Grounds as presented at the April 23, 2014 meeting

### **Policy 7314 Student Use of Computerized Information Resources (Acceptable Use Policy)** – revised –accepted

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 6-0 to accept revised Policy 7314 Student Use of Computerized Information Resources (Acceptable Use Policy) as presented at the April 23, 2014 meeting

Policy 8271: Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering Policy. – revised –accepted

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to accept revised Policy 8271: Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering Policy as presented at the April 23, 2014 meeting.

Policy 7352 Use of Aversive Interventions – new – accepted

A motion was made by William Brewer, seconded Harvey Harris and carried 6-0 to accept new Policy 7352 Use of Aversive Interventions as presented at the April 23, 2014 meeting.

Policy 5640: Smoking and Tobacco Use. – revised – accepted

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to accept revised Policy 5640: Smoking and Tobacco Use as presented at the April 23, 2014 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Grade 8 Trip – Washington DC - approved

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 6-0 to approve the Grade 8 trip to Washington DC on Saturday May 31, 2014 to visit various historical sites, the zoo and to attend a baseball game.

Social Studies Class Trip – NYC – Holocaust Museum - approved

This was a discussion item with action - see below

**CONSENT**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 6-0 to approve the following consent agenda item K-1 through K-3

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

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the April 7, 28, 2014 CPSE meetings.

**K-2 CSE Recommendations and Funding - approved**

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the April 4, 7, 10, 11, 28, 29, May 2, 2014 CSE meetings.

**K-3 Auditing Services - approved**

Approved the understanding of services for the year ending June 30, 2014 with the auditing firm of Buffamante, Whipple Buttafaro, P.C.

**DISCUSSION**

N-1 Public Hearing 2014-15 Proposed Budget.

Presentation by Superintendent Fiore and Business Manager Deb Palmer.

N-2 School Related Group Fundraising

There seems to be some concern regarding the number of fund raisers being conducted. Perhaps a February financial report would be helpful.

N-3 Social Studies Field Trip – NYC- Holocaust Museum

After discussion relative to cost and fund raising, a motion was made by William Brewer, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to approve the Social Studies Class Trip to NYC to visit the Holocaust Museum as this is an educational event.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:12pm a motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:53pm a motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by William Brewer and carried 6-0 to adjourn executive session

**NEXT MEETING**

Tue May 20, 2014	7:00am to 9:00pm	Annual Meeting – Board of Elections and Budget Vote	TAE Gym
Mon June 9, 2014	7:00pm	Regular Board Meeting / Joint with Horseheads	TAE Community Rm

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 8:54pm a motion was made Andrew Willard, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 6-0 to adjourn the meeting.

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Clerk