

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President, Harry Blish, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Harry Blish, Harvey Harris, Michael Lepak, Andrew Willard, Kristen Wolowitz

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Christopher Callas, Joseph Sullivan

**OTHERS PRESENT** Mary Beth Fiore, Jason Rosno, Tom Boyanowski, Dawn Hanrahan, Andy Lutz, Barb Day, Colleen Dengler

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**Agenda:**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 5-0 to approve the Agenda for the September 11, 2014 Board of Education Meeting.

**Minutes:**

August 28, 2014 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2014 Regular Meeting.

**Order of Business:**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard seconded by Michael Lepak 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 ♦Opening Day – commend all staff for stepping up to the challenges of the first week of school and the smooth process ♦Transportation Limitation changes – folks have had 1 ½ years notice – drop off of students is running smoothly in spite of the increased traffic ♦Request from local organization to wave fee for use football field (they donated money to Booster Club)- Board consensus is to not wave fee ♦Fire Safety Week – received request for use of a driver and one of our buses by the fire department to participate in their open house on Oct

Andy Lutz –Elementary School Principal ♦Attendance –assembly on Monday – in order to teach children they must be here ♦Great Opening to school ♦Transportation changes – some calls and concerns received and handled ♦Full Buses – there are 3 full buses - no extra riders will be allowed

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE Chair ♦Has been an interesting start to the new year, but day to day everything is going fine ♦CSE/Middle School secretary is out for an extended time –the substitute is getting up to speed ♦23 new students this year with IEP's

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal ♦It's Great to have the students back ♦Scheduling hic-cups are settled – students and teachers are happy ♦Wednesday is Open House ♦Sept 24 is Senior Parent Night ♦Athletic schedule is busy

Jason Rosno – Business Manager ♦ERS rates next year will decrease from 20.1% to 18.2%

**PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 5-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1a through F-3a 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 2014-15 school - approved**

**Substitute Teacher** Laura Jessup

**Substitute Support Staff** Katrina Ungvarsky

**b. English Language Arts Teacher (secondary)- approved**

Adam Williams

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Adam Williams in the tenure area of Secondary English Language Arts, effective September 15, 2014. Mr. Williams shall serve a three year probationary period, effective September 15, 2014 and shall be placed on Step 5 of the current EHTA contract with 60 graduate hours for a prorated compensation of \$45,470 for the 2014-15 school year.

**c. Volunteers- approved**

The Board approved the following volunteers to work with our athletic program for the 2014-15 school year:

<u>Shelby Yehl</u>	Cheerleading
<u>Andi Rice</u>	Basketball

**d. Tutors - approved**

The Board approved the following as tutors for the 2014-15 school year to be paid at a rate of \$22.50 per hour:

Kerry Johnson	Courtney Perez	Dawn Call	Sherry Moore
Kate Biddle	Andi Rice	Patti Pautz	Jason Howe Nancy Monks

**e. Spanish Teacher – long-term substitute**

Bridgette Metzinger

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Ms. Bridgette Metzinger as a long-term substitute teacher in Spanish, effective September 22, 2014. Ms. Metzinger shall be paid the equivalent of Step 1 of the current EHTA contract with 18 additional credits for a total salary of \$38,572 which will be pro-rated to reflect a September 22, 2014 start date. Ms. Metzinger shall only receive benefits in accordance with Board of Education Policy 6221: Part Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment

**F-2 Termination - approved**

**a. Food Service Helper**

Cheryl Samson

- a. The Board of Education approved the recommendation to terminate the employment of Ms. Cheryl Sampson as a food service helper, effective September 11, 2014.

**F-3 Retirement - approved**

**a. Teacher**

Linda Doty

The Board accepted, with thanks and appreciation of service, the retirement notification of Ms. Linda Doty, effective December 7, 2014. Ms. Doty 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 26 years, as a teacher in the Elmira Heights Central School District.

**FINANCIAL**

**Contract – Consolidation Study – Western NY Educational Services - approved**

A motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 5-0 to approve the contract for services with Western New York Educational Services in the amount of \$49,000 for services provided to complete the Elmira Heights CSD and Horseheads CSD Consolidation Feasibility Study. The local share for each district shall be \$2,750 and the remainder is grant funded

**FACILITIES**

No Items

**OLD BUSINESS**

Policy 7551: Sexual Harassment of Students – revised - approved

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Harry Blish and carried 5-0 to approve revised Policy 7551: Sexual Harassment of Students as presented at the August 28, 2014 Board of Education Meeting.

Policy 7570: Supervision of Students.

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 5-0 to approve revised Board of Education Policy 7570: Supervision of Students as presented at the August 28, 2014 Board of Education Meeting .

Policy 6460: Jury Duty.

A motion was made by Harry Blish, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to approve revised Board of Education Policy 6460: Jury Duty as presented at the August 28, 2014 Board of Education Meeting .

**NEW BUSINESS**

No Items

**CONSENT**

No Items

**DISCUSSION**

- ◆ Board of Education Retreat – Harvey will look at schedule and pick a date
- ◆ NYSSBA Conference Update – Superintendent Fiore has secured dinner reservations for one evening so far

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:08pm a motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel and student issues.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:34pm a motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 5-0 to adjourn executive session

**NEXT MEETING**

Thurs.	September 25, 2014	6:30 pm	Audit Committee Meeting	TAE Community Room
		7:00 pm	-Regular Meeting	TAE Community Room

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 8:34pm a motion was made Harvey Harris, seconded by Kristen Wolowitz and carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

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Clerk