

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

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President, Harry Blish, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT Harry Blish, Christopher Callas, Harvey Harris, Michael Lepak, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard, Kristen Wolowitz

MEMBERS ABSENT none

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda:

A motion was made by Christopher Callas seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to approve the March 19, 2015 Board of Education Meeting Agenda.

Minutes:

February 26, 2015 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 7-0 to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2015 Regular Meeting.

March 16, 2015 Joint Meeting- A motion was made by Harry Harris seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 7-0 to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 Joint Meeting with Horseheads Central School District..

Order of Business:

A motion was made by Kristen Wolowitz, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 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 ♦nothing new out of Albany on the Education front ♦Joint Board Meeting and CAC meeting was Monday. Myriad of topics covered as they continue to prioritize. ♦Ms. Fiore states that it will be important to present all pros and all cons to the public ♦great week with mini concerts included

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal ♦Wonderful production of Seussical and well attended ♦Spring sports are gearing up ♦Music in the Schools Concert Tuesday night was great ♦Scheduling meetings with students for next year continues ♦ACE/AP classes looking at a way to combine the options for certain subjects ♦Blood Drive yesterday was successful ♦SkillsUSA Regional Competition resulted in a number of our students receiving awards

Andy Lutz, Elementary Principal ♦Marzano March Madness – APPR evaluation system – principals are meeting with all teachers ♦Great Training on Marzano 60 elements. Much better understanding for all ♦Master Schedule for next year is being created ♦NYS Testing is middle of April for 3-8 math and ELA ♦Again, Mrs. Shaw has produced a great round of Mini-Plays

Dawn Hanrahan, Middle School Principal/CSE Chair ♦Plans for end of year activities are nearly complete – post tests, field trips, community service etc. ♦Combined Twin Tiers Orchestra and Band concert was good ♦Interim reports have been sent out ♦Special Education meeting March 25 with SED to finalize audit- area to be focused on for updating is the behavior intervention plan

Jason Rosno – Business Manager ♦Budget has been top priority – will review later in meeting

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Harry Harris seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 7-0 to approve the following consent personnel items F-1a through F2c. Be it 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. Volunteers- athletics - approved

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

Track & Field: Jed Twichell

F-2 Change in Employment Status - approved

a. Assistant Track Coach – terminated -

Kerry Harter

The Board approved to terminate the services of Ms. Kerry Harter as Assistant Track Coach for the 2014-15 school year. Student participation rates do not support the need for the current coaching staff. Ms. Harter's compensation shall be adjusted to reflect ten (10) days of service at a per diem rate of \$28.35 for a total compensation of \$283.50.

b Assistant Track Coach – terminated

Shawn Nugent

The Board approved to terminate the services of Mr. Shawn Nugent as Assistant Track Coach for the 2014-15 school year. Student participation rates do not support the need for the current coaching staff. Mr. Nugent’s compensation shall be adjusted to reflect ten (10) days of service at a per diem rate of \$28.78 for a total of compensation of \$287.80.

c. Head Coach to Assistant Track Coach –

Rick Gooshaw

The Board approved to terminate Mr. Rick Gooshaw as Head coach of track and reassign Mr. Gooshaw as Assistant Coach for track. Mr. Gooshaw’s compensation shall be adjusted to reflect his service as Head Coach for a total of 10(10) days at a rate of \$44.86 per day for a total of \$448.60. Mr. Gooshaw shall be compensated for the Assistant Track position at an adjusted rate of \$28.78 per day for the remainder of the season for a total compensation of \$2,244.84.

FINANCIAL

G-1 Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement & Release - approved

A motion was made Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 7-0 to approve the following Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release with Questar III BOCES for the return of OPEB accruals to the District:

FUND SURPLUS RESOLUTION AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

This Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement And Release (“Agreement”) is by and between the Elmira Heights CSD (“District”), 2083 College Ave., Elmira Heights, NY 14903, and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services Rensselaer - Columbia - Greene Counties (“Questar III”, which shall be defined to include Questar III’s Board members, administrators, officers, employees, attorneys, agents, representatives, successors and assigns), 10 Empire State Boulevard, Castleton, NY 12033. The District and Questar III may be referred to collectively herein as the “Parties.”

WHEREAS, Questar III retained D’Arcangelo & Co, LLP (“D’Arcangelo”) to conduct an independent audit of the funds that Questar III has accrued for purposes of satisfying future liabilities for post-retirement and other post-employment benefits (“OPEB”); and

WHEREAS, D’Arcangelo issued an Agreed-Upon Procedures Report on July 21, 2014 (the “Report”) which, among other things, confirmed the total balance of funds accrued by Questar III for OPEB purposes as of June 30, 2013 and, of that balance, amounts that could be returned to the component and non-component school districts who participated in the relevant programs conducted by Questar III (“Accrual Amount”); and

WHEREAS, the Questar III Board has adopted a plan by which the OPEB Accrual Amount will be returned to such component and non-component school districts (the “Plan”), utilizing the basis for return set forth in the Report, and

WHEREAS, the Plan has received approval from the State Education Department; and

WHEREAS, the Parties hereto wish to memorialize the terms by which the District will participate in the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Questar III will return to the District a total of \$1,026.43 (the “Payment Amount”), which by this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute the District’s full and complete entitlement to its share of the OPEB Accrual Amount. The Payment Amount shall be returned over a period not to exceed five years as follows:

District: Elmira Heights CSD

Year ending June 30,	OPEB Accruals Return to be Credited to Administrative Levy	% of Total Return to District
2016	\$1,026.43	100
Total Return of OPEB Accruals to District	\$1,026.43	100

The Payment Amount as set forth above shall be returned in the form of a credit against the amount that the District otherwise is required to contribute to Questar III for non-component district CoSer charges in each of the school years set forth in the Payment Schedule above. If the portion of the Payment Amount to be returned in any school year exceeds the amount that the District must otherwise remit to Questar III, the excess balance shall be added to the portion of the Payment Amount to be returned in the next subsequent school year pursuant to the above Payment Schedule. If any such excess balance remains after the final year of the Payment Schedule, the excess balance shall be credited against the District’s required contribution to Questar III in the next subsequent school year, and any additional school years as may be necessary to fully return the Payment Amount to the District. In no case shall Questar III be required to return any portion of the Payment Amount in the form of a cash payment to the District, or in any other manner except as set forth herein.

2. The District hereby accepts the return of the Payment Amount, as set forth herein, as full and complete satisfaction of any claim or entitlement the District would otherwise have, by law, contract, equity or otherwise, to return of any portion of the Accrual Amount.

3. In consideration for the return of the Payment Amount as set forth herein, the District hereby releases and discharges Questar III from any and all obligations, claims or liabilities, of any nature, that relate to the Accrual Amount and/or Questar III’s OPEB accruals up to the date of execution of this Agreement, and the District hereby agrees that it will not commence, maintain or cooperate with any action, proceeding or claim in law or equity, of any nature or in any forum, against Questar III in relation to the Accrual Amount and/or Questar III’s OPEB accruals up to the date of execution of this Agreement, which shall include but not be limited to any action, proceeding or claim in law or equity, seeking to recover (a) any portion of the Accrual Amount beyond that which is set forth in this Agreement, or (b) any other payment or relief that relates in any way to the Accrual Amount and/or Questar III’s OPEB accruals up to the date of execution of this Agreement.

4. The District agrees that presentation of this Agreement shall serve as the District’s unqualified and irrevocable consent to discontinue with prejudice any action, proceeding or claim in law or equity, commenced or maintained by or on behalf of the District and/or its officers in violation of the terms of this Agreement.

5. The Parties affirm that this Agreement fully and completely sets forth the agreed upon resolution of any rights, entitlements or claims that the District may have in relation to the Accrual Amount, and that no other promises or agreements have been made or would be effective in relation to the Accrual Amount.

6. The District and Questar III hereby each respectively affirm that the execution of this Agreement has been authorized by action of its Board of Education.

FACILITIES

Fire Inspection Report

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 7-0 to accept the 2015 Annual Fire Inspection Report as presented

Capital Outlay – have received SED paperwork – all work must be completed by June 30, 2015.

Roof Rental – have been approached regarding possible rental of roof space for solar. – more information to come

OLD BUSINESS

Policy 3280: Use of Facilities

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Harry Harris and carried 7-0 to approve revised Board of Education Policy 3280: Use of Facilities as presented at the February 26, 2015 Board of Education meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No Items

CONSENT

A motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1 through K-3.

K-1 CPSE Recommendations and Funding - approved

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the March 2, 9, 16, 2015 CPSE meetings.

K-2 CSE Recommendations and Funding - approved

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at 2, 3, 9, 10, 12, 2015 CSE meetings.

K-3 Health & Welfare Services Contract with Horseheads Central School District - approved

Approved the health and welfare services contract with the Horseheads Central School District, to provide services for fifteen (15) Elmira Heights students, attending non-public schools located in the Horseheads Central School District, at a rate of \$257.23 per student for the 2014-15 school year at a total cost for fifteen (15) students of \$3858.45.

DISCUSSION

N-1 2015-16 Budget Development – Presentation/Discussion

Presentation of updated revenue and expenditure figures. Trying to nail down the expenditure side but there is no idea what the revenue side will be. Currently there is approximately a \$980,000 gap. Although the state may reinstate some GEA funds, they might turn around and decrease foundation aid to balance their numbers. The Board feels that there is nothing left to cut. Reserves are an option but prefer to keep looking.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:59pm a motion was made by Harry Harris, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 7-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel, and negotiations.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:52pm a motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by Harry Harris and carried 7-0 to adjourn executive session

NEXT MEETING

Thursday March 26, 2015 7:00pm TAE Community Room

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:53pm a motion was made Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Kristen Wolowitz and carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk