

**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 Harry Blish, Christopher Callas, Michael Lepak, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard,

MEMBERS ABSENT Harvey Harris, Kristen Wolowitz

OTHERS PRESENT Mary Beth Fiore, Jason Rosno, Tom Boyanowski, Dawn Hanrahan, Andy Lutz, Carol Sullivan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda:

A motion was made by Andrew Willard seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 5-0 to approve the April 22, 2015 Board of Education Meeting Agenda.

Minutes:

April 9, 2015 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by Christopher Callas seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Order of Business:

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦Opt Outs – Continue to follow protocol – it is unknown the effect they will have ♦Look to revisit testing procedures ♦3012-d – learning about the implication of new laws and the impact on the evaluation process. ♦Professional Development being outlined for summer – DLT will discuss ♦DID – hopefully we completed soon enough to be mailed in a timely fashion ♦CAC – final meeting is May 4 ♦Athletics – would like to acknowledge the patience of coaches, athletes and parents with the challenges readying the fields this spring and thanks to Mike Bennett and Mike Coghlan and crew
Andy Lutz – Elementary School Principal ♦Calendar planning started for next year ♦Testing – Ms. McNamara did a great job coordinating ♦Opt Outs – received 15 additional requests (44 for ELA 54 for Math) ♦NY best seller author of Pete the Cat coming to Cohen

Dawn Hanrahan – Middle School Principal/CSE Chair ♦National Junior Honor Society induction/dinner – very respectful and uplifting ♦Opt Outs – numbers are up from the ELA ♦Summer services for Special Ed are being addressed ♦Family Literacy Night is Tues

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal ♦Prom is May 9 ♦May 1 is mock DUI crash program ♦Project Graduation is sponsoring Simulators to be used in PE classes. ♦New Visions – 13 students interviewing for programs. ♦Spring Leadership – Jenna Post (2nd in writing) Ali Jamieson \$1000 scholarship ♦Deans have been working on the Code of Conduct ♦5th marking period ends next week ♦5 seniors are on the fence for graduation

Jason Rosno – Business Manager ♦Public Hearing for the Budget is May 7

Staff/Public Comments – ♦ Carol Sullivan thanked Mr. Boyanowski for recognition of Administrative Assistants Day ♦College Fair is May 20th at the Elks Club 6-8pm

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Andrew Willard seconded by Harry Blish and carried 5-0 to approve the following consent personnel items F-1a through F3a. 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. Substitutes – for the 2014-15 school – approved

Substitute Teachers Courtney Benjamin

Substitute Support Staff Courtney Benjamin

F-2 Tenure Recommendations - approved

The Board approved the following tenure status recommendations:

- a. Ms. Kimberly Ruhmel tenure area of Elementary Education, effective 7/2/15.
- b. Ms. Kate Biddle, tenure area of Special Education, effective 7/2/15.
- c. Ms. Kirsten Southard-Twicheil, tenure area of Health Education, effective 8/6/15.
- d. Ms. Jaclyn Camidge, tenure area of Secondary Math Education, effective 8/6/15.
- e. Mr. Devin Burch, tenure area of Secondary Math Education, effective 8/14/15.

F-3 Change in Employment Status

- a. Director of Facilities II - permanent

Michael Coghlan

The Board approved the permanent employment status of Mr. Michael Coghlan as a Director of Facilities II, effective April 23, 2015. Mr. Coghlan has successfully completed the Civil Service examination requirements and is on the list of eligible employees in the job title. Mr. Coghlan has a current salary of \$ 79,877.00 per year.

FINANCIAL

G-1 Budget Status Report - as of April 16, 2015- acknowledged

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 5-0 to acknowledge the budget status report as of April 16, 2015.

G-2 Treasurer's Report (February 2015) - acknowledged

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 5-0 to acknowledge the Treasurer's report for February 2015.

G-3 Investment Report

No Report

G-4 Claims Auditor Report (February 2015) - acknowledged

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 5-0 to acknowledge the Claims Auditor Report for February 2015.

G-5 Extra-Classroom Report (February 2015) - acknowledged

A motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 5-0 to acknowledge the Extra-Classroom Report for February 2015.

FACILITIES

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No Items

NEW BUSINESS

J-1 BOCES Administrative Budget

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 5-0 to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Elmira Heights Central School District Board of Education approve the 2015-16 Schuylers-Steuben-Chemung Tioga-Allegany BOCES Board of Cooperative Educational Services Administrative Budget in the amount of \$7,072,347.

J-2 BOCES Election of Board Members

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 5-0 to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Elmira Heights Central School District Board of Education cast one ballot for each of the following candidates for membership on the Schuylers-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany BOCES Board of Cooperative Educational Services: Robert Evert, Alice Learn, William Peoples, Jr., and Gary Scott.

CONSENT

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 5-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1 through K-4.

K-1 CSE Recommendations and Funding - approved

Approved the recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at April 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 2015 CSE meetings.

K-2 Final Request – BOCES Services 2015-16 - approved

The Board approved the final Request for BOCES Services for the 2015-16 school year as presented.

K-3 Cafeteria Supplies – Joint Bidding

The Board approved the following resolution for participation in the joint bidding of commodities for cafeteria supplies for the 2015-16 school year as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, with the Greater Southern Tier BOCES as the lead agency representing us in these matters:

CAFETERIA SUPPLY BIDS - SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016

WHEREAS, It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Greater Southern Tier (GST) BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly, Cafeteria Supplies including the following items on the following dates:

Meat and Grocery – July 8, 2015, November 18, 2015, Feb 24, 2016, and Feb 24, 2016 for summer prime vendor award. - **Equipment** – February 10, 2016 - **Produce** – weekly throughout the school year - **Paper** – July 8, 2015, November 18, 2015, March 23, 2016 - **Ice Cream** – May 11, 2016 - **Milk** – May 11, 2016 - **Bread** – June 1, 2016 for 16-17 SY

WHEREAS, The Elmira Heights Central School District is desirous of participating with other districts in the GST BOCES area in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS, The Elmira Heights Central School District wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding bids to the lowest bidder who meets the specifications and reporting the results to the schools; therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of The Elmira Heights Central School District hereby appoints the GST BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of The Elmira Heights Central School District authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of The Elmira Heights Central School District agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (3) that it will award contracts according to the recommendation of the committee.

K-4 Project Graduation Committee

The Board acknowledged the following new officers of the Project Graduation Committee:

President - Sonia Barchet

Vice President – Linda Friebis

Secretary – Lisa McGill

Co-Treasurers – Michelle Jamison & Tammy Punchard

DISCUSSION

N-1 School Calendar

Short school year impacts vacations. Difficult to schedule ½ days. DLT is suggesting the calendar presented.

N-2 Homeland Security & Emergency Services: Intrastate Mutual Aid Program (“IMAP”)

The agreement allows for the sharing of services during a declared State of Emergency. No action is required if we want to participate

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:28pm a motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 5-0 to enter executive session to discuss legal issue, and negotiations.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:53pm a motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to adjourn executive session

NEXT MEETING

Thursday May 7, 2015 7:00 pm TAE Community Room Public Hearing portion to begin at approximately 7:30pm

ADJOURNMENT – At 7:54pm a motion was made Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk