

**Board of Education  
Regular Meeting**

**Minutes May 7, 2015**

**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, Harvey Harris, Michael Lepak, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard, Kristen Wolowitz

**MEMBERS ABSENT** all present

**OTHERS PRESENT** Mary Beth Fiore, Jason Rosno, Tom Boyanowski, Dawn Hanrahan, Andy Lutz, Carol Sullivan, Lisa Benedict, Lewis Kordyl

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**Agenda:**

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

**Minutes:**

April 22, 2015 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by Harvey Harris seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 7-0 to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2015 Regular Meeting.

**Order of Business:**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas 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 ♦Busy time of year ♦Albany – very productive meeting with commission re: APPR and the summit was very interesting

Andy Lutz – Elementary School Principal ♦Next year is now on the agenda with planning for schedules, calendars, and class lists ♦Observations are being finished up ♦Hiring process has begun ♦Park Assessments(on-line testing) we are piloting the process ♦Brad Sanford Race is May 31 ♦Pete the Cat author visited– spectacular day

Dawn Hanrahan – Middle School Principal/CSE Chair ♦Last dance - increase of ticket price is for donations to be made ♦8<sup>th</sup> grade trip coming up

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal ♦May 1 was mock DUI assembly – very powerful program ♦Prom is May 9 at Elmira Country Club ♦administrators have been working on updating various plans. ♦Construction Fair – had 7 students attend ♦This week is national nurses week ♦graduation – 4 will not complete requirements and one is on the fence

Jason Rosno – Business Manager ♦Been getting ready for the budget vote. ♦closing out some of the 14/15 PO's

**PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Kristen Wolowitz and carried 7-0 to approve the following consent personnel items F-1a through F2a. 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 Change in Employment Status – (following 11 month to 12 month) - approved**

The Board approved the recommendation to abolish the current 11-month FTE employment positions outlined below and restore each position to a 12-month FTE employment position effective July 1, 2015. Compensation shall be in accordance with the current Exempt Employee and EHESSA contractual agreements.

Secretary 1: Erin Root, District Office

Secretary 1: Kathleen Willis, Elementary Office

Senior Clerk Typist: Janice Lagonegro, Middle School Office

Clerk Typist: Sheri May, High School Office

**F-2 Parental Leave - approved**

Shawn Nugent

The Board approved the parental leave request of Mr. Shawn Nugent, effective May 6, 2015 through May 26, 2015.

**FINANCIAL**

**G-1 Budget Status Report - as of April 30, 2015- acknowledged**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 7-0 to acknowledge the budget status report as of April 30, 2015.

**G-2 Treasurer's Report (March 2015) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Harry Blish and carried 7-0 to acknowledge the Treasurer's report for March 2015.

**G-3 Investment Report**

No Report

**G-4 Claims Auditor Report (March 2015) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Kristen Wolowitz and carried 7-0 to acknowledge the Claims Auditor Report for March 2015.

**G-5 Extra-Classroom Report (March 2015) - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 7-0 to acknowledge the Extra-Classroom Report for March 2015.

**FACILITIES**

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

No Items

**NEW BUSINESS**

**J-1 Policy 7420: Sports and the Athletic Program**

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to accept the first reading of revised Board of Education Policy 7420: Sports and the Athletic Program

**J-2 Policy 7421: Selection/Classification of Athletes (To be renamed Athletic Placement Process).**

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 7-0 to accept the first reading of revised Board of Education Policy 7421: Selection/Classification of Athletes(To be renamed Athletic Placement Process.)

**J-3 Tentative Agreement with Elmira Heights Educational Support Staff Association (EHSSA)**

A motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Kristen Wolowitz and carried 7-0 to approve the **TENTATIVE AGREEMENT** between the Superintendent of Schools of the Elmira Heights Central School District and the Elmira Heights Educational Support Staff Association (EHSSA) effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

**J-4 Policy 5661: Wellness**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 7-0 to accept the first reading of revised Board of Education Policy 5661: Wellness.

**CONSENT**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 7-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1 through K-8.

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

Approved the recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at April 20, 27, & May 4, 2015 CPSE meetings.

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

Approved the recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at April 20, 21, 28, & May 4, 2015 CSE meetings.

**K-3 School Calendar 2015-16 - approved**

The Board approved the 2015-16 school calendar as discussed at the April 22, 2015 meeting.

**K-4 Donation - \$570.00 - PFO. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - Watkins Glen State Park**

The Board accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of \$570.00 from the Elmira Heights PFO. The monies shall be used to fund a Grade 3 field trip to Watkins Glen State Park.

**K-5 Maintenance Agreement with Horseheads Central School District - approved**

Approved the Maintenance agreement between the Elmira Heights Central School District and the Horseheads Central School District for maintenance services for buses, vehicles and other mobile equipment (e.g. lawnmowers, snowplows) for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 per agreement.

**K-6 Donation - \$420.00 - PFO – 6<sup>th</sup> grade soaring museum**

The Board accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of \$420.00 from the Elmira Heights PFO. The monies shall be used to fund the Sixth Grade trip to the National Soaring Museum and Harris Hill. This field trip will support their FOSS Science Program.

**K-7 Donation – up to \$250.00 - PFO 8<sup>th</sup> grade Arnot-Ogden School of Nursing**

The Board accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of less than or equal to \$250.00 from the Elmira Heights PFO to provide transportation for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Arnot-Ogden School of Nursing.

**K-8 Donation - \$1020 - PFO - 4<sup>th</sup> grade Benjamin Patterson Inn**

The Board accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of \$1020 from the Elmira Heights PFO for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Benjamin Patterson Inn as part of their Social Studies curriculum on the Colonial Time Period. The donation will be used to pay \$480 for transportation and \$540 in admission fees.

**L. Awards/Honors/Achievement**

L-1 Region 9 Elementary Principal of the Year: Mr. Andy Lutz - Congratulations

**M. Communications**

No Items

**DISCUSSION**

N-1 NYS Report Card Presentation (to be done in June)

N-2 Proposed BOE Calendar 2015-16

N-3 CAC Update/Next steps

Joint Board meeting June 22 with committee results presented.

N-4 NYSSBA Conference /

Please advise within the next week if you plan to attend. Registration is June 1

N-5 Board Retreat

Need to establish date. Harvey will confirm options.

**NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 7:00am-8:00pm Annual Meeting & Elections TAE Gymnasium

Thursday, June 11, 2015 7:00pm Regular Meeting Community Room

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 7:45pm a motion was made Christopher Callas, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting and proceed to the Auditorium for an inspection. Upon arriving at the auditorium Mr. Lutz was honored with a surprise gathering of students, staff and friends with music and speeches in honor of being chosen Region 9 Elementary Principal of the Year.

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Clerk