

ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELMIRA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

Meeting Location – TAE Community Room – Elmira Heights Central School District

Present (Elmira Heights): Harry Blish, Christopher Callas, Harvey Harris, Michael Lepak, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard(6:05pm), Kristen Wolowitz

(Horseheads): Rose Apgar, Karen Boulas, Warren Conklin, James Jacobus, Doug Johnson, Brian Lynch, David Sadler, Pam Strollo

Also Present: Mary Beth Fiore, Ralph Marino, Consultants (Thomas Coseo, Roger Gorham, Doug Hamlin) and approximately 40 guests.

Absent (Horseheads): Mark Brinthaup
(Elmira Heights): all present

Call to Order:

Elmira Heights

Board President Harry Blish called the Elmira Heights Central School District Board of Education Special Joint Meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Horseheads

Board President Brian Lynch called the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education Special Joint Meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Welcome

Mr. Blish welcomed everyone to the special joint meeting and turned the floor over to the consultants to present the results of the consolidation study.

Western New York Educational Service Council

Consultants - Thomas Coseo, Roger Gorham, Dough Hamlin

The Consultants thanked the Superintendents, staff & the Advisory Committee members for their dedication & hard work.

Feasibility Study for the purpose of Consolidation of the Elmira Heights and the Horseheads Central School Districts

Presentation and discussion of educational and financial findings and recommendations.

July 22, 2014, Board of Education Questions

Answers to the Boards' questions were reviewed.

Community Advisory Committee Insights.

The advantages and disadvantages according to the committee members were reviewed

Questions & Answer Session

Many questions from both the Boards and the Community were addressed

E. Resolution regarding the final merger study and next steps in the process to move forward.

Mr. Blish advised that each district would first make a motion and second without a call for a vote. After each District has a motion on the floor a simultaneous vote by show of hands by both districts would occur.

At motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by Kristen Wolowitz to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED that the final merger study report by Western New York Educational Service Council be accepted and BE IT
FURTHER RESOLVED that the district take the next step in the process and move forward to an advisory (straw) vote of the community on the merger of Elmira Heights and Horseheads Central School Districts.

At motion was made by James Jacobus, seconded by Pam Strollo to approve the following resolution:
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Mr. Blish called for a vote and the motion carried by both Districts
Elmira Heights 6-0-1 (Lepak abstained)
Horseheads 8-0-0

Adjournment

Elmira Heights

At 7:52 pm a motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 7-0 to adjourn the Joint Board of Education Meeting with the Horseheads Central School District.

Horseheads

At 7:52 pm a motion was made by David Sadler, seconded by Karen Boulas and carried 8-0 to adjourn the Joint Board of Education Meeting with the Elmira Heights Central School District.

District Clerk