

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting**

Minutes April 4, 2018

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

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Joseph Sullivan, called the Board of Education Meeting to order, followed by the pledge of allegiance, at 7:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT Lisa Benedict, Christopher Callas, Michael Lepak, Joseph Sullivan, Kristen Wolowitz

MEMBERS ABSENT Harry Blish, Andrew Willard

OTHERS PRESENT Mary Beth Fiore, Martha Clark, Tom Boyanowski, Dawn Hanrahan, Andy Lutz, Melissa Kelley, Geoff Pierce, Colleen Dengler

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda:

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 5-0 to approve the agenda for the April 4, 2018 Board of Education Meeting.

Minutes:

March 28, 2018 Regular Meeting- A motion was made Kristen Wolowitz, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Order of Business:

A motion was made by Kristen Wolowitz, 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. (After H-Facilities will proceed to N-1 Discussion-Proposed Budget Presentation and Executive Session will be after K-Consent items.)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦Spent a phenomenal day yesterday with Social Studies classes talking about the First Amendment, education law and school safety. Feedback indicates it was a very positive experience, and the students were appreciative of the opportunity to express their concerns and ideas ♦Budget – very excited about the state aid runs – will discuss later in the meeting.

Andy Lutz – Elementary School Principal ♦State testing is next week – currently have only 2 opt outs – credit to the commissioner for the changes and new tone relative to testing

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE Chair ♦New marking period underway – report cards will be going out soon

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal ♦Thursday was our PBIS awards – 150 students earned Spartan cards entitling them to a shaved ice treat that day ♦There were definitely some good conversations yesterday – the students say they want change but now they need to determine what change they want and HOW to get it. There are a number of activities planned for the week of April 16. Voter registration opportunity will be part of the process ♦Graduation – in response to a question regarding graduation – Mr. Boyanowski stated, it is a little early to have a definite answer, but currently there are few on the bubble

Martha Clark – Business Manager ♦budget – latest numbers are in ♦regulatory reporting continues ♦property tax report card – usually approved the same time as the budget, however the format is not yet available, so will present for action at the April 18.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 5-0 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 Appointments

a. Substitutes – approved

The Board approved the following substitute appointments for the 2017-18 school year

Substitute Teachers: Holly Gilbert

Substitute Support Staff: Holly Gilbert James Jessmore Katrina Ungvarsky

b. **Poll Workers** - approved

The Board approved the following Poll Workers for the May 15, 2018 Annual Meeting/Budget Vote.

Chairman: Ken Erickson,

Chief Inspector: Kris Manns

Inspectors / Clerks / Alternates

Becky Arthur

Millie Cheplick

Charles Clemens

Jan Clemens

Connie Gleason

Gail Legge

Kathy Meriwether

Mary Moore

Liz O'Brien

Marian Oldroyd

Bonnie Perry

Peggy Ridosh

Deb Sherman

Beverly Spencer

Maria Turic

c. **Volunteers** – Athletic - approved

The Board approved the following as volunteers, to work with our athletic program for the 2017-18 school year:

Track & Field: Tom Michaud

F-2 Resignations/Change in Employment Status

- a. The Board accepted with best wishes and appreciation of service, the resignation of Katrina Ungvasky from the position of Bus Driver, effective May 1, 2017. Ms. Ungvasky's last day as a permanent employee will be April 30, 2018, after which she will be available as a substitute driver.

FINANCIAL

G-1 Reports - acknowledged

A motion was made by Kristen Wolowitz, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 5-0 to acknowledge the following consent financial reports

- a. Budget Status Report as of March 28, 2018
- b. Revenue Status Report as of March 28, 2018
- c. Budget Transfer Report as of March 28, 2018
- d. Treasurer's Report for February 2018
- e. Claims Auditor Report for February 2018
- f. Extra Classroom Report for February 2018

FACILITIES

H-1 Update on Phase II Capital Project

- * Floor sanding – created an odor so the task has been moved to 2nd shift and tweaking of the airflow seems to have remedied the problem.
- * Addition – blocking is going up
- * Meeting tomorrow to review specs, security cameras and other items

H-2 Update Capital Outlay Project (TAE)

- * Most of the work will be completed over spring break. Some of the sidewalk work is underway

OLD BUSINESS

no items.

DISCUSSION

N-1 Proposed Budget Presentation 2018-19

Complete review with power-point was presented. Questions were asked and answered.

NEW BUSINESS

J- 1 Proposition Number 1 – (Budget)

A motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 5-0 to approve the following budget resolution and the corresponding property tax report card.

Proposition Number 1 – (Budget)

Shall the following proposition be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of \$22,525,858 of the Elmira Heights Central School District for 2018-2019 be approved in accordance with Section 2022 of the Education Law and that the balance of said budget after applying available public moneys thereto be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of said District.

Adoption of this budget requires a tax levy increase of 2.36% which does not exceed the statutory limit of 2.36% for this school fiscal year and therefore does not exceed the state tax cap and must be approved by a simple majority, more than fifty percent of the qualified voters present and voting.

J-2 – Superintendent Contract Amendment - approved

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Kristen Wolowitz and carried 5-0 to approve the amendment to the contract between the Elmira Heights Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools, extending the terms of employment commencing on April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2023, with no additional monetary changes.

CONSENT

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Kristen Wolowitz and carried 5-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1 through K3.

K-1 CSE Recommendations and Funding - approved

The Board of Education approved the recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the March 19, 22, 26, 2018 CSE meetings.

K-2 CPSE Recommendations and Funding - approved

The Board of Education approved the recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the March 26, 2018 CPSE meetings.

K-3 Health & Welfare Services Contract - Revised – Elmira City School District - approved

Due to verification of an additional student, the Board of Education approved the revised health and welfare services contract with the Elmira City School District, for services provided for twenty-two (22) {not twenty-one (21) as approved at the March 21, 2018 meeting} Elmira Heights students, attending non-public/charter schools located in the Elmira City School District, during the 2017-18 school year, at a rate of \$645.21 per student for a total cost for twenty-two (22) students of \$14,194.62.

AWARDS/HONORS/ACHIEVEMENT

no items

COMMUNICATIONS

no items

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:11pm a motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Kristen Wolowitz and carried 5-0 to enter executive session to discuss legal issue and negotiations.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:35pm a motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 5-0 to adjourn executive session.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday	April 11, 2018	7:00pm	Regular Board Meeting (not needed)	Community Rm
Wednesday	April 18, 2018	7:00pm	Regular Board Meeting and BOCES Admin Budget Vote	Community Rm

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:36pm a motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk