

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting**

Minutes October 16, 2019

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

CALL TO ORDER: President Harry Blish, called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT Lisa Benedict, Harry Blish, Michael Lepak, Ted Peet, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT Christopher Callas,

OTHERS PRESENT Mary Beth Fiore, Martha Clark, Andy Lutz, Melissa Kelley, Chris Petrillose, Colleen Dengler

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda:

A motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 6-0 to approve the agenda for the October 16, 2019 Board of Education Meeting.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Ted Peet, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- September 12, 2019 Board of Education Special Meeting
- October 2, 2019 Board of Education Regular Meeting
- October 10, 2019 Board of Education Special Meeting

Order of Business

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 6-0 to suspend the regular order of business to accommodate guests, special discussion topics and presentations in an order of business as deemed appropriate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:30pm a motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 6-0 to enter executive session to discuss legal matter and student issue.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:46pm a motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to adjourn executive session.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦Want to commend the staff, authorities, crisis team and all for assistance during situations that occurred over the past week. A letter has gone home to all families regarding safety in our District and that it is a partnership.

Principal Report – Andy Lutz, Elementary School ♦First interim reports have gone home and closing in on the end of the first marking period ♦The Elementary building is finally fully staffed ♦Today was data day in A-Team – attendance is an area that will be determining whether we are schools in good standing – Kudos to Gretchen and her hard work – we are targeting students that had poor attendance last year and there has been a marked increase in their being in school and on time ♦Drill Season – fires drills are complete will be moving on to off site drills, lock downs, outs etc. ♦Lice – there has been an explosion of cases – working with various agencies to assist ♦Color Days are planned ♦Finally but foremost – Hold the Date – Superintendent retirement party December 6

Martha Clark – Business Manager ♦Wrapping up the audits ♦180 day calendar requirement – working on ♦Budget – already starting to get the process going

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to approve the following consent personnel item(s) F-1a through F1d. 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-2 Appointments

- a. The Board of Education approved the following substitutes for the 2019-20 school year:

Substitute Teachers: Ryan McDonough Lori O'Brien

Substitute Support Staff: Ryan McDonough Hope Marshall Lori O'Brien Thomas Davidson

b. Volunteers 2019-20

The Board of Education approved the following volunteers to work with our athletic program for the 2019-20 school year:
Basketball: Chris Becker Jared Slaven

c. Coaches 2019-20

The Board of Education approved the appointment of the following coach for the 2019-20 school year pending all certification requirements :

Sport	Appointee	Level	Year	Salary
7 th Grade Boys Basketball	Nick Hart	1	1	\$ 2,149.06

d. . Recommendation to approve the following probationary appointment:

Thomas Davidson

Bus Driver - 4.0 hr/day

Effective: October 21, 2019

Probationary Period: October 21, 2019 – October 20, 2020/Civil Service Regulations

Total Compensation per EHESSA Contract: \$13.63 per hour (Step 1)

FINANCIAL

no items

FACILITIES

no items

OLD BUSINESS

no items

NEW BUSINESS

no items

CONSENT

A motion was made by Ted Peet, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 6-0 to approve the following consent agenda item K1

K-1 Cooperative Transportation Agreement - acknowledged

The Board of Education acknowledged the BOCES cooperative agreement for student transportation.

AWARDS/HONORS/ACHIEVEMENT

No items

COMMUNICATIONS

No items

DISCUSSION

Department of Finance Ruling on Rate Guarantees - Chris Petrillose of Perry & Carroll

Reviewed the financial impact of the ruling that there can be no caps placed on insurance premium increases

Medicare Advantage Health Care Plan Change – Chris Petrillose of Perry & Carroll

Presented the opportunity to change Medicare Advantage plans, resulting in a lower premium, but maintaining current benefits.

This will be presented for approval by the Board at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday November 6, 2019	Regular Board Meeting	7:00pm Community Rm
Wednesday November 20, 2019	Regular Board Meeting (if needed)	7:00pm Community Rm
Wednesday December 4, 2019	Regular Board Meeting	7:00pm Community Rm

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:47pm a motion was made by Ted Peet, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 6-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk