

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

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was attended in-person in the
Community Room at TAE High School but also livestreamed on the district website.**

CALL TO ORDER: President Joseph Sullivan called The Board of Education Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT Christopher Callas, John Cole, Terrance Day, Michael Lepak, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT Michael Gill, Martha Clark, Brandon Foley, Julie Lederman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda:

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by John Cole, and carried 6-0 to approve the agenda of the April 6, 2022 Board of Education Regular Meeting.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Terrance Day, seconded by Christopher Callas, and carried 6-0 to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

March 30, 2022 Board of Education Regular Meeting

Order of Business:

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Michael Lepak, 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

See end of meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

Michael Gill - Superintendent ♦ Still waiting on NYS budget. ♦ College Fair 2022 coming up May 11 from 6-8pm at the Elmira Elks, coordinated by our own Board Member, Chris Callas ♦ Spring Break coming up. ♦ Parent/Teacher conferences tomorrow. ♦ Mr. Callas gave a review of the BOCES Annual Meeting he attended on April 5th held on Coopers Campus.

Principal Report – Brandon Foley, Middle School ♦ Focusing on “Spartan Way” with students this year, especially Respect & Citizenship. Surveyed all middle school students to see what they are seeing on walls, halls and social media that could be “Hateful v Harmful Speech”. Set up mini-lessons during WIN (Whatever I Need) period, worked with DEI Coordinator, Debbie Fishbeck to help address these topics. ♦ Big Thanks to the everyone involved!

Martha Clark – Business Manager ♦ Waiting on state budget. Reviewing state reporting requirements for federal stimulus monies and gearing up for yearend work.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by Andrew Willard, and carried 6-0 to approve consent personnel item(s) F-1a through F-4a. 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 Resignation / Terminations / Retirement

Resignation

a. School Nurse (RN)

Amy Brewer

The Board accepted the resignation of Registered Nurse Mrs. Amy Brewer, effective April 18, 2022. Mrs. Brewer's last day of employment with the district will be April 15, 2022.

Retirement

b. Elementary Teacher

Randy Cornell

The Board accepted for the purpose of retirement, the resignation of Music teacher, Mr. Randy Cornell, with thanks and best wishes, effective July 1, 2022. Mr. Cornell will be retiring after nineteen (19) years of service to the district

F-2 Appointments

a. Substitutes

The Board approved the following list of substitutes for the 2021-22 school year:

Substitute Teacher:	Jason Johnston
Substitute Support Staff:	Jason Johnston

b. Poll Workers

The Board approved the following poll workers for the May 17, 2022, Annual Budget/Election Vote:

Lisa Cobb	Kate Shilling	Beverly Spencer	Barb Day	Gail Legge
Connie Warren	Bonnie Perry	Connie Gleason	Mary Moore	Deb Sherman
Mary Rae Bahantka	Sharon Burdick	Liz Warren	Maria Turic	Becky Arthur
Lisa Rice	Peggy Ridosh	Tammy Farley	Carol Sullivan	Katrina Lourdiane

F-3 Change in Employment Status

The Board approved the permanent appointment of Tina Todzia as LPN, effective April 26, 2022. Ms. Todzia will successfully complete her probationary period in accordance with current Civil Service Regulations.

F-4 Parental Leave

The Board approved the parental leave of Makenna Nicholson effective on or about September 13, 2022, with an anticipated return on or about December 6, 2022.

FINANCIAL

G-1 Reports - acknowledged

A motion was made by Terrance Day, seconded by Christopher Callas, and carried 6-0 to acknowledge the following consent financial reports:

- a. Budget Status Report as of March 30, 2022
- b. Revenue Status Report as of March 30, 2022
- c. Budget Transfer Report March 30, 2022
- d. Treasurer's Report for February 2022
- e. Claims Auditor Report for February 2022
- f. Extra Classroom Report for February 2022

FACILITIES

H-1 2022 Capital Outlay / Annual Project Update – Nothing new from last week.

H-2 Capital Project 2021/ Energy Performance Contract (EPC) Update – reviewing floor plan at CMS.

NEW BUSINESS

J-1 8th Grade Class Trip

A motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Terrance Day and carried 6-0 to approve the Grade 8 trip to Niagara Falls on June 4, 2022 for various activities.

J-2 Final Request for Services

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas, and carried 6-0 to approve the 2022-23 Final Request for BOCES Services.

J-3 Bus Garage Lease - with Horseheads Central School District

A motion was made by Terrance Day, seconded by Andrew Willard, and carried 6-0 to approve the bus garage lease for the 2022-23 school year between the Horseheads Central School District and the Elmira Heights Central School District.

J-4 Maintenance Agreement - with Horseheads Central School District

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by John Cole, and carried 6-0 to approve the maintenance agreement for the 2022-23 school year between the Horseheads Central School District and the Elmira Heights Central School District.

J-5 Budget Resolution for 2022-23:

A motion was made by Terrance Day, seconded by Christopher Callas, and carried 6-0 to approve the following 2022-23 budget resolution after a brief discussion that since NYS budget has not been set yet, the district feels the rate of expenditures will be kept the same, the plan will be to use more reserves to offset the state budget if the numbers come in less than predicted:

Proposition Number 1 – (Budget)

Shall the following proposition be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of \$24,591,601 of the Elmira Heights Central School District for 2022-23 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 2.00% which does not exceed the statutory limit of 2.05% 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-6 Property Tax Report Card

A motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Christopher Callas, and carried 6-0 to approve the 2022-23 Property Tax Report Card as required by section 2601-a(3) of Education Law.

CONSENT

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Terrance Day, and carried 6-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1 through K-3:

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 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 24, 28, 29, and April 4, 5, 2022, CSE/504 meeting(s) meetings.

K-2 CPSE Recommendations and Funding - approved

The Board of Education approved the recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at from the March 11, 15, and 25, 2022 CPSE meeting(s).

K-3 2022-23 School Calendar – approved

The Board of Education approved the 2022-23 School Calendar as previously presented at the March 30, 2022 Board of Education meeting.

DISCUSSION

N-1 Soccer

Finalized sports survey to send out to students/families in grades 3-8. It lists the sports currently available and canvasses student interest in those sports along with possible additions such as, Modified/Varsity Soccer, Varsity Indoor Track, or Modified Baseball/Softball.

N-2 Final Budget Presentation 2022-23

No further questions or explanations after brief discussion when approved J-5 Budget Resolution.

NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday	April	20, 2022	Regular Board Meeting/BOCES Admin Budget Vote	7:00pm	Community Room
Wednesday	May	4, 2022	Regular Budget Meeting/Public Presentation	7:00pm	Community Room
Wednesday	May	17, 2022	Budget Vote & BOE Elections	7am-8pm	TAE Gym

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:47pm a motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by John Cole, and carried 6-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel and negotiations.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:28pm a motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by Christopher Callas, and carried 6-0 to adjourn executive session.

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:28pm a motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas, and carried 6-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk

College Fair 2022



Elmira Elks Lodge

300 E. Gray Street

Elmira, NY 14901

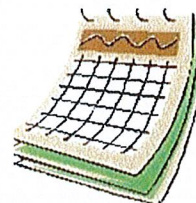
Facebook: Elmira Elks College Fair

For more info contact

Event Coordinator Chris Callas

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WEDNESDAY
MAY 11, 2022
6:00PM-8:00PM



What to Expect:

2 – Year & 4 – Year Schools

In-State & Out-of-State Schools

Public & Private Schools

Technical Schools

United States Armed Services

& more!!

Who Should Attend this FREE event??

High School Students

College Students looking to transfer

Adults looking to further their education

ANYONE INTERESTED IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The 2022 College Fair is made possible in part by:



Elmira Elks



Hilliard

The Spartan Way

Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Citizenship

RESPECT

We are considerate of others' feelings, rights, and qualities.

CITIZENSHIP

We are positive contributors to our home and school communities.

All students have the right to take part in all district activities on an equal basis and be free from all forms of harassment, particularly those based on a student's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender/gender identity or sex.

-Elmira Heights Central School District Code of Conduct

-NYS Dignity for all Students Act

Hate Speech v. Harmful Speech?

Asked students what they're hearing in our school?

Answer: Hate and Hurtful speech in halls, walls & social media.



Dates & Lesson Topics:

- Feb 11th - Identity Wheel & Team Building
- Feb 18th - Creating Norms for Tough Conversations
- March 4th - Words I Use (Ted Talk)
- March 11th - Ability Status
- March 18th - Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity
- March 25th - Racial Slurs & the n-word
- April 1st - Being an Upstander
- April 7th - Movie: The Upstanders
- April 8th - Name Activity and Lunch Forums

WIN Teacher Name _____

- Any comments about today's lesson
- Any experiences to tell your teacher
- Questions you have

HUGE SUCCESS!

Student Index Cards! Huge Community Support!

Principals Want to Know More

Where can we go from here?

Rethink WIN Classes on Fridays!

A circular index card template with the following sections:

- Three Adjectives to Describe Yourself (with numbered lines 1, 2, and 3)
- Name (with a line for writing)
- Personal Motto
- Number of Siblings
- Birth Order
- Favorite Music
- One Skill you are Proud of
- Favorite Movie
- Favorite Book
- Favorite Food
- Favorite Hobby
- Favorite Color

Big Thanks to Mr. Gill & EHCSD BOE For Support!

Big Thanks to Teachers for Conversations & Support!

Big Thanks to Parents for Supportive Emails, Phone Calls and Trust!

Big Thanks to Debbie Fishbeck (DEI Rep from Corning Inc.)

Biggest Thanks to the Students! Impressive Engagement & Contributions!