

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

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on April 19, 2023 by Board President Joseph Sullivan followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Jody Buckley (7:08), Christopher Callas, John Cole, Terrance Day, Michael Lepak, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

Member Absent:

Others Present: Michael Gill, Martha Clark, Brandon Foley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda -

A motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to approve the agenda of the April 19, 2023 Board of Education Regular meeting.

Order of Business:

A motion was made by Terrance Day, seconded by John Cole 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: *moved to end of meeting*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

Michael Gill - Superintendent ♦ No Board Member Petitions were turned in by the deadline, so the election will be based on write-in candidate votes. There will be one open seat.

Brandon Foley – Administrator ♦ Presented pictures of various events at Cohen Middle School including “Fun Day” on March 31, Career Day on April 13th that brought in many presenters from different career paths, and State Test Prep/Pasta Prep Night on April 18, where students and families were invited for pasta. ♦ Breaking ground on the Cohen Agricultural Center, excavator on site, leveling ground.

Martha Clark – Business Manager ♦ Still waiting on state budget. ♦ Having a “kick off” meeting with the new auditors next week. ♦ Met with new service representative at NYSIR to review policies. ♦ Meeting with grant services-- targeted review and federal funding amendments.

Public Comments – Board Member Christopher Callas reminded everyone that the College Fair is May 10 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Elmira Elks Club.

FINANCIAL

G-1 Copiers

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by John Cole, and carried 7-0 to approve the following resolution committing to the Purchase of Toshiba Networked Printers from Schuyler Steuben Chemung Tioga Allegany BOCES D/B/A GST BOCES:

WHEREAS Toshiba printing services require extensive equipment, software, and maintenance costs, and **WHEREAS** such acquisition is impractical in a single fiscal year, the GST BOCES is hereby authorized to expend annually on behalf of the Elmira Heights School District, funds to acquire the Toshiba services listed below at the costs identified, utilizing the Eastern Suffolk RIC Bid # 2020-044-0502. This technology will be used to expand the district’s networked printing system.

	Equipment Model/Software	S/N	Status Description	Installation Location
1	e-Studio 6516AC	TBD	New – Replacing SC1BK22186	COHEN ES MAIN OFFICE
2	e-Studio 6516AC	TBD	New – Replacing SC1DK23277	COHEN MS MAIN OFFICE
3	e-Studio 8518A	TBD	New – Replacing SC2CK24486	TAE HS COPY RM 1
4	e-Studio 8518A	TBD	New – Replacing SC2CK24479	TAE HS COPY RM 2
5	e-Studio 7516ACT	TBD	New – Replacing SC1CK22852	TAE HS
6	e-Studio 6516ACT	TBD	New – Replacing SC1BK22091	TAE MAIN OFFICE

	36 Month Deferred Payment Plan	Monthly Payment	B & W Charge Per Click Consumable Supplies Included Paper & Staples Excluded	Color Charge Per Click Consumable Supplies Included
1	6/2023 – 7/2026	\$333.90	\$0.0042	\$0.0435
2	6/2023 – 7/2026	\$333.90	\$0.0042	\$0.0435
3	6/2023 – 7/2026	\$319.33	\$0.0035	N/A
4	6/2023 – 7/2026	\$319.33	\$0.0035	N/A
5	6/2023 – 7/2026	\$382.62	\$0.0040	\$0.043
6	6/2023 – 7/2026	\$333.90	\$0.0042	\$0.0435

FACILITIES

H-1 2022 Capital Outlay / Annual Project Update – nothing new to report.

H-2 2023 Capital Outlay Project – nothing new to report.

H-3 Capital Project 2021 / Energy Performance Contract (EPC) Update – TAE parking lot lights are changed, and appear much brighter.

NEW BUSINESS

J-1 BOCES Administrative Budget - approved

A motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Elmira Heights Central School District Board of Education approves the 2023-2024 Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany BOCES Board of Cooperative Educational Services Administrative Budget in the amount of \$8,252,542.

J-2 BOCES Election of Board Members - approved

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Terrance Day and carried 7-0 to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Elmira Heights Central School District Board of Education cast one ballot for each of the following candidates for membership on the Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany BOCES Board of Cooperative Educational Services:

Donald Kendell Pamela Strollo Colleen Talada Robert Wheeler

J-3 Senior Class Trip - approved

A motion was made by Jody Buckley, seconded by John Cole and carried 7-0 to approve the Senior Class trip to Hershey Park in Pennsylvania on June 14, 2023 for various activities.

J-4 8th Grade Trip - approved

A motion was made by Jody Buckley, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 7-0 to approve the Grade 8 trip to Dixie Bowling lanes and Joycrest Skating rink on June 2, 2023 for various activities

J-5 Bus Garage Lease – approved

A motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to approve the bus garage lease for the 2023-24 school year between the Horseheads Central School District and the Elmira Heights Central School District.

J-6 Maintenance Agreement - with Horseheads Central School District - approved

A motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Terrance Day, and carried 7-0 to approve the maintenance agreement for the 2023-24 school year between the Horseheads Central School District and the Elmira Heights Central School District.

J-7 Budget Resolution for 2023-24 - approved

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Michael Lepak, and after a brief discussion on tax cap percentage calculations, expanding the number of PreK classrooms, the demand for extra supports, and that since NYS budget has not been set yet, 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, the motion carried 7-0 to approve the following 2023-24 budget resolution:

Proposition Number 1 – (Budget)

Shall the following proposition be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed budget of \$27,875,079 of the Elmira Heights Central School District for 2023-24 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 1.79% which does not exceed the statutory limit of 1.79% 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-8 Property Tax Report Card - approved

A motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Andrew Willard, and carried 7-0 to approve the 2023-24 Property Tax Report Card as required by section 2601-a(3) of Education Law.

J-9 Capital Outlay Project 2023-24 - approved

A motion was made by Terrance Day, seconded by Andrew Willard, and carried 7-0 to approve the proposal from Hunt Engineers and Architects for the design services associated with the 2023-24 Capital Outlay Project contingent on the 2023-24 budget being approved by the qualified voters on May 16, 2023.

CONSENT

A motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to approve the following consent agenda item **K-1**.

K-1 CSE Recommendations and Funding - approved

The Board of Education approved the student placement determinations from the April 18, 2023, CSE/504 meeting(s) and the funds to support such recommendations.

DISCUSSION

N-1 Elementary Principal Search Updates – The Superintendent updated the Board on the great turnout from the staff and community survey, responding with important topics to be discussed during the interview process. BLT will review survey and draft interview questions. Interview Committee will be selected next week. Many board members praised Mr. Lutz, “tough shoes to fill”.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday	May 3, 2023	Regular BOE Meeting/Public Hearing	7:00 pm	Community Rm
Tuesday	May 16, 2023	Budget VOTE & BOE Elections	7am-8pm	TAE Gym
Wednesday	May 17, 2023	Regular BOE Meeting (if needed)	7:00 pm	Community Rm

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:02pm a motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by John Cole, and carried 7-0 to enter executive session to discuss employment histories of particular persons and negotiations.

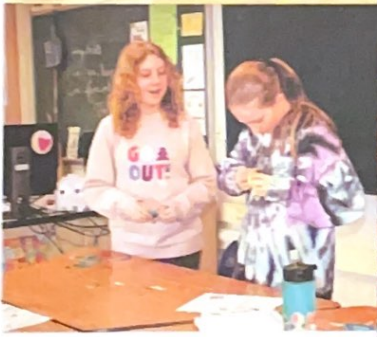
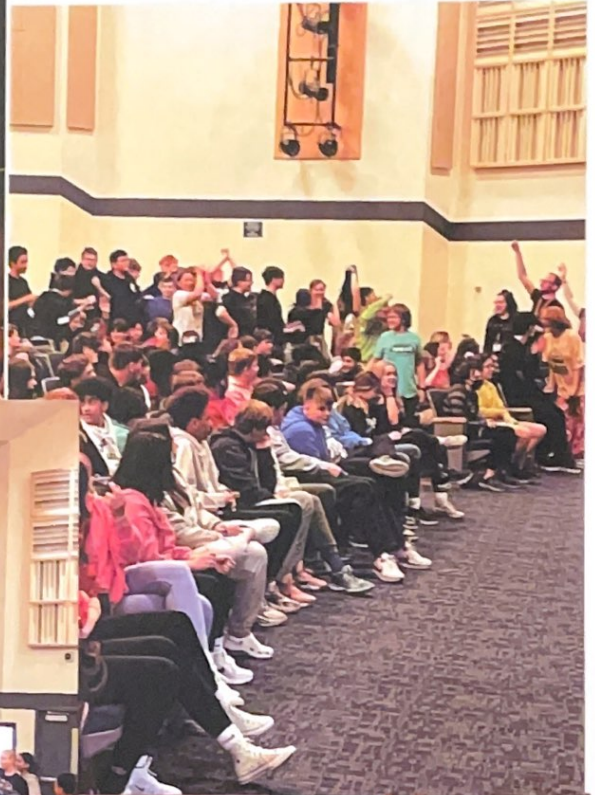
ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:20pm a motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Andrew Willard, and carried 7-0 to adjourn executive session.

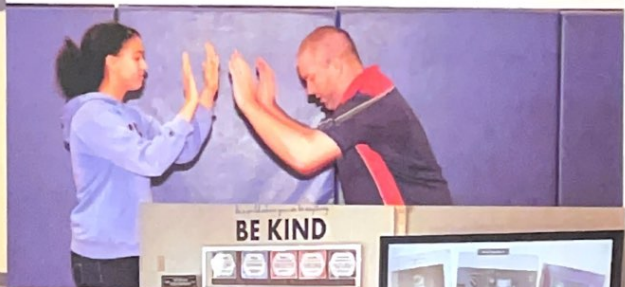
ADJOURNMENT – At 8:22pm motion was made by Jody Buckley, seconded by John Cole, and carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk

March 31 = Fun Day @ CMS



April 13 = Career Day @ CMS!



SPCA, ARMY, Carpenter's Union, Arnot Clinical Engineering, Elmira Correctional Facility, Journey Fitness, Elmira Heights FD & PD, Elmira Correctional Facility Forensic Psychology, Wegmans, Lawyer, WENY Meteorologist, DEC CO, Education & Paws for a Cause

April 18 = State Test Prep & Pasta Prep Night



Thank you Zimear Young, Mason Mawhir & Jaden Bennett for a great presentation to the 8th grade!

Thank you Olive Garden, Mrs. Wood and Mr. Kennedy for supporting Pasta Prep Night!

Thank you Mrs. Klee and Mrs. Hoobler for providing water and snacks to all students during state tests!

Breaking Ground on the Cohen Agriculture Center

Let's Build It Together!



Thank you Christopher Reynard & EJC Excavation!

