

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting**

Minutes

February 28, 2024

**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 7:06 p.m. on February 28, 2024, by President Joseph Sullivan followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Jody Buckley, Christopher Callas, John Cole, Terrance Day, Michael Lepak, Joseph Sullivan, Mikki Yesesky

Member Absent:

Others Present: Michael Gill, Alisha Jack, Krissy McNamara, Megan Molina, Brandon Foley, Tom Boyanowski, SRO Ruhmel, several EHPD officers, various public from the local and surrounding counties (300+).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda -

A motion was made by Jody Buckley, seconded by Mikki Yesesky, and carried 7-0 to approve the UPDATED agenda (removed all personnel action items for public comment only) for the February 28, 2024 Board of Education Regular meeting.

Order of Business:

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Terrance Day and carried 7-0 to suspend the regular order of business to accommodate guests, special discussion topics and presentations in an order of business as deemed appropriate.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

Michael Gill - Superintendent ♦ Thank you to the EH Board Members for adjusting the previously scheduled retreat/training meeting to instead hold a meeting for public comment due to community concerns. Thank you to the Elmira Heights Police department to provide support with logistics.

Review of Public comment expectations for this meeting:

- Public comment is reserved to residents of the Elmira Heights CSD.
- Each speaker has up to 4 minutes to express themselves. This is done to allow as many voices to be heard as possible.
- The Board anticipates holding public comments until approximately 8pm.
- The Board does not respond directly to comments or questions during this comment session.
- All speakers are required to use appropriate language, refrain from using specific names of students or families.
- Speakers must also avoid making derogatory comments about individual students, families, or staff.

If the public comment ends or time has run short, please email heightsschools@heightsschools.com with your concerns.

Public Comment – Twelve (12) members of various communities addressed the board during public comment. Many shared personal experiences, concerns, thoughts and beliefs regarding the following topics: student safety, discrimination, bullying, and LGBTQ rights.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 6, 2024	Regular BOE Meeting	TBD	Comm Rm
Tuesday, March 12, 2024	Capital Project Vote	7am-8pm	TAE Gym
Wednesday, March 13, 2024	Regular BOE Meeting (if needed)	7:00pm	Comm Rm

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:01pm a motion was made by Mikki Yesesky, seconded by Christopher Callas, and carried 7-0 to enter executive session to discuss an individual personnel matter and the Superintendent's agreement and evaluation.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:30pm a motion was made by Terrance Day, seconded by John Cole, and carried 7-0 to adjourn executive session.

ADJOURNMENT – At 9:31pm motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Michael Lepak, and carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk