

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting**

Minutes March 19, 2025

**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 7:00 p.m. on March 19, 2025, by President Joseph Sullivan followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: John Cole, Terry Day, Dominic Lucarelli, Joseph Sullivan, Mikki Yesesky

Member Absent: Jody Buckley, Christopher Callas

Others Present: Michael Gill, Martha Clark, Alexis Allsopp, Bev Croston

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda - A motion was made by Dominic Lucarelli, seconded by Jody Buckley and carried 5-0 to approve the agenda **with additions** of the March 19, 2025 Board of Education Regular meeting.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Dominic Lucarelli and carried 5-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1 through F-3 with additions, and being 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/Termination/Retirements

Resignations

- a. Lori Wheeler as Food Service Helper. Her last day with the district is March 21, 2025.
- b. Kourtnie Evans as Sophomore Class Co-Advisor. Her last day with the district is March 21, 2025.
- c. Michelle Earley as Bus Driver effective immediately. Ms. Earley's last day with the district was March 18, 2025.

F-2 Update to Prior Appointment

- a. Recommendation to update previously appointed Sophomore Class co-advisor, Emily Thresher, to full Sophomore Class Advisor due to the above co-advisor resignation. Miss Thresher's stipend will be adjusted to the following:

Advisor	Extracurricular	Level	Year	Prorated Stipend
Emily Thresher	Sophomore Class Co-Advisor	2	2	\$701.28 (Sep-Mar)
Emily Thresher	Sophomore Class Advisor	2	2	\$601.10 (Apr-June)

F-3 Appointments

Recommendation to approve the following personnel. 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.

- a. **Substitute Teacher:** Matthew Harvey
Substitute Support: Lori Wheeler Matthew Harvey

- b. Coaching
Recommendation to appoint the following list of coaches for the 2024-25 school year pending all certification requirements.

Sport	Coach	Level	Year	Stipend
Modified Track	Tina Kohler	1	1	\$2,423.05

- c. Volunteers
Volunteers to work with our athletic programs for the 2024-25 school year:

Baseball:	Softball:	Tennis:	Track and Field:
Alek Brown	Ryleigh Carson	Jason Forsyth	Cody Lucero
Kyle Erickson	Pat Moffe	Brad Hassler	Sophia Mirando
Kieran Goodwin	Todd Seelye	Brady Manoogian	Jed Twichell
Nick Hart	Kate Warren	Brittany Pesesky	
Anthony Marshburn	Michelle Woychak	Elijah Reed	
Ryan Stroman		Serefine Reed	
		John Renshaw	
		Chris Suwak	

NEW BUSINESS

J-1 Rescind Resolution: Capital Reserve Expenditure Proposition

A motion was made by Terry Day, seconded by Mikki Yesesky, and carried 5-0 to rescind the Capital Reserve Expenditure proposition resolution approved on March 5, 2025, due to the absence of required language for supplemental financing.

J-2 Supplemental Financing Proposition

A motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Terry Day, and carried 5-0 to approve the attached resolution calling for a public vote to undertake certain additional capital improvements as an expansion to the capital improvements previously authorized by the voters of the Elmira Heights Central School District on March 12, 2024, at an estimated maximum aggregate additional cost of \$4,210,100;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. The following notice shall be added to the notice of annual meeting and election:

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at such time:

PROPOSITION 3

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Elmira Heights Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake certain additional capital improvements consisting of the replacement of windows and doors at Cohen Elementary/Middle School and windows, doors and roof replacement and resurfacing of exterior insulation finish system at Thomas A. Edison High School, as an expansion to the capital improvements previously authorized by the voters of the Elmira Heights Central School District on March 12, 2024, at an estimated maximum aggregate additional cost of \$4,210,100; and to appropriate and expend from the existing capital reserve fund \$520,000 for the overall project costs, and that the balance of such additional cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$3,690,100 shall be issued.

The School District has completed its environmental review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA") and, on March 5, 2025, has duly determined and found the additional improvements to Cohen Elementary/Middle School and Thomas A. Edison High School buildings to be a type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA.

2. At such meeting taxes to be levied by installments will be proposed providing for payment of such capital costs and providing for the financing costs therefor. Such taxes shall be levied upon all the taxable property of the District, shall be levied in annual installments and shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education.

3. The District Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby directed to add the above to the notice of the annual meeting of the School District.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

CONSENT

A motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Dominic Lucarelli, and carried 5-0 to approve the following consent items K-1 through K-5.

K-1 CSE Recommendations – approved

The Board approved the student placement determinations from the on February 28, March 3, 6, and March 10, 2025, CSE/504 meeting(s) and the funds to support such recommendations.

K-2 CPSE Recommendations – approved

The Board approved the student placement determinations from the on March 10, 2025, CSE/504 meeting(s) and the funds to support such recommendations.

K-3 Donation – Elmira Heights PFO - accepted

The Board accepted the donation, with thanks and appreciation, from Elmira Heights PFO of \$900.00 to support costs associated with Mrs. Southard-Twichell's Anatomy class field trip to The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, PA.

K-4 Donation – Hansen Family Foundation – accepted

The Board accepted the donation in kind from Hansen Family Foundation of six (6) Yamaha Advantage YSL200AD Trombones estimated value of \$4,290.00 (\$715.00 each) to be used by the Cohen Middle School Instrumental Music Department.

K-5 Donation – Mrs. Justine Terry - accepted

The Board accepted the donation in kind from Mrs. Justine Terry of one (1) Pearl PK910C Bell Kit with an estimated value of \$350.00 to be used by the Cohen Middle School Instrumental Music Department.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday	April 2, 2025	Regular BOE Meeting (Final Budget Review)	7:00 pm	Comm Rm
Wednesday	April 23, 2025	Regular BOE Mtg (BOCES Vote/Final Budget Adopt)	7:00 pm	Comm Rm
Wednesday	May 7, 2025	Regular BOE Meeting/Public Hearing	7:00 pm	Comm Rm

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:03pm a motion was made by Mikki Yesesky, seconded by Dominic Lucarelli and carried 5-0 to enter executive session to discuss particular personnel employment histories and negotiations.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:47pm a motion was made by Mikki Yesesky, seconded by John Cole, and carried 5-0 to adjourn executive session.

ADJOURNMENT – At 7:48pm a motion was made by Dominic Lucarelli, seconded by Terry Day, and carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk