

ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ELMIRA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

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Board of Education Meeting  
January 28, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Harry Blish, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Lisa Benedict, Harry Blish, William Brewer, Christopher Callas, Harvey Harris, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

**OTHERS PRESENT** Mary Beth Fiore, Debra Palmer, Tom Boyanowski, Dawn Hanrahan, Christine Melville, Alex Melville, Christian Pelcher, Alison Capilli, Frank Cicci, Margaret Smith

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

**Agenda:**

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict seconded by William Brewer and carried 7-0 to approve the agenda of the January 28, 2013, Board of Education Regular Meeting

**Minutes:**

January 14, 2013 Regular Meeting- A motion was made by Christopher Callas seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 7-0 to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2014 Board of Education Regular Meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF**

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent

- ◆ Superintendent Conference today – thanks Angie and Andy
- ◆ APPR is very demanding; both personnel and financial demands
- ◆ Common Core and Benchmarks continue to be worked on
- ◆ Second Semester begins tomorrow
- ◆ Commissioner's Advisory Council – 4 topics – assessments- PARCC 14-15 on-line testing – common core – quality update on website – insolvency issues – there are 40-60 districts at risk in the next two year and SED has no plan – state testing calendar will make next year the longest school year in 7 year cycle.
- ◆ Governor's Budget will be focal point under budget development section later in the meeting
- ◆ Communication with colleagues across the country reveals some of the same education issues we are experiencing
- ◆ Chemung County Mental Health, meeting with Bryan Hart – bringing more services into schools is a problem in the area. Already have a lack of appropriate setting beds/child psychiatrists
- ◆ Superintendent will be interviewed by Katie Husband of YNN later this week
- ◆ HEIGHTS ON THE HILL is next Tuesday

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE Chair

- ◆ Kudos to Andy and Angie on today's program
- ◆ Jan 17, Middle school held 1/2 day assembly with Twin Tier Idol winner on bullying(Bully Buster teams from the Middle and High Schools coordinated the assembly) – more students are asking to join the teams
- ◆ Feb 9 is semi-formal
- ◆ end of marking period was last week

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal

- ◆ Week of regents complete – went well overall – some successes
- ◆ Seniors in danger of not graduating - will be working with them
- ◆ Looking at courses for next year and for support for some areas that have suffered
- ◆ Snowball dance was a success and well attended
- ◆ Willy Wonka production is underway with rehearsals, set is looking awesome!
- ◆ Working on a Financial Aid Night for college bound students – not always available at home
- ◆ Heights on the Hill – interviewed students interested in going to Albany

Debra Palmer – Business Manager

- ◆ Health Care meeting with consultants – RFP for Prescription/Medicare Advantage Plans, - RFP – medical administration - anticipate all to be complete by July 1, thanks to Mary Ann Sheets, Labor rep for her hard work on this committee, meeting ½ & whole days monthly
- ◆ PARCC, on-line assessments (Julie/Deb assessing adequacy of resources) Have to be ready 14/15
- ◆ Fixed assets – Kelly is working with audit reports and staff and doing physical inventory as needed

## **PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Christopher Callas seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 7-0 to approve the following recommended personnel item F-1a as presented, 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 - approved**

#### **a. Coach – Varsity Track**

Rick Gooshaw

With thanks and appreciation of service, the Board accepted the resignation Rick Gooshaw, as Varsity Track Coach for the 2012-13 school year.

## **FINANCIAL**

No Reports

## **FACILITIES**

No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No Items:

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Transportation Efficiency Study

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 7-0 to approve the following resolution:.

#### Transportation Efficiency Study

*BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elmira Heights Central School District Board of Education approves the attached contract with Transportation Advisory Services for a transportation program study involving the Horseheads and Elmira Heights school districts. The cost of the program study will be split evenly, with the Elmira Heights CSD paying 50% of the costs and the Horseheads CSD paying the other 50%. The Elmira Heights CSD will serve as the liaison for billing purposes and will bill the Horseheads CSD accordingly.*

## **CONSENT**

A motion was made by William Brewer seconded by Harry Blish and carried 7-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1

### **K-1 CSE Recommendations and Funding - approved**

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the January 10, 14, 2013 CSE meetings.

## **AWARDS / HONORS / ACHIEVEMENTS**

- ◆ Lisa Benedict - Professional Development - 150 Hours

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- ◆ No Items

## **DISCUSSION**

- ◆ Budget Development -

Reviewed Governor's Budget and its impact on our budget and the work that is before the Board.

- ◆ Horseheads Board of Education

It is agreed to extend an invitation to have the Horseheads School District Board of Education join our meeting on February 25, 2013 to discuss potential further exploration of shared services, & possible further studies.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:30pm a motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to enter executive session to discuss a legal issue.

## **ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:47pm a motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 7-0 to adjourn executive session

## **NEXT MEETING**

Mon February 11, 2013 7:00 pm -Regular Meeting TAE Community Room

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 8:48pm a motion was made Joseph Sullivan, seconded by William Brewer and carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting.

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Clerk