

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

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, Andy Lutz, Carol Sullivan, and approximately 40 community members

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda:

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to approve the February 11, 2013 agenda with an addition.

Minutes:

January 28, 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 28, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Order of Business:

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan seconded by William Brewer 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

Mary Beth Fiore - Superintendent ♦School Safety – school is one of the safest places-specific situations cannot be discussed in public ♦meeting with commissioner ♦there is a dire need for direction relative to fiscal/educational insolvency ♦Heights on the Hill capital visit was excellent

Andy Lutz –Elementary School Principal ♦Safety Plan update – main doors looked ♦common core for 5th grade math curriculum is challenging ♦Ms. Fiore was elementary principal for a day – she got to see the upside to the job ♦Family Literacy night is 2/27– entertainment scheduled

Dawn Hanrahan - Middle School Principal/CSE/CPSE Chair ♦recovery meetings for parents with students that are failing to date ♦Winter Semi-Formal rescheduled for Feb 23 ♦Kudos to modified wrestling coach Darrin May for being supportive of the athlete's academics ♦CSE/CPSE meeting – starting to look at next school year and transitioning preschoolers to school age status

Tom Boyanowski – High School Principal ♦Girls Basketball Senior Night – 8 girls recognized – 5 of them also have a 90 or above grade point average ♦Cheerleader - Bridget Murphy athlete of week ♦Key Club Officers recognized at Kiwanis ♦Jr/Sr Banquet is Friday at Roundin Third Regale ♦Willy Wonka play continues to rehearse ♦Scheduling for next year starting ♦Date for Financial Aid Night

Debra Palmer – Business Manager ♦Internal Auditor will be here this week Risk Assessment ♦Health Care increase in rates of 15% approved, and interviewing pharmacy benefit manager next week; ♦Medicaid Annual report deadline moved to 3/15; training at boces for billing for Administrative expenditures (additional money)

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by William Brewer seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 7-0 to approve the following recommended personnel items F-1a through F-2b 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 Appointments

a. Substitute – for the 2012-13 school - approved
Substitute Support Staff Timothy Gallagher

b. Coach - approved

Approved the following coach to work with our athletic program for the 2012-13 school year:

Corey Tremaine Assistant Varsity Boys Track Year 1 Step 1 Stipend \$2,408.99

F-2 Resignation / Termination - approved

a. Resignation – Coach – modified track

Corey Tremaine

The Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mr. Corey Tremaine, as Modified Track Coach for the 2012-13 school year, for the purpose of accepting the Assistant Varsity Boy's Track Coach position

b. Termination – Bus Driver

Marie Polovick

The Board approved the recommendation to terminate the employment of Marie Polovick, effective February 21, 2013, with thanks and best wishes. This termination is in accordance with Civil Service Law §71.

FINANCIAL

G-1 Budget Status Report as of February 4, 2013- acknowledged

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Harvey Harris and carried 7-0 to acknowledge the budget status report as of February 4, 2013.

G-2 Treasurer's Report (December 2012) - acknowledged

A motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 7-0 to accept the Treasurer's report for December 2012.

G-3 Investment Report

No Report

G-4 Claims Auditor Report (December 2012) - acknowledged

A motion was made by William Brewer, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 7-0 to accept the Claims Auditor Report for December 2012.

G-5 Extra-Classroom Report (December 2012) - acknowledged

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 7-0 to accept the Extra-Classroom Report for December 2012.

FACILITIES

Cohen Roof Update : Approximately 13 leaks – meeting with AJ Farrell & manufacturer Carlisle, design/installation issue; Manufacture will provide materials and labor – will not affect warranty

OLD BUSINESS

No Items

NEW BUSINESS

No Items

CONSENT

A motion was made by Andrew Willard seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 7-0 to approve the following consent agenda items

K-1 through K-4.

K-1 CSE Recommendations and Funding - approved

Approved recommendations and funds to support placements for determinations made at the January 24, 29, 2013 CSE meetings.

K-2 Donation \$100.00 – Palmer's Hallmark - accepted

Accepted with thanks and appreciation, a donation of \$100.00 from Palmer's Hallmark, Mr. Jay Palmer, to be used to support the Spring College Fair.

K-3 Donation \$100.00 – Anonymous - accepted

Accepted with thanks and appreciation, an anonymous donation of \$100.00 to be used to support the Spring College Fair.

K-4 2013-14 Cost Methodology - approved

Approved the Cost Methodology for COSERs to be offered by the GST BOCES for the 2013-14 school year..

AWARDS / HONORS / ACHIEVEMENTS

◆ Recognition of "Heights on the Hill" Advocacy Team:

Mary Beth Fiore Superintendent

Joseph P. Sullivan Sr. Board of Education Member

Deb Palmer Business Manager

Paul Richmond HS Teacher:

Student Representatives:

Ivan Pompolo

Ryan Willard

Bridget Murphy

Robert Hewlett

Alyssa Griffin

Courtney Garrison

Samantha Martone

Alexis Briggs

Kayla Coolbaugh

Connor White

Nate Sams

COMMUNICATIONS

No Items

DISCUSSION

◆ Athletic program Review

Mike Bennett presented listing of athletic program participation by year and sport

◆ Education Law §3202: Entitlements to Attend Public School -

Ms. Fiore presented the regulation regarding student entitlement to attend school

◆ Budget Development

Update on state budget, federal sequestration, health care rates & TRS final rate; BOCES budget

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:27pm a motion was made by Christopher Callas, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:04pm a motion was made by Harvey Harris, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 7-0 to adjourn executive session

DISCUSSION continued

Continued discussion/clarification regarding Education Law §3202: Entitlements to Attend Public School and implications for all students

NEXT MEETING

Mon February 25, 2013 7:00 pm -Regular Meeting TAE Community Room

ADJOURNMENT – At 9:20pm a motion was made Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk