

**Board of Education
Regular Meeting**

Minutes October 21, 2020

**ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELMIRA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and State executive order
This meeting was held via Zoom**

CALL TO ORDER: President Harry Blish called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT Lisa Benedict, Harry Blish, Christopher Callas (7:08), John Cole, Michael Lepak, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT Michael Gill, Martha Clark, Andrew Lutz, Julie Lederman, Erin Furstoss

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 October 21, 2020 Board of Education Regular Meeting.

Minutes:

October 7, 2020 Regular Meeting – A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 6-0 to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Order of Business:

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Andrew Willard 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

Michael Gill - Superintendent ♦ “Orange Zone” forced to go remote by Governor beginning October 26, 2020. Staff can report to buildings. Anticipated to move to “Yellow” after 14 days – will require 20% covid testing of staff & students weekly. ♦ Secondary levels have experience with remote, challenge will be Elementary level and supporting our staff ♦ Another meeting with County Executive later this week ♦ IAC covers 5 counties, need decision for rules on competitions ♦ Board of Education Appreciation Week – Thank you for your time and dedication and effort you are putting in!

Principal Report – Andy Lutz, Elementary School ♦ Nurses have a different job this year ♦ Hybrid everyday 83% / all online 17%, must create a 3rd system to go between both systems ♦ Struggles with online – technology supplies, teacher efforts take double the time to prep and execute, some families are lost, work not getting done ♦ Population that needs outreach is very large. Setting up teams to go to houses to “find” families and help support remote education ♦ Christopher Callas asked how the Board can help – Teachers and Staff need acknowledgement and support, knowing that the Board has their back.

Martha Clark – Business Manager ♦ Proactive on our bus borrowing, anticipation that tolling will not extend past November 3rd, plan to go for sale on the 5th and close on the 19th ♦ Wrapping up Medicaid cost reporting, answering questions and providing back up ♦ Budget preplanning, upcoming meeting with BOCES directors ♦ October state aid payment should not have 20% withheld

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 7-0 to approve the following consent personnel item(s) F-1a through F-2b. 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.

F-1 Appointments

The Board approved 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** for the 2020-21 school year:
Substitute Support Staff: Sandra Griffin

F-2 Resignations / Terminations / Retirements

- a. Bus Aide – retirement – accepted

Rena Dildine

The Board accepted with thanks and appreciation for 24 years of service, the resignation for purposes of retirement of Rena Dildine as Bus Aide, effective October 30, 2020. Her last day with the district will be October 29, 2020.

- b. Bus Driver – retirement – accepted

William Seymour

The Board accepted with thanks and appreciation for 10 years of service, the resignation for purposes of retirement of William Seymour as Bus Driver, effective November 23, 2020. His last day with the district will be November 22, 2020.

FACILITIES

No items

OLD BUSINESS

No items

NEW BUSINESS

No items

CONSENT

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 7-0 to approve the following consent agenda item K-1

K-1 Chemung County Mental Hygiene MOU - approved

The Board approved the agreement between the Chemung County Department of Mental Hygiene, Children's Integrated Services and the Elmira Heights Central School District for a therapeutic school-based mental health program between January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

AWARDS/HONORS/ACHIEVEMENT

No items

COMMUNICATIONS

No items

DISCUSSION

No items

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:55pm a motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 7-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:13pm a motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Christopher Callas and carried 7-0 to adjourn executive session.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday November 4, 2020	Regular Board Meeting	7:00pm Community Rm
Wednesday November 18, 2020	Regular Board Meeting (if needed)	7:00pm Community Rm

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:14pm a motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Clerk