

**ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
August 27, 2015  
Elwood Middle School Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board President

**B. CALL TO ORDER** – District Clerk

Present:	Andrew L. Kaplan	Trustee
	Michael LaMena	Trustee
	Julia Fried	Trustee
	Heather Mammolito	Trustee
	James Tomeo	Trustee
Staff:	Peter C. Scordo	Superintendent
	Keri Loughlin	Asst. Superintendent/Business
	Gary Furman	Asst. Superintendent/Curriculum
	Gene Tranchino	Exec. Director/Technology & Transportation
	Diane Wilkinson	Exec. Director/ Special Education
	Nancy Mancini	District Clerk

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

**(TAB A)**

1. Business Meeting – June 18, 2015  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2015.  
The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Mrs. Mammolito and Mr. Tomeo).
2. Special Meeting – June 22, 2015  
Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2015.  
The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Mrs. Mammolito and Mr. Tomeo).
3. Reorganization Meeting – July 1, 2015  
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of July 1, 2015.  
The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mrs. Fried).
4. Special Meeting – July 9, 2015
5. Special Meeting – July 14, 2015
6. Special Meeting – July 21, 2015
7. Special Meeting – July 27, 2015  
Mr. LaMena moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve the minutes of July 9, July 14, July 21 and July 27, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Special Meeting – July 31, 2015  
Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Kaplan seconded a motion to approve the minutes of July 31, 2015.  
The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mrs. Mammolito).

9. Special Meeting – August 4, 2015

Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Tomeo seconded a motion to approve the minutes of August 4, 2015. The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mr. Kaplan).

**D. COMMENDATIONS**

This section of the agenda gives the Board of Education an opportunity to publicly recognize and commend individuals for outstanding accomplishments or contributions made to Elwood schools. (*Deferred until schools reopen.*)

**E. BOARD RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS**

1. Elwood Booster Club donation of \$586.64 to fund the purchase of a Zero-G swing for the playground at James H. Boyd Intermediate School
2. James H. Boyd PTA donation of \$2,574.00 to fund new school building lettering
3. James H. Boyd PTA donation of \$7,000.00 to purchase literature for the classrooms at James H. Boyd Intermediate School

**F. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS / SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS REGARDING TONIGHT'S AGENDA – Mr. Peter C. Scordo**

**G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**H. PRESENTATIONS -- None**

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Superintendent search update
2. Discussion of a Board goal
3. Including 11<sup>th</sup> graders in the cum laude ranking system at the high school
4. Board Members to attend district events

**J. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(TAB B)**

1. Recommend the Board acknowledge receipt for audit of the following:
  - a) Claims Auditor Reports dated June 11, 25 and 26, 2015.
2. Recommend the Board approve the budget transfers.

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve the budget transfers. The motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions (Mrs. Mammolito and Mr. Tomeo).

**K. ACTION ITEMS**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following business matters be approved:

**1. Personnel Agenda -- as per attached**

**(TAB C)**

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the personnel agenda, Personnel agenda addenda I and II. The motion carried 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**2. Special Education**

- a. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services:

Submitted to the Board  
June 29

July 10

Meeting Dates

February 9, 11, 13, 23, 24; March 6, 9, 11, 12, 20, 24, 25; April 14, 17, 22 (4 meetings), 23, 27; May 4 (2 meetings), 5 (2 meetings), 12 (2 meetings), 13, 29 (2 meetings); June 2, 3 (3 meetings), 5 (3 meetings), 10 (4 meetings), 12 (2 meetings), 18 December 16; February 6, 11; March 3, 16, 25 (2 meetings), 25; April 27; May 14 (5 meetings), 28; June 3, 4, 5, 8 (2 meetings), 11, 12, 23, 25

July 21	February 6, 24, 25 (2 meetings); March 20; April 1, 14, 22, 30; May 14, 18 (2 meetings), 20, 27, 28; June 5, 8, 11, 17
July 22	February 5, 10 (2 meetings), 12; March 3, (2 meetings), 10; April 15; May 4, 11, 21; June 2, 3 (2 meetings), 8 (2 meetings), 10
August 3	February 23; May 29; June 4; July 10
August 4	February 6, 23 (2 meetings), 26; March 25 (2 Meetings); April 16, 27 (2 meetings); May 4, 6 (3 meetings), 7, 8, 12 (3 meetings), 13 (3 meetings, 15, 20, 29 (2 meetings); June 2 (2 meetings, 3 (3 meetings), 4, 10, 15 (3 meetings), 16, 17 (2 meetings), 19, 24 (2 meetings); July 10, 10, 20
August 11	February 10, 12, 13; March 4 (2 meetings), 12, 13, 16, 26, 31; April 1, 17, 29, 30; May 4 (2 meetings), 14, 15 (2 meetings), 18 (2 meetings), 22, 26, 28, 29; June 9, 11, 17
August 12	February 24; March 12, 19, 26; May 1, 29, 30
August 13	February 13, 26 (2 meetings), 27; March 25; April 16 (2 meetings); May 4, 6, 7 (2 meetings), 8 (2 meetings), 12, 18, 26, 28 (2 meetings); June 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22 (3 meetings), 23 (2 meetings)
August 14	February 5, 6, 9, 10, 13(2 meetings),24, 25, 27; March 3 (2 meetings), 4, 9 (2 meetings), 13 (2 meetings), 17, 23, 24, 30 (3 meetings), 31; April 24

- b. Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education's recommendations for students' classifications/placements and/or discontinuance of services:

<u>Submitted to the Board</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>
June 30	May 15, 19; June 2
August 4	February 13; May 27; June 2 (2 meetings); July 30
August 5	July 30
August 13	July 30

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve action item #2. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recommend the Board adopt the following policies: **(TAB D)**
- amended Policy 4526.1 Internet Safety Policy (*second reading*)
  - amended Policy 6700-E.1 Purchasing Exhibit (*first reading*).

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve action item #3. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Recommend the Board amend Policy 2260.1 Citizens Finance/Budget Advisory Committee (***first and second reading***) and appoint the members of the Committee to serve a one year term to end June 30, 2016. **(TAB E)**

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve action item #4. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Recommend the Board appoint the members of the Curriculum, Safety, Technology, Facilities and Health & Nutrition Subcommittees to two year terms ending June 30, 2017. **(TAB F)**

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to approve action item #5.  
The motion carried unanimously.

6. Recommend the Board appoint Eric Neithardt as a DASA coordinator for Harley Avenue Primary School and James H. Boyd Intermediate School (in addition to his previous appointment as a district level DASA coordinator).

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve action item #6.  
The motion carried unanimously.

7. ~~Recommend the Board approve a change to the high school course catalogue to include 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in the cum laude ranking system.~~

This item was withdrawn.

8. **Business Agenda** -- as per attached **(TAB G)**

Mr. LaMena moved and Mrs. Fried seconded a motion to approve the business agenda and the business agenda addendum. The motion carried unanimously. (This vote was withdrawn).

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve the business agenda and the business agenda addendum excluding tab 4a. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to approve business agenda tab 4a.  
The motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (Mrs. Mammolito).

**L. NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA**

1. Legislative Committee

**M. COMMUNICATIONS** -- None

**N. RESIDENTS' REMARKS**

**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:42 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters, negotiations and personnel matters. The motion carried unanimously.

At 11:28 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to leave executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

**P. ACTION ITEM**

At 11:28 p.m., Mr. LaMena moved and Mrs. Mammolito seconded a motion to appoint BBS as District Architect of Record. The motion carried unanimously.

At 11:30 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to extend the meeting and to go back into executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:57 p.m., Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. LaMena seconded a motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mancini  
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