

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:34 p.m.

Present:	James Tomeo	President
	Deborah Weiss	Vice President
	Walter Edwards	Member
	Thomas Scarola	Member
	Sara Siddiqui	Member
Absent:	None	
Staff:	Dr. Gayle Steele	Superintendent of Schools
	Lorraine Dunkel	Assistant Superintendent/Business
	Dr. Sonia Hood	Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
	Eileen Kelly Gorman	Assistant Superintendent/Special Education
	Mary Lou Marx	District Clerk
Absent:	None	

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President

C. RESIDENTS' REMARKS

The Board encourages all residents to attend its meetings, and this section of the agenda affords them the opportunity to speak. Persons wishing to speak should identify themselves, state whether they are a resident of the Elwood School District and any organization they represent at the meeting. Comments related to district business or any agenda item should be kept as brief as possible and may not exceed three minutes (Board Policy 1230). Questions or comments concerning matters which are not on the agenda will be taken under consideration and may be discontinued by the President. Public discussion of matters relating to staff, students, or others at which their reputations, privacy or right to due process could be in some way violated, is prohibited.

D. ACTION ITEMS (Personnel, Business, Special Education)

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the results of the Annual Meeting and Budget Vote, held on May 20, 2025, as presented to the Board at this meeting:

Proposition #1 (The Budget)

Yes: 982 Votes

No : 830 Votes

This Budget required a 60% passing rate and was defeated with 54.19%

Board of Education Members (term July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028)

Candidate Vashmir Pascal-Turner: Votes 496
Candidate Deborah Weiss: Votes 1178

Mrs. Weiss was re-elected.

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Edwards seconded a motion to approve Item D.1 as presented to the Board at this meeting.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no

E. ADJOURNMENT – 9:39 p.m.

Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk