

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET RE-VOTE HEARING
AND
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:34 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of confidential discussions regarding the employment history of particular persons at 6:34 p.m.

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

Present at Executive Session were: James Tomeo, Deborah Weiss, Walter Edwards, Thomas Scarola, Dr. Sara Siddiqui, Dr. Gayle Steele, Dr. Sonia Hood, Lorraine Dunkel and Eileen Kelly Gorman.

2. Mrs. Weiss moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to end Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – 7:34 p.m.

1. Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to reconvene in to Open Session in the Elwood Middle School Auditorium at 7:34 p.m.

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

Present: James Tomeo	President
Deborah Weiss	Vice President
Walter Edwards	Member
Thomas Scarola	Member
Dr. 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

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE– Board President

E. BUDGET HEARING

1. Open the Budget Hearing

Mr. Scarola moved and Mr. Edwards seconded a motion to open the Budget Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

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

2. Residents Remarks Regarding the Budget Re-Vote for 2025-2026

3. Budget Re-Vote Presentation-Ms. Lorraine Dunkel, Assistant Superintendent for Business

4. Close the Budget Hearing

Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to close the Budget Hearing at 8:19 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote 5-yes, 0-no.

F. RESIDENTS' REMARKS REGARDING MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE DISTRICT

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 be violated, is prohibited.

Mrs. Weiss moved and Dr. Siddiqui seconded a motion to extend the Residents' Remarks at 9:06 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Q. ADJOURNMENT – 9:15 p.m.

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk