ELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT #203 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

November 14, 2017

Elwood School
409 N. Chicago Avenue
Elwood, IL 60421
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Regular Open Session Board Meeting

I. PLEDGE AND ROLL CALL

President Mr. Walsh called the regular board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Bosonetta, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Lipke, Mrs. Stipanovich, and Mrs. Cotter. The following board member was absent: Mr. Hauert

II. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS

2.1) Data Presentation – Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Ditzler, and Mrs. Smith will present the 2017 State School Report Card data, 2017 PARCC data and local STAR Assessment data – During the Data Presentation, it was shared our total enrollment is 367 students. We have our Honors Geometry students attending Joliet Central for this particular class which they will receive dual credit. Per our Report Card, we had 50% of our 8th graders passing algebra or higher. It was shared by the Team and on the 2017 State School Report Card that 41.2% of Elwood students meet or exceed the math and English/language arts standards according to the 2017 PARCC scores. It was also shared by the team our lowest performing area is writing which is part of the English/language arts score while math is our highest performing area.

Elwood School's goal is for us to increase our percentage of students that meet or exceed the math and English/language arts standards by 2 to 3 percent annually.

III. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

3.1) Principal's report – Mrs. Peterson informed the board that on November 2, 2017, we conducted award assemblies for both K-5 and junior high. This was the first time that junior high parents were invited to attend and attendance was higher than predicted. This date was chosen due to the half day for parent/teacher conferences and it was to make it easier on the parents to attend. For our Veterans Day Assembly on Friday, November 10, 2017, we had over 20 veterans attend. We had a speaker this year and had the Promethian board for our Honor Wall. This was different than in the past. It was suggested to introduce the student who invited the veteran and let the student introduce the veteran to give recognition to the student for the invitation.

Mrs. Rompala invited our junior high students to participate in a writing

Mrs. Rompala invited our junior high students to participate in a writing competition. The topic was "What is America's gift to your generation?" This

- was the first year for our participation. Kaela Calderon won first place and read her essay during the Veteran's Day Assembly.
- 3.2) Superintendent's report Ms. Pezanoski informed the board that the Draft Levy will be published for the public hearing on Monday, November 20, 2017. The Draft Levy will also be posted on our website and displayed in the office for public viewing. This hearing will be held at the December 12 board meeting. After the Truth in Taxation Hearing and approval of the 2017 levy in action considerations, Ms. Pezanoski will file it with the Will County Clerk. Ms. Pezanoski went on to explain the Levy to the Board of Education. She also informed the Board that Elwood School should do a Balloon Levy to capture all new property.

Ms. Pezanoski informed the Board of Education that Elwood School is currently debt free. Elwood School is not paying on any bonds. Ms. Pezanoski informed the Board that with the Property Tax Extension Law (PTELL) in Will County we can only tax or expect a 5% or CPI (Consumer Price Index) increase whichever is the lesser.

Ms. Pezanoski is recommending Elwood School doubles the levy request for transportation due to the lack of timely payments the State made to the district to reimburse for regular and special education transportation costs. If the district does receive state payments in a timely manner this current fiscal year, the Board of Education can transfer transportation funds to the education fund with a board vote since the proposed levy is slightly less than the 2016 education fund levy. Ms. Pezanoski informed the Board with the new Fire Prevention and Life Safety inspection, a \$50,000 levy would cover most of the life safety issues that need to be completed.

IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS

4.1) There are none scheduled for this board meeting.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1) Approval of minutes:
 - October 10, 2017 Regular Open Session Meeting Minutes
- 5.2) Monthly Financial Reports:
 - Approval of Change in Fund Balances and Financial Report
 - Approval of Accounts Payable, Interim Checks and Payroll
 - Approval of Summary of Activity Account

VI. ACTION CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1) Mr. Walsh asked if there were any items from the Consent Agenda that a board member may request further discussion on or to be voted on separately. Hearing none, Mr. Walsh asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
- 6.2) Motion made by Mr. Lipke and seconded by Mrs. Stipanovich for the approval of the Consent Agenda as submitted by administration.

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Lipke, Mrs. Stipanovich, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Bosonetta Mr. Freeman and Mrs. Cotter

Nays:

None

Abstained:

None

Absent:

Mr. Hauert

6.3) Motion made by Mrs. Bosonetta and seconded by Mr. Freeman to approve Policy Manual updates from the State of Illinois for 2:260, 8:70, 2:210, 4:70, 6:80, 6:210, 6:290, 7:80, 7:160, and 7:275

Roll Call (Ayes):

Mrs. Bosonetta, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Lipke

Mrs. Stipanovich and Mrs. Cotter

Nays:

None

Abstained:

None

Absent:

Mr. Hauert

6.4) Motion made by Mrs. Bosonetta and seconded by Mrs. Stipanovich to approve the Northpoint Development Resolution which states the development is not in the best interest of Elwood CCSD #203

Roll Call (Ayes):

Mrs. Bosonetta, Mrs. Stipanovich, Mr. Walsh,

Mr. Freeman, and Mr. Lipke

Nays:

Mrs. Cotter

Abstained:

None

Absent:

Mr. Hauert

6.5) Motion made by Mrs. Bosonetta and seconded by Mrs. Stipanovich to accept the resignation of Danielle Morency as lunch/recess supervisor

Roll Call (Ayes):

Mrs. Bosonetta, Mrs. Stipanovich, Mr. Walsh,

Mr. Freeman, Mr. Lipke and Mrs. Cotter

Nays:

None

Abstained:

None

Absent:

Mr. Hauert

6.6) Motion made by Mrs. Stipanovich and seconded by Mr. Freeman to hire Dana Butt as lunch/recess supervisor

Roll Call (Ayes):

Mrs. Stipanovich, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Bosonetta

Mr. Lipke and Mrs. Cotter

Navs:

None

Abstained:

None

Absent:

Mr. Hauert

6.7) Motion made by Mr. Freeman and seconded by Mrs. Bosonetta to approve the retirement resignation of Rosalie Dennis as district bookkeeper/treasurer

Roll Call (Ayes):

Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Bosonetta, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Lipke

Mrs. Stipanovich and Mrs. Cotter

Nays:

None

Abstained:

None

Absent:

Mr. Hauert

6.8) Motion made by Mr. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Lipke to hire Susan Thorpe as district bookkeeper/treasurer

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Freeman, Mr. Lipke, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Bosonetta

Mrs. Stipanovich and Mrs. Cotter

Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Hauert

6.9) Motion made by Mrs. Bosonetta and seconded by Mrs. Cotter to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Elwood Baseball and Softball Association

Roll Call (Ayes): Mrs. Bosonetta, Mrs. Cotter, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Freeman

Mr. Lipke and Mrs. Stipanovich

Nays: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Mr. Hauert

6.10) Motion made by Mrs. Bosonetta and seconded Mr. Freeman to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Elwood regarding the implementation of two (2) additional crossing guards during school arrival and dismissal times.

Roll Call (Ayes): Mrs. Bosonetta, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Lipke

Mrs. Stipanovich and Mrs. Cotter

Nays: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Mr. Hauert

6.11) Motion made by Mr. Lipke and Mr. Freeman to approve a ten week maternity leave beginning January 29, 2018, for Dani Novack.

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Lipke, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Bosonetta

Mrs. Stipanovich and Mrs. Cotter

Nays: None Abstained: None

Absent: Mr. Hauert

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1) There was no unfinished business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

8.1) Blended Preschool for All Program – Ms. Pezanoski informed the Board she has filed her intent with the State of Illinois to begin the Blended Preschool for All grant. This grant needs to be completed and submitted by January 12, 2018. If approved for the Blended Preschool, Elwood School will have to offer preschool to 3, 4 and 5 years for 5 days a week. There is a 20 student maximum per class. The Board will have to review our preschool registration packet and tuition fees for academic year 2018/19 prior to being informed by the State if we received the

grant. The Board will have to vote on the packet and fees at the January, 2018 board meeting. This deadline is due to the preschool open house held in February. If Elwood School is informed they receive the Preschool for All Grant in the spring, the Board will discuss to possibly adjust preschool tuition fees for academic year 2018/19.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BOARD ACTIONS

9.1) Jill Berscheid addressed the Board with a question about preschool. She was questioning about enrollment numbers as well as how students will be placed in either AM or PM classes.

Ann Baskerville thanked the Board for taking a stand and passing a resolution with regard to the Northpoint Development. She stated she was with the Sierra Club. She informed the board about what diesel can do to the environment as well as to a person.

X. NOTICES/REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

- 10.1) 2017/18 Elwood School Enrollment Board had no questions
- 10.2) 2017/18 Preschool Enrollment- Board had no questions
- 10.3) Newspaper Articles Board had no questions

XI. CLOSED SESSION

11.1) No closed session held

XII. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION

12.1) No action required.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Bosonetta and seconded by Mrs. Cotter to adjourn the regular open session meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Voice Votes:

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 1

Mr. Matthew Walsh, President

Mr. Záehary Freeman, Secretary