

**ELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT #203  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**May 11, 2021**

**ELWOOD SCHOOL  
Small Gym  
409 N. CHICAGO AVENUE  
ELWOOD, IL 60421  
6:00 P.M.**

**Regular Board Meeting**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**  
*President Mrs. Bosonetta called the regular board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following board members were present in-person: Mrs. Bosonetta, Mr. Lipke, Mrs. Wedic, Mr. Kruchten, Mr. Stasiak, Mrs. Duerling and Mrs. Tomalewicz.*
- II. **AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**
  - 2.1) **PTO Presentation** –*Elwood PTO was represented by Mrs. Dana Zumpf and Mrs. Tricia Maas. Mrs. Maas presented to the Board of Education all of the fundraising PTO conducted in an unprecedented year. Mrs. Maas also informed the Board of Education of all the PTO events held this year. Mrs. Zumpf informed the Board of Education that Elwood PTO will be starting the school year with a full board and she will be remaining on as the President of the PTO. Mrs. Zumpf also stated PTO would like to still host penny wars and the wrapping paper fundraiser. Mrs. Zumpf finally informed the Board that PTO is hoping to bring back Family Fun Night as well as room parties for the upcoming school year. The Board thanked PTO for all of the wonderful things the organization has done.*
  - 2.2 **Jen Monti Award** - *Ms. Pezanoski introduced Mrs. Bauer at which time she explained the Jen Monti Award. Mrs. Bauer indicated the teachers review the essays first from all of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. After choosing the top 3, these essays are then sent to the Monti family and they choose the winner. The winner this year is Evie Padilla. Mrs. Bauer presented the winner with a certificate as well as gift cards.*
- III. **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**
  - 3.1) **Principal's Report – IAR/ISA Testing**- *Mr. Rekruciak began his presentation by informing the Board our IAR/ISA testing has been completed for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. He stated we had 3 families opt out of testing due to having to come into the building to be tested. He thanked the PTO for supporting the students. He stated that those students who exceed on either the English/Language Arts assessment and/or Math assessments will receive yard signs over the summer and*

*be recognized in the fall at a board meeting. Students who meet standards on one or both assessments will also be recognized in the fall at a scheduled board meeting.*

*ELA Core Resource Update-Mr. Rekruciak informed the Board that materials have started to be handed out to teachers to review. He also stated that official training for these resources will begin in August with a follow-up in December.*

*Geometry at JTHS 2021-22-Mr. Rekruciak informed the Board that Elwood School continues the partnership with Joliet Central High School for our geometry students. Mr. Rekruciak stated the path for this program begins in 5<sup>th</sup> grade with test scores and teacher recommendations before a student is asked to join the program.*

*Ms. Pezanoski further explained the program to the Board. She also stated that the high school bus transports our students in the morning and Elwood School provides transportation for the return trip back to school. She stated that 4 incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students have qualified for the Algebra I program and 4 incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grades qualified for the geometry program. Ms. Pezanoski further informed the Board that these programs do not have a cap on how many students can participate, but the number of students is based off of strict test scores and classroom performance so the student is successful. She finally informed the Board this is an optional program offered.*

*Earth Day and Recycling -Mr. Rekruciak congratulated our Recycling Club for collecting 309 lbs. of plastics and aluminum this year. This club encourages students to recycle paper, plastics and aluminum. Mr. Rekruciak also informed the Board Earth Day was celebrated at Elwood School with 1 hour of lights out.*

*Math Team and Scholastic Bowl-Mr. Rekruciak informed the Board Elwood students participated in the IVC Math Competition on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. He also stated for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade level Nathaniel Gabriel took 1<sup>st</sup> place and Lincoln Tomalewicz took 2<sup>nd</sup>; for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade level Christian Winters took 1<sup>st</sup> place with Fynn Bernhard placing 4<sup>th</sup>; and finally for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level Nathan Tallon took 1<sup>st</sup> place, Brody Walsh took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Jersy Hauert took 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our overall math team took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the competition. Scholastic Bowl was conducted differently this year and the students still did great. All meets were conducted via Zoom. Top point winners were Brody Walsh for 8<sup>th</sup> grade; Lillian Ingram for 7<sup>th</sup> grade; Lincoln Tomalewicz for 6<sup>th</sup> grade; and Houston Jackson for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.*

*Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week-Mr. Rekruciak stated PTO did a fantastic job appreciating our staff. It's been a trying year, but our staff has been flexible and positive.*

*Summer School Update-Mr. Rekruciak stated to the Board that summer school will have 20-30 students participating from June 1 to June 24. There will be 2*

*sessions: 8a-10a and 10a-12p which will enhance small group learning. Mr. Rekruciak also reassured the Board that all safety guidelines will be adhered to.*

*Closing out the year- Mr. Rekruciak informed the Board of Education of all the upcoming events from Principal/Superintendent for the Day award to field day and dismissal at 1:30 p.m. on May 28<sup>th</sup>.*

3.2) Superintendent's Report –

- a. FOIA- *Ms. Pezanoski informed the Board that Elwood School had no FOIA requests over the last month.*
- b. Masonry Bid Discussions – *Ms. Pezanoski opened the discussion with information regarding the 2 bids we received. She also explained that the Board cannot just pick the alternate bid and not the base bid. However, they can choose to accept the based bid without the alternate project bid. Ms. Pezanoski informed the Board that this project is the last one on the life safety list. Mr. Stasiak informed the Board that the bids were reasonable and the Board should move forward on repairing the back corner and all the areas that need tuckpointing.*

IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 4.1) *There were no scheduled speakers for this meeting.*

V. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1) Approval of minutes:

- April 13, 2021 Regular Open Session Meeting Minutes
- April 13, 2021 Policy / Supt. Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
- April 13, 2021 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- April 20, 2021 Facilities / Finance Meeting Minutes
- April 27, 2021 Special Session Meeting Minutes
- April 27, 2021 Closed 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) *Mrs. Bosonetta asked if there were any items from the Consent Agenda that any board member would like removed for further discussion or changed. There was no request to have any of the items removed or changed from the Consent Agenda.*

- 6.2) Motion made by Mr. Lipke and seconded by Mr. Kruchten to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Lipke, Mr. Kruchten, Mrs. Bosonetta, Mrs. Wedic, Mr. Stasiak, Mrs. Duering, and Mrs. Tomalewicz  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None

- 6.3) Motion made by Mr. Stasiak and seconded by Mr. Lipke to approve the FY2022 Athletic Handbook.

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Stasiak, Mr. Lipke, Mrs. Bosonetta, Mrs. Wedic, Mr. Kruchten, Mrs. Duering, and Mrs. Tomalewicz  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None

- 6.4) Motion made by Mrs. Wedic and seconded by Mr. Stasiak to approve the FY2022 Parent/Student Handbook.

Roll Call (Ayes): Mrs. Wedic, Mr. Stasiak, Mrs. Bosonetta, Mr. Lipke, Mr. Kruchten, Mrs. Duering, and Mrs. Tomalewicz  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None

- 6.5) Motion made by Mrs. Bosonetta and seconded by Mrs. Wedic to approve the donation request of \$500 from the Village of Elwood for the Children's Garden Project.

Roll Call (Ayes): Mrs. Bosonetta, Mrs. Wedic, Mr. Kruchten, Mr. Stasiak, Mrs. Duering, and Mrs. Tomalewicz  
Nays: Mr. Lipke  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None

- 6.6) Motion made by Mr. Lipke and seconded by Mr. Stasiak to approve the bid of \$8,000 from Chicago Heights Construction to complete the masonry repair on the back corner of the 1960's wing.

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Lipke, Mr. Stasiak, Mrs. Bosonetta, Mrs. Wedic, Mr. Kruchten, Mrs. Duering, and Mrs. Tomalewicz  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None

- 6.7) Motion made by Mr. Stasiak and seconded by Mr. Lipke to approve the \$45,732 bid from Chicago Heights Construction to repair all tuck-pointing issues around the entire facility.

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Stasiak, Mr. Lipke, Mrs. Bosonetta, Mrs. Wedic,  
Mr. Kruchten, Mrs. Duering and Mrs. Tomalewicz  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None

- 6.8) Motion made by Mr. Lipke and seconded by Mrs. Tomalewicz to hire Theresa Walsh as the Math Interventionist/Coach effective FY2022.

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Stasiak, Mrs. Tomalewicz, Mrs. Bosonetta, Mr. Lipke,  
Mrs. Wedic, Mr. Kruchten, and Mrs. Duering  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None

#### VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 7.1) Large Gym Floor Discussion –*Discussion was had amongst the Board of Education regarding the large gym floor. Ms. Pezanoski informed the Board that the architect, Tria, brought in experts to look at the floor and discovered there were no bleacher blocks. They also conducted a moisture test on the concrete which came up as 89-94% RH. At the time the sports floor was installed in 2000, the best adhesives required a maximum of 80-85% RH at the concrete slab. Ms. Pezanoski stated that the adhesive is no longer sticking due to this. She suggested leaving the bleachers out until the end of the school year so as to have less problems with the floor. Discussion was also had about how much of the gym floor would have to be removed to fix the issue. The Board requested that Ms. Pezanoski obtain a cost estimate and she is hoping to have more information at the June meeting.*

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1) Possible Cooperative Athletic Programs for FY2022 – *Discussion was had amongst the Board regarding the possible coop athletic program. Ms. Pezanoski informed the Board that we may not have numbers needed for girls basketball or girls/boys baseball. The Board discussed the negatives of this program. The Board requested to place this on unfinished business for next month.*
- 8.2) First reading of recommended policy manual update: 7:345-Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security – *Discussion was had amongst the Board of Education regarding the policy. Ms. Pezanoski informed the Board that this policy has to be enforced by July 1, 2021. Mr. Lipke stated that this policy was for the privacy of the students when Elwood School uses different*

*software programs. This policy will guarantee that these vendors cannot use any student information.*

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BOARD ACTION

9.1) *There were no comments from the public at this Board meeting.*

X. NOTICES/REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

10.1) 2020/21 Elwood School Enrollment – *No comments were made.*

10.2) 2020/21 Preschool Enrollment – *No comments were made.*

10.3) Newspaper articles – *No comments were made.*

10.4) Subcommittee Reports

a. Facility / Finance Committee – *The only other committee discussion that has not been discussed thus far was the fact that maturing investments with PMA were being placed in the liquid max account with PMA so the district would have access to the funds, if needed, since we are not receiving the levy 2020 payments this May/June as typically scheduled.*

XI. CLOSED SESSION

11.1) *Motion was made by Mr. Lipke and seconded by Mrs. Wedic to adjourn into closed session at 7:17 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.*

Roll Call (Ayes): Mr. Lipke, Mrs. Wedic, Mrs. Bosonetta, Mr. Kruchten, Mr. Stasiak, Mrs. Duering, and Mrs. Tomalewicz

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

XII. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION

12.1) *No action was taken at this time.*

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

13.1) Motion made by Mrs. Tomalewicz and seconded by Mr. Stasiak to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

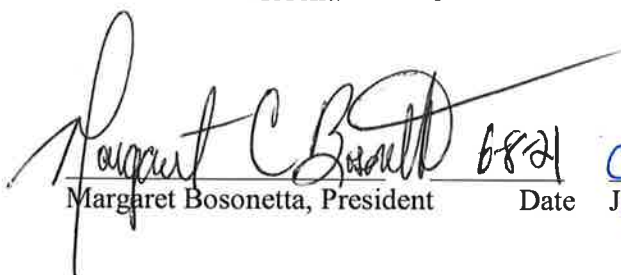
Voice Vote:

Ayes: 7

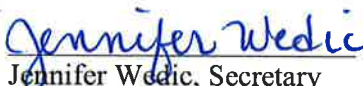
Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

  
Margaret Bosonetta, President

6-8-21  
Date

  
Jennifer Wedic, Secretary

6-8-2021  
Date