

ELWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2026

A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:46 p.m.

The Board President called the meeting to order at 9:46 p.m. in the Elwood Middle School Cafeteria.

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. Amy Meyer	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 REGARDING THE AGENDA

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D. APPROVAL OF BUDGET VOTE

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the results of the Annual Meeting and Budget Vote, held on May 19, 2026, as presented to the Board at this meeting:

Proposition #1 (The Budget)

Yes: 899 Votes

No : 336 Votes

The Budget passed.

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Proposition #2 (Expend \$350,000 from the Capital Reserve)

Yes: 959 Votes

No : 252 Votes

Proposition #2 passed.

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Board of Education Members (term July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029)
Candidate Tom Scarola; Votes 898
Candidate Patricia Haack; Votes 665
Candidate Vashmir Pascal-Turner; Votes 428

Mr. Scarola was re-elected for the term July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.
Mrs. Haack was newly elected for the term July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

Mr. Edwards moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to accept the results, as presented to the Board at this meeting.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

E. CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

1. Mr. Scarola moved and Mrs. Weiss seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items F.1-F.5), as presented to the Board at this meeting.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

F. ACTION ITEMS PERSONNEL

1. WHEREAS the Elwood Union Free School District, in reviewing the duties and responsibilities of our administrative team has determined for instructional and management reasons, it is desirable to create the following position, and;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the creation of the following position, effective July 1, 2026:
1.0 FTE Director of Curriculum
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Andrew McIntosh, who possesses School Building Leader, School District Leader and K-12 Educational Technology Specialist Certificates, to a four-year probationary term as the Director of Curriculum, commencing on July 1, 2026 and terminating on June 30, 2030, in the tenure area of Director of Curriculum, at a salary of \$167,170 (Step 5), for the 2026-27 fiscal year. In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said employee must receive at least three APPR ratings of effective or highly effective during the four year probationary term and may not receive an ineffective rating in the final year of probation.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Timothy Cipolla, who possesses School Building Leader and Social Studies 7-12 Certificates, to a four-year probationary term as Assistant Principal of Elwood-John H. Glenn High School, commencing on July 1, 2026 and terminating on June 30, 2030, in the tenure area of Assistant Principal, at a salary of \$143,408.00 (MA Step 1), for the 2026-27 fiscal year. In order to be eligible for appointment to tenure, said employee must receive at least three APPR ratings of effective or highly effective during the four-year probationary term and may not receive an ineffective rating in the final year of probation.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the additional Substitute Teacher, effective May 20, 2026 through June 26, 2026, at a daily rate of \$120:
Erin Edgley

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves after-school hours for the following personnel, to participate in curriculum writing projects, during the 2025-2026 school year, with compensation of \$66 per hour:

Professional Planning Session	Employee	Hours per participant
Google Suite for K-12 Support Staff presented during May 27, 2026	Angela Shanerman Courtney Meis	3 hours per participant

G. RESIDENTS' REMARKS REGARDING MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE DISTRICT

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H. ADJOURNMENT – 9:50 p.m.

Dr. Siddiqui moved and Mr. Scarola seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 5-yes, 0-no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Marx
District Clerk