

**Elizabethtown-Lewis-Westport (ELW) CSD
Public Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019 - 6:00 PM
Donald Huntley Auditorium (ELCS)
7539 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY 12932**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 6:01 PM by President Mero

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

[x] Karin DeMuro [x] Dina Garvey [x] Alan Jones [x] Sarah Kullman
[x] Philip Mero [x] Heather Reynolds [absent] Suzanne Russell

4. Executive Session (approximately one hour)

Specifically, the Board will enter Executive Session for the following reasons:

- a. (#5) Collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law), and
- b. (#6) the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation.
 - i. The Board will receive an update on the upcoming negotiations process with the ELW bargaining units.
 - ii. The Board will discuss matters related to the ELW Superintendent Search and the next steps in the hiring process.

In: 6:02 PM Motion: Karin DeMuro Second: Dina Garvey Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Accept

Out: 7:22 PM Motion: Karin DeMuro Second: Dina Garvey Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Accept

No action taken.

- c. Reconvene to regular session at 7:28 PM.

Motion: Karin DeMuro Second: Heather Reynolds Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

5. Preliminary Public Budget Hearing

- a. The community members of the Elizabethtown-Lewis-Westport CSD will receive a presentation by Interim Superintendent Dr. Mark Davey on the proposed \$15,075,669 spending plan for the 2019-2020 school year. A final public budget hearing will be held on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Bulles Auditorium Westport Central School building.

Members of the Board of Education and visitors received a presentation by Interim Superintendent, Dr. Mark Davey featuring a PowerPoint including a budget overview on the \$15,075,669 proposed spending plan for Elizabethtown-Lewis-Westport CSD 2019-20 fiscal year.

6. Introduction of Attendees

Also Present: Dr. Mark Davey, Interim Superintendent
Jana Atwell, District Clerk
Sharlene Petro-Durgan, District Treasurer
Scott Osborne, ELCS Superintendent
Joshua Meyer, WCS Superintendent

Visitors: Karen Brown	Mary Lou Morgan
Shari Morris	Cathy Brankman
Ryan Hathaway	Sue Plumadore
Jennifer Peck	Hedy Merrihew
Colby Pulsifer	Aubrey Pulsifer
Arin Burdo	Paul Buehler
Crystal Brant	Brad Schrauf
Meredith King	Ella King
Grayson King	

7. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approve the meeting minutes of the regular meeting held on April 25, 2019 as presented.

Motion: Karin DeMuro Second: Dina Garvey Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Accept

8. Public Comment

- a. At the start of Public Comment, the Board President will ask for a show of hands to determine how many members of the public wish to offer comment. Three minutes per speaker will be allowed for public comments. When called upon by the Board President to speak aloud, please identify yourself and provide your school district of residence. Public comments will be limited to 15 minutes.

Ryan Hathaway (ELCS resident) stated the potential for administrative savings indicated in the merger study is less than what is indicated in the budget presentation. Dr. Davey explained that the rates used in the merger study were not accurate as they were approximately two years old.

Tom Smith (WCS Athletic Coordinator) addressed athletic budget concerns from a health and safety aspect. Is there sufficient money budgeted for the 2019-20 fiscal year to repair fields, and replace dugouts and backstops?

Paul Buehler (ELCS Athletic Director) expressed his disappointment in the

proposed athletic budget and questioned what was included in the athletic budget line. Were the quotes shared as needed regarding the money to outfit teams, replace equipment and make repairs where necessary?

Mary Lou Morgan (ELCS resident and Elizabethtown Library Board) likes proposition number four which will be placed before the voters regarding the appropriation to collect monies in the amount of \$18,000.00 to be paid to the Elizabethtown Library Association for the support and maintenance of the library. She questioned if it would be necessary to change the wording? Dr. Davey stated the (petition) language that was submitted for consideration will be the language used for the proposition . The District's attorney will be contacted for clarification if necessary.

9. Presentations/Reports

10. Board Discussion Items

- a. Board Member Conferences and Trainings - Board members received a pamphlet provided by New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) detailing state-mandated trainings available in New York State.
- b. Updated Notice of Annual Budget Vote - A revised Notice of Public Hearing & Annual Budget Vote was provided which included the addition of propositions 2, 3 and 4.

11. Financials

- a. Resolved that the Interim Superintendent recommends to the Board of Education the approval of payment, to be equally shared between the ELCS and WCS districts, for the following invoices:
 - i. Press Republican Public Notice dated 4/2/19 - \$265.87
 - ii. High Peaks Enterprises LLC DBA DaCy Meadow Farm dated 4/25/19 - \$165.00
 - iii. Press Republican Public Notice (revised) dated 5/3/19 - \$390.97

Motion: Sarah Kullman Second: Alan Jones Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

12. Action Items - Consent Agenda

- a. Adopt the draft 2019-2020 ELW CSD school calendar.
- b. Establish the compensation rate of \$11.10 per hour for inspectors serving at the Annual Budget Vote to be held on May 21, 2019.
- c. Approve the Chairperson, Inspector and Clerk List for the Annual Budget Vote to be held on May 21, 2019 in the lobby outside the Bulles Auditorium Westport Central School building.

Motion: Karin DeMuro Second: Heather Reynolds Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

13. Committee Appointments/Updates

- a. Policy Committee Update - Superintendent Osborne
 - i. Resident and Non-Resident Students - First reading

- ii. Student Assignment to Schools and Classes - First reading
- iii. Policy Service Recommendation for the 2019-20 school year update - The committee has narrowed the choices to two firms.
- b. Transition Advisory Teams Update - Superintendent Osborne & Interim Superintendent Meyer
 - i. Technology Advisory Team - There has not been a meeting since the last update provided on April 25. The ELCS Board will host further discussion at their next meeting regarding wiring within the ELCS building.
 - ii. Curriculum Advisory Team - The team is focusing on short and long term goals including valedictorian and salutatorian, requirements for local diplomas and the process for approving electives.

14. Superintendent's Update

- a. ELW Board of Education meeting date change from Thursday, May 23, 2019 to new date to be determined. The meeting date will remain as May 23.
- b. Annual Budget Vote to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 PM in the lobby outside the Bulles Auditorium Westport Central School building.
- c. Dr. Davey thanked the Transition Advisory Teams for their diligent work. A representative from each team will provide a final presentation to the members of the Board. Minutes and summaries from each group are available on the ELW website (elwcsd.org).
- d. Dr. Davey recognized all responsible for their efforts in putting forth the 2019-20 proposed spending plan noting that the budget maintained everything with the exception of specified reductions other than redundancies. The Board does not have the ability to change the proposed budget amounts at this time. However, after July 1, 2019, changes may be possible as information is provided to the Board by the Transition Advisory Teams.

15. Public Comment

- a. Karen Brown (ELCS resident) addressed the athletic concerns brought forth this evening and asked when a new school building would be built. President Mero explained that there is much discussion before this question can be answered.

16. Other

17. Executive Session (if needed)

18. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6 PM in the Bulles Auditorium at WCS

19. Adjournment

Time: 8:47 PM Motion: Heather Reynolds Second: Karin DeMuro

Date approved by the BOE: May 23,2019

Jana Atwell, District Clerk