

**ELMIRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELMIRA, NEW YORK**

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Administration Boardroom
951 Hoffman Street
Elmira, NY 14905**

**January 5, 2009
6:00 pm Meeting**

**MEETING CALLED TO
ORDER**

President Rodney Strange called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:02 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Anthony Fisher, Barton Graham, Lynn Grottenthaler, Ted Lax, Rodney Strange.

Absent: Dan Hurley, Dianna Jackson, Colleen McCall, Larry McGovern, Jr., and Attorney Conrad Wolan.

Student Representatives were not in attendance at this meeting. They will begin their term on January 7, 2009.

Others: Dr. Raymond Bryant, David Gleason, Joseph Hochreiter, Christine Mecke, Robert Van Keuren, Attorney Conrad Wolan

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

Ms. Grottenthaler moved, seconded by Mr. Fisher that the Board approve the agenda with the following changes:

- Add an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

Also, the following items will be added to the January 7, 2009, agenda:

- Under Old Business, add the Civil Service process for the position of Deputy Director of Human Resources.
- Under Old Business, add a report on contract under \$20,000 and its current status.

Motion Carried:

Yes: Fisher, Graham, Grottenthaler, Lax, Strange

No: None

Absent: Hurley, Jackson, McCall, McGovern

**BUDGET-
IMPLICATION OF
GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
ON COPS (Community
Optional Prevention
Services) PROGRAM**

President Strange opened the Special Meeting by explaining to the Board why this Special Meeting was called. He stated that he had a meeting with Dr. Bryant, and Linda Huffner, Commissioner of Human Services where in they discussed the proposed budget cuts from the Governor with regards to the Community Optional Preventive Services (COPS) Programs, commonly referred to as 65/35. The District currently has a contract with the New Day Program, the STAR Program and the SRO Program which are slated to be terminated effective January 31st.

Dr. Bryant explained that the Board can decide to fund any of these programs if they wish to. He stated that the STAR program will not continue in the Elmira Heights and Horseheads Schools Districts. He also said that the program is costing the district about \$20,000 a month and recommended to the Board that the district not continue with this program.

Dr. Bryant stated that the STAR Program was a done deal and that the program would be terminated by February 1st, if the Elmira City School District didn't provide additional funding.

Mr. Gleason presented a hand out to the Board and explained the cost analysis related to each program and the retroactive impact on the district from October, 2008 that the County may require.

The Board would consider funding the CRO program but would like to look at an assessment and evaluation of this program at the January 7th meeting so that the Board can decide what it will do. This is a time sensitive issue and needs to be taken care of immediately.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Dr. Lax that the Board move into Executive Session for the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation; also included for motion Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Dr. Lax that the Board appoint Mr. Fisher as Clerk Pro Tem in the absence of the Clerk. (6:55 p.m.) Mr. Gleason was invited into Executive Session.

Motion Carried:

Yes: Fisher, Graham, Grottenthaler, Lax, Strange

No: None

Absent: Hurley, Jackson, McCall, McGovern

Janet M. Watson
Board Clerk

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

Dr. Lax moved, seconded by Mr. Graham that the Board return to Open Session. (7:02 p.m.)

Motion Carried:

Yes: Fisher, Graham, Grottenthaler, Lax, Strange

No: None

Absent: Hurley, Jackson, McCall, McGovern

Anthony Fisher, Jr.
Clerk Pro Tem

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Grottenthaler moved, seconded by Dr. Lax that the meeting be adjourned. (7:03 p.m.)

Motion Carried:

Yes: Fisher, Graham, Grottenthaler, Lax, Strange

No: None

Absent: Hurley, Jackson, McCall, McGovern