

on a cooperative basis with other educational institutions against the New York State Education Department, the New York State Commissioner of Education and other proper parties, if any.

b. **and** Recommend the Board approve the following resolutions to submit to the New York State Mandate Relief Council:

1. **WHEREAS**, the Triborough Amendment to the New York State Taylor Law prohibits a school district from changing any provision in an expired labor contract until a new contract is signed, thus ensuring employees of step, lane and longevity increases if a contract expires;

WHEREAS, the Triborough Amendment creates a disincentive for school district bargaining units to settle or consider provisions in subsequent contracts that are less costly to the District and gives the bargaining units a distinct advantage in collective bargaining;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Elwood Board of Education urges the Mandate Relief Council to declare the Triborough Amendment "unsound, unduly burdensome or costly so as to require it to be eliminated or reformed".

2. **WHEREAS**, the recent tax cap legislation imposes a limit on the growth of the local school tax levy and in addition school districts have unprecedented funding shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, unfunded and underfunded state mandates continually increase the obligations and expenditures of school districts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Elwood Board of Education requests the Mandate Relief Council to urge an amendment of the New York Tax Cap legislation to exclude from a school district's tax cap any special education costs associated with student placements outside the district.

3. **WHEREAS**, the recent tax cap legislation imposes a limit on the growth of the local school tax levy and in addition school districts have unprecedented funding shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, unfunded and underfunded state mandates continually increase the obligations and expenditures of school districts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Elwood Board of Education requests the Mandate Relief Council to urge an amendment of the New York Tax Cap legislation to exclude from a school district's tax cap all increases in district contributions to the pension funds.

Mr. LaMena moved and Mr. Gutekunst seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

D. **RESIDENTS' REMARKS** - None

E. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 8:36 p.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and negotiations. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

At 9:50 p.m. Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded a motion to adjourn executive session. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

The Board then acted on the motions in **TAB K**.

Mr. Kaplan moved and Mr. Ciccone seconded. The motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.