

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Elkhorn Public Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 pm. Members present: P. Wortman, T. Dreessen, K. Fasse, C. Bull, J. Marasco and A. Long. President A. Long noted that the meeting was governed by the Open Meeting Act, a copy of which is posted on the north wall of the Board Room.

President A. Long read a “Good News Report” recognizing Elkhorn High School Quiz Bowl Teams for their work and achievements this year. The Board also received a report from EHS Student Council representatives M. Simpson and H. Riggle.

It was moved by K. Fasse, seconded by T. Dreessen, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of the Monday, December 10, 2007, Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of January bills for payment

Vote: K. Fasse – yes, C. Bull – yes, J. Marasco – yes, A. Long – yes, T. Dreessen – yes, P. Wortman – yes. Motion carried.

President A. Long announced the Annual Policy Hearing was open at 7:34 pm to receive comments on any policy, rule or procedure. No one was present at the meeting to comment. The hearing was closed at 7:38 pm.

President A. Long announced the process for the annual reorganization of the Board. It was moved by P. Wortman, seconded by C. Bull, that R. Breed, Superintendent, be appointed temporary chair of the Board of Education for the purpose of electing officers for the 2008 year.

Vote: J. Marasco – yes, C. Bull – yes, K. Fasse – yes, P. Wortman – yes, A. Long, T. Dreessen – yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by C. Bull, seconded by J. Marasco, to organize the School District officers for the year 2008 as follows:

President	Board Member
Secretary	Board Member
Treasurer	Board Member
Acting Secretary	Superintendent

and that all General Fund and Building fund warrants be signed by the President and Treasurer, or the Secretary as a substitute.

Vote: C. Bull – yes, K. Fasse – yes, P. Wortman – yes, T. Dreessen – yes, A. Long – yes, J. Marasco – yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by T. Dreessen, seconded by P. Wortman, to retain President A. Long, Secretary Cal Bull, and Treasurer John Marasco for 2008.

Vote: K. Fasse – yes, P. Wortman – yes, T. Dreessen – yes, A. Long – yes, J. Marasco – yes, C. Bull – yes. Motion carried.

President A. Long assumed the chair. The Board discussed legal counsel (remains same in 2008) committee appointments (remains same in 2008), and Board policies, rules and regulations. It was moved by K. Fasse, seconded by T. Dreessen, to readopt all Board policies, rules and regulations at this time as recommended by the administration.

Vote: C. Bull – yes, K. Fasse – yes, P. Wortman – yes, T. Dreessen – yes, A. Long – yes, J. Marasco – yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by T. Dreessen, seconded by C. Bull, to designate American Interstate Bank as the district's depository for general funds and accounts for 2008.

Vote: K. Fasse – yes, P. Wortman – yes, T. Dreessen – yes, A. Long, yes, J. Marasco – yes, C. Bull – yes. Motion carried.

The Board received and discussed bids for the construction of the new Elkhorn South High School, scheduled to open in August 2010. It was moved by C. Bull, seconded by J. Marasco, to award the Elkhorn South High School construction contract including alternates 1 through 8 to low bidder Hawkins Construction for a total contract award of \$40,531,280 as recommended by DLR and the administration.

Vote: A. Long – yes, T. Dreessen – yes, P. Wortman – yes, K. Fasse – yes, C. Bull – yes, J. Marasco – yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by C. Bull, seconded by K. Fasse, to accept the resignation of teacher Sarah Risuglia, effective May 23, 2008, with regret and thanks for service as recommended by the superintendent.

Vote: P. Wortman – yes, K. Fasse – yes, C. Bull – yes, J. Marasco – yes, A. Long – yes, T. Dreessen – yes. Motion carried.

Chair T. Dreessen gave the Curriculum Committee report and recommendations. It was moved by K. Fasse, seconded by J. Marasco, to approve the additional 15.01 personnel proposals for 2008-09:

Elementary Teachers	5.00	
Elementary Specials	1.50	(.5 Art, .5 Music, .5 Phys Ed.)
Elementary World Lang.	.16	(Replaces language Assistants with Teachers)
Teacher Assistants	.85	(3 elem., 1 middle school)
Middle School Spanish	1.50	
EMS Core Teachers	3.00	
ERMS Core Teacher	1.00	
ERMS Exploratory Teacher	1.00	
ERMS Spec. Ed. Teacher	1.00	

as recommended by the Board Curriculum Committee and the administration.

Vote: K. Fasse – yes, C. Bull – yes, J. Marasco – yes, A. Long – yes, T. Dreessen – yes, P. Wortman – yes. Motion carried.

The Board received and discussed a revised Focus School Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. It was moved by P. Wortman, seconded by J. Marasco, to approve the amended interlocal cooperation agreement with the Omaha Public School (Douglas County School District 1), the Westside Community Schools (Douglas County School District 66), and the Elkhorn Public Schools (Douglas County School District 10) for the joint development and operation of focus schools as recommended by the administration.

J. Marasco – yes, A. Long – yes, T. Dreessen – yes, P. Wortman – yes, K. Fasse – yes, C. Bull – yes. Motion carried.

Associate Superintendent S. Baker presented and recommended the 2008-09 preliminary instructional budget. It was moved by C. Bull, seconded by T. Dreessen, to approve the instructional budget for the 2008-09 school year as presented and recommended by the administration.

Vote: J. Marasco – yes, A. Long – yes, T. Dreessen – yes, P. Wortman – yes, K. Fasse – yes, C. Bull – yes. Motion carried.

The Board received and considered a continuation of the Southeast Nebraska Power School Cooperative Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. It was moved by C. Bull, seconded by J. Marasco, to approve the resolution between the Elkhorn Public Schools and the Southeast Nebraska Power School Cooperative Interlocal Agreement as presented and recommended by the administration.

Vote: A. Long – yes, T. Dreessen – yes, P. Wortman – yes, K. Fasse – yes, C. Bull – yes, J. Marasco – yes. Motion carried.

The Board received reports on and discussed:

- Sale of bonds effective January 24, 2008
- Legislation
- Annual Board self-evaluations
- Annual goals for superintendent and associate superintendent

The Board also reviewed upcoming events and dates of meetings.

Superintendent R. Breed requested two executive (closed) sessions. It was moved by K. Fasse, seconded by T. Dreessen, for the Board to go into executive (closed) session at 9:32 pm for the purpose of discussing possible real estate purchases.

Vote: J. Marasco – yes, A. Long – yes, T. Dreessen – yes, P. Wortman – yes, K. Fasse – yes, C. Bull – yes. Motion carried.

President A. Long called the Board into open session at 9:58 pm.

It was moved by T. Dreessen, seconded by P. Wortman, for the Board to go into executive (closed) session at 9:58 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

Vote: C. Bull – yes, J. Marasco – yes, A. Long – yes, T. Dreessen – yes, P. Wortman – yes, K. Fasse – yes. Motion carried.

President A. Long called the Board into open session at 10:18 pm and adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting of the Board will be at 7:30 pm on Monday, January 28, 2008. The next Regular Meeting will be Monday, February 11, 2008, at 7:30 pm. Both meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn NE.

Such meeting(s) shall be open to the public and an agenda will be available prior to the meeting at the Superintendent's Office.