

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Elkhorn Public Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 pm. Members present: K. Fasse, T. Dreessen, P. Wortman, A. Long and J. Marasco. Member C. Bull entered the meeting at 8:00 pm. President A. Long noted 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 EHS students Justin Strahan, Joshua Kelley, Madison Rezaei and Josh Lynch for accomplishments at the State DECA Conference.

A revised Consent Agenda was presented. It was moved by T. Dreessen, seconded by P. Wortman, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Enrollment option opt-in (automatic waiver) requests for J. Luellman (12), L. Huntley (EMS – 8), P. Membreno (12), V. Membreno (9), and C. Ohm (11)
- Approval of April claims for payment

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

President A. Long opened a Public Hearing at 7:32 pm regarding the acquisition of private property by the Elkhorn School District for a proposed elementary school building site. The private property to be acquired is 10 acres more or less of land owned by E & G Investments, LLC and located generally near the intersection of 184th Avenue and North HWS Cleveland Blvd.

Superintendent R. Breed explained the nature of the proposed elementary school and the necessity of the acquisition in a timely manor due to the rapid enrollment growth at of Fire Ridge and Manchester Elementary Schools.

Dave Selby, an attorney for Young and White, explained the legal issues and process involved in an eminent domain procedure. No member of the public appeared to speak either for or against the acquisition.

It was moved by P. Wortman, seconded by J. Marasco, to adjourn the public hearing at 7:52 pm.

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

Superintendent R. Breed presented and recommended that the district move forward with the acquisition of an elementary school site.

It was moved by K. Fasse, seconded by J. Marasco, to authorize the school district and administration to acquire private real property for public use for an elementary school site located near the intersection of 184th Avenue and North HWS Cleveland Blvd., from E & G Investments, LLC and all other parties who may have an interest, as recommended by the superintendent.

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

Superintendent R. Breed gave the personnel report and recommendations. It was moved by T. Dreessen, seconded by P. Wortman, to accept the resignations, effective May 23, 2008, from Craig Taylor (ERMS 6th Science), Holly Reeves (Preschool Special Ed.), Deanne Dunphy (Westridge 5th Grade) and Janet Helgoth (Spring Ridge 5th Grade) with regret and thanks for their service as recommended by the superintendent.

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

It was moved by J. Marasco, seconded by T. Dreessen, to appoint elementary teacher – Kelly Eby, elementary physical education teacher – Steve Frey, Tracey Wieser – speech pathologist, and EHS Special Education Coordinator Kendra Schneider for the 2008-09 school year as recommended by the superintendent.

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

Member C. Bull entered the meeting at 8:00 pm.

The Board received and discussed a report about the new Focus School staffing and duty expectations. It was moved by T. Dreessen, seconded by J. Marasco, to approve the Focus School Letters of Assignment for Facilitator Deb Gernandt, Grade Four Teacher Angie Deck and .2 FTE Art Teacher Chelsey Johannsen as recommended by the superintendent.

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

It was moved by K. Fasse, seconded by J. Marasco, to authorize the superintendent or his designee to participate in consensus discussions with Focus School district representatives to make some modifications applicable to Focus School teachers only in the negotiated agreement.

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

Associate Superintendent S. Baker and Chair C. Bull gave the Building and Grounds Committee recommendation regarding the Elkhorn Middle School mechanical project. It was moved by C. Bull, seconded by J. Marasco, to award the EMS mechanical system project to Trane for \$818,200 as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee and 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 about and discussed the following:

- School Board Visit Day April 8
- President A. Long's attendance at the NSBA Conference
- Legislation (LB 988, LB 1157 and LB 1154)

The Board set the following dates/events:

- Negotiations Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 6, evening
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – Noon, Thursday, May 8
- Policy Committee Meeting – Noon, Thursday, April 24
- ESHS Groundbreaking, 2:00 pm, Sunday, April 27
- New Board/Conference Room Dedication, 6:00 pm, Monday, May 12

President A. Long adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm. The Board-Administrator Spring Workshop will be held on Monday, April 28, beginning at 4:00 pm in the Board Room.

The next regular Board meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, May 12, 2008, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn NE.

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