

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2008**

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

President A. Long read a "Good News Report" recognizing EHS vocal music Director Dan Hays and School Psychologist Sharon Knudsen for recent awards noting their outstanding individual service.

The Consent Agenda was presented. It was moved by K. Fasse, seconded by P. Wortman, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- Approval of Agenda.
- Approval of Minutes of the Monday, October 13, 2008, 7:30 pm Regular Meeting.
- Approval of enrollment option request(s) (automatic waivers) for J. Lockner (K), J. Lockner (2), J. Lockner (5), J. Lockner (9), and H. Flattery (5).
- Approval of bills for payment.

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

President A. Long introduced the superintendent transition topic and read a statement outlining the steps the Board has taken in considering this matter. Each Board member spoke in support of Steve Baker as the new Elkhorn Superintendent. It was moved by J. Marasco, seconded by K. Fasse, to appoint Steve Baker to be the Superintendent of the Elkhorn Public Schools, School District 10 – Douglas County, effective March 30, 2009.

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

Steve Baker formally accepted the position and offered comments of thanks and appreciation to the Board.

President A. Long directed Negotiations Chair J. Marasco to work with S. Baker to propose terms for his contract.

It was moved by P. Wortman, seconded by K. Fasse, to appoint Cindy Gray to be the Associate Superintendent of the Elkhorn Public Schools, School District 10 – Douglas County, effective March 30, 2009.

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

Dr. Gray offered thanks and appreciation to the Board as she accepted the appointment.

President A. Long directed S. Baker and C. Gray to redo and redesignate central office job descriptions and begin the internal search for an assistant superintendent.

Associate Superintendent S. Baker presented the Building and Grounds Committee report and recommendations. The committee had previously reviewed detailed drawings for the proposed new elementary school and the proposed new middle school. It was moved by P. Wortman, seconded by C. Bull, to approve the bid documents and contract specifications for the proposed new elementary school located near 184<sup>th</sup> and HWS Cleveland Blvd, as prepare by DLR Group Architects and as presented and recommended by the administration.

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

It was moved by C. Bull, seconded by P. Wortman, to accept the proposed new middle school design development drawings and authorize DLR to formulate bid specifications and contract documents for the new middle school.

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

It was move by J. Marasco, seconded by C. Bull, to name the proposed new elementary school West Dodge Station Elementary School as recommended by the administration.

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

It was moved by C. Bull, seconded by P. Wortman, to authorize a committee of teachers, administrators and students appointed by the superintendent, to meet and recommend at least three possible names for the proposed new middle school that the Board can consider at the December 8, 2008, Board meeting.

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

The Board discussed the Fall Board Visit to EHS, EMS, Westridge, Hillrise and Manchester. It was moved by K. Fasse, seconded by P. Wortman, for the Board to set the Fall Board Visit date for Wednesday, December 3, 2008.

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

The Board received reports about and discussed the status of the annual audit, proposed school calendars for the next three school years, and progress on appraisals of probationary faculty members.

The Board also reviewed and confirmed important meetings and events coming up in the next month.

President Long adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm. There will be a special meeting of the Board on Thursday, November 13, at 5:30 pm. The Fall Board-Administrator Workshop will be held on Monday, November 24, at 4:00 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board will be Monday, December 8, 2008, at 7:30 pm. All meetings will be held in the new 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.