

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

The regular September meeting was preceded by two mandatory public hearings. Advance notice of these hearings and the Board meeting was published in the *Douglas County Post Gazette*. The agenda was available to each of the Board members prior to the meeting. The Board of Education made available a current copy of the Open Meetings Act (posted on the east wall of the Board meeting room).

Annual Budget Public Hearing – The hearing was called to order at 6:00 PM. Members present: J. Marasco, A. Parks, A. Clark, R. Riggle, S. Zingler and C. Burney. No members of the public offered comment about the proposed budget. The hearing was closed at 6:11 PM.

Annual Levy Hearing – The hearing was called to order at 6:12 PM. Members present: J. Marasco, A. Parks, A. Clark, R. Riggle, S. Zingler and C. Burney. No members of the public offered comment about the proposed budget. The hearing was closed at 6:17 PM.

The regular meeting of the Elkhorn Public Schools Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: J. Marasco, A. Parks, A. Clark, R. Riggle, S. Zingler and C. Burney. Board President J. Marasco noted that the meeting was governed by the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is posted on the east wall of the Board Room.

For the “Good News Report” J. Marasco reported that results released in August show Elkhorn students above state and national averages on the ACT Test. The District average was 24.6, the highest in Elkhorn history. Nearly 90 percent of graduating seniors took the test. Elkhorn students were again amongst the top in the state in level of mastery on the State’s annual assessments. In Elkhorn 86 to 98 percent of students met or exceeded the standards across the four tested subject areas, compared to 61 to 83 percent statewide. Some notable achievements include 95 percent of Elkhorn 11<sup>th</sup> graders mastered the State’s Math test, 99 percent of 5<sup>th</sup> graders mastered the Reading test and 95 percent of 8<sup>th</sup> graders mastered the Science test.

The Board received a report on ESHS Student Council Activities from Officers M. Greufe and P. Holubeck, and EHS Student Council Activities from S. Craven and R. Valquier.

It was moved by C. Burney seconded by S. Zingler to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of the Monday, August 10, 2015 Regular Meeting

Vote: R. Riggle – yes, C. Burney – yes, J. Marasco – yes, A. Clark – Yes, S. Zingler – yes, A. Parks – yes. Motion Carried.

It was moved by R. Riggle seconded by C. Burney to approve a General Fund Budget for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$79,171,330, with a Cash Reserve of \$17,725,000; a Sinking/Building Fund Budget of \$42,575,000; a Bond Fund Budget of \$15,200,150 with a cash reserve of \$7,600,000; a School Lunch Fund Budget of \$4,000,000 with a cash reserve of \$500,000; an Activities Fund Budget of \$2,225,000 with a cash reserve of \$750,000; a Depreciation Fund Budget of \$2,050,000; a Student Fee Fund Budget of \$130,000 with a cash reserve of \$50,000 and an Employee Benefit fund of \$750,000.

Vote: J. Marasco – yes, R. Riggle – yes, S. Zingler– yes, A. Clark – yes A. Parks – yes, C. Burney – yes. Motion Carried.

It was moved by A. Clark seconded by A. Parks to set the 2015-2016 property tax requests as follows: \$4,396,170 for the General Fund, \$0.00 for the Building Fund, and a total of \$14,517,480 for the Bond Fund.

Vote: C. Burney – yes, A. Parks – yes, J. Marasco – yes, R. Riggle – yes, A. Clark – yes, S. Zingler – yes. Motion Carried.

It was moved by S. Zingler seconded by A. Clark to approve the school calendars for 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years as recommended by the administration and curriculum committee.

Vote: S. Zingler – yes, R. Riggle – yes, C. Burney – yes, A. Clark – yes A. Parks – yes, J. Marasco – abstain. Motion Carried.

It was moved by C. Burney seconded by A. Parks to approve revisions to Policy 706.03 (Bidding Procedures), Policy 204.11 (Minutes) Policy 803.02 (Data or Records Retention), Policy 507.14 (Return to Learn from Cancer), Policies 103, 402.01, 501, 1007.09, 402.05, 504.01, 405, 1006.01, 404.05, 404.08 and 504.09) (Pregnancy and Non-Discrimination), Policy 403.03 (Payment and Gifts to Employees) and Policy 301.02 (Line of Succession) as recommended by the Policy Committee and administration.

Vote: C. Burney – yes, A. Parks – yes, J. Marasco – yes, R. Riggle – yes, A. Clark – yes, S. Zingler – yes. Motion Carried.

It was moved by R. Riggle seconded by A. Parks to approve the Subordination Agreement and Settlement Agreement between the Elkhorn Public School District and the Sanitary and Improvement District Number 557 as recommended by the administration.

Vote: J. Marasco – yes, R. Riggle – yes, S. Zingler– yes, A. Clark – yes A. Parks – yes, C. Burney – yes. Motion Carried.

It was moved by S. Zingler seconded by A. Clark to accept the request for a release from contract effective November 26, 2015 of Kristen Schrock as recommended by the administration.

Vote: R. Riggle – yes, C. Burney – yes, J. Marasco – yes, A. Clark – Yes, S. Zingler – yes, A. Parks – yes. Motion Carried

Board President J. Marasco adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:30 PM on Monday, October 12, 2015. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022. Such meeting shall be open to the public and an agenda will be available prior to the meeting at the Superintendent's Office.