

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

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 6:13 PM.

Annual Levy Hearing – The hearing was called to order at 6:15 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 6:23 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 ACT results released in August show Elkhorn students above state and national averages. The District average was 24.7, the highest in Elkhorn history. Nearly 94 percent of graduating seniors took the test.

The Board received a report on ESHS Student Council Activities from Officers J. Patras and E. Kaffenberger, and EHS Student Council Activities from D. Harrahill and G. Nelson.

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of the Monday, August 8, 2016 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 A. Clark seconded by S. Zingler to approve the resignation of Superintendent Steve Baker effective June 30, 2017 with thanks for his service and dedication to the students, staff and community.

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 C. Burney seconded by R. Riggle to approve a General Fund Budget for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$86,195,914, with a Cash Reserve of \$18,775,000; a Special Building Fund Budget of \$31,160,500; a Bond Fund Budget of \$33,592,215 with a cash reserve of \$8,500,000; a School Nutrition Fund Budget of \$4,250,000 with a cash reserve of \$450,000; an Activities Fund Budget of \$2,225,000 with a cash reserve of \$1,000,000; a Depreciation Fund Budget of \$2,675,000; a Student Fee Fund Budget of \$130,000 with a cash reserve of \$50,000 and an Employee Benefit fund of \$850,000.

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 2016-2017 property tax requests as follows: \$4,771,160 for the General Fund, \$0.00 for the Special Building Fund, and a total of \$16,421,279 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 R. Riggle seconded by A. Clark to approve the lease extension agreement between the City of Omaha and the Elkhorn Public School District as recommended by the administration.

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 R. Riggle to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing strategy pertaining to personnel.

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:10 PM to discuss strategy pertaining to personnel.

It was moved by A. Clark seconded by R. Riggle to reconvene in Open Session.

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

Board President J. Marasco adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:30 PM on Monday, October 10, 2016. 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.