**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 14, 2020**

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, C. Burney, A. Clark, R. Vokt. and N. Rogic-Greufe. President John Marasco noted that the meeting was governed by the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is posted on the wall of the Board Room. Advanced notice of the Board meeting was published in the Douglas County Post-Gazette on November 18, 2020.

For the “Good News Report” J. Marasco recognized the following athletics teams recently earned championship titles: Elkhorn North Unified Bowling, EMC Champions; Elkhorn High School Football, Class B State Champions. Congratulations to all students and coaches involved in earning these awards! Additionally, congratulations to all students who participated in the District-wide spelling bee! Students earning top honors include: 1st Place: Jay Athipatla, Elkhorn Valley View Middle School; 2nd Place: Ananya Prassanna, West Bay Elementary; 3rd Place: Grady Dangberg, Westridge Elementary and Sraavya Doddapaneni, Manchester Elementary.

It was moved by C. Burney and seconded by A. Clark to approve the Consent Agenda items including: approval of agenda, approval of minutes for Monday, November 9, 2020, and approval of December bills for payment.

VOTE: C. Burney – yes; J. Marasco – yes; A. Parks – yes; N. Rogic-Greufe – yes; A. Clark – yes; R. Vokt - yes

The Board entered into a public hearing to discuss American Civics and the requirements of Neb. Stat. 79-724. C. Gray provided a report on the law requirements and District compliance. No public comment was offered.

It was moved by C. Burney and seconded by A. Parks to approve the changes to policies 404.05 – Harassment, Policy 504.09 – Harassment, Policy 502.03 – Enrollment Option Program, Policy 405 – Employee Conduct and Appearance, Policy 503.02 – Attendance, Policy 1005.04 – Parental Involvement in Schools, Policy 611.06 – Graduation Requirements along with the addition of Policy 504.13 – Restraints and Seclusion.

VOTE: J. Marasco – yes; A. Parks – yes; N. Rogic-Greufe – yes; A. Clark – yes; R. Vokt – yes; C. Burney – yes

It was moved by C. Burney and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve the new personnel for the 2021-22 school year in response to student enrollment growth and new schools as presented and recommended by the administration and the Board American Civics and Curriculum Committee at an estimated cost of $4,743,679. Notably, one of these positions will be hired beginning second semester 2020-21 to meet elementary special education needs.

VOTE: N. Rogic-Greufe – yes; A. Clark – yes; R. Vokt – yes; C. Burney – yes; J. Marasco – yes; A. Parks – yes

It was moved by R. Vokt and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve the Board Curriculum and American Civics Committee recommendation of the 2021-22 requests for additional curriculum and extra-duty positions as proposed by the administration for an estimated annual cost of $8,790, and one-time costs of $18,000.

VOTE: A. Clark – yes; R. Vokt – yes; C. Burney – yes; J. Marasco – yes; A. Parks – yes; N. Rogic-Greufe – yes

It was moved by A. Parks and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve the resignations of Rachel Simmons, Montessa Muñoz, Patty Mollring, Kayli (King) Fast and Mark King at the end of the 2020-21 contract year and Pam Roth effective August 31, 2021.

VOTE: J. Marasco – yes; A. Parks – yes; N. Rogic-Greufe – yes; A. Clark – yes; R. Vokt – yes; C. Burney – yes

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by A. Clark to approve CADRE Teachers in collaboration with the University of Nebraska at Omaha: Michaela Lortz, Brooke Rosener, and Madison Young for the 2020-21 school year.

VOTE: J. Marasco – yes; A. Parks – yes; N. Rogic-Greufe – yes; A. Clark – yes; R. Vokt – yes; C. Burney – yes

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:21 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:30 PM, in the Teacher Training Conference Center, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022.