

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2017**

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 Board of Education made available a current copy of the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is posted on the east wall of the Board Room.

Annual Budget Public Hearing – The hearing was called to order at 6:00 pm. Members present: J. Marasco, C. Burney, A. Parks, R. Vokt, and S. Zingler. A. Clark absent. Chief Financial Officer P. Roth gave a presentation on the proposed 2017-18 General Fund, Bond Fund, and Building Fund budgets. Time was allowed for public comment on the proposed 2017-18 Budget including the General Fund, Bond Fund, Activity Fund, Student Fee Fund, School Nutrition Fund, Depreciation Fund, Special Building Fund and Employee Benefit Fund. No members of the public offered comment about the proposed budget. The hearing was closed at 6:12 pm.

Annual Levy Hearing – The hearing was called to order at 6:15 PM. Members present J. Marasco, C. Burney, A. Clark, A. Parks, R. Vokt, and S. Zingler. Chief Financial Officer P. Roth gave a presentation on the proposed 2017-18 property tax requests. Time was allowed for public comment on the proposed 2017-18 System-wide Property Tax Request for the General Fund, Special Building Fund, and Bond Fund. No members of the public offered comment about the proposed levy. 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, C. Burney, A. Clark, A. Parks, R. Vokt, and S. Zingler. 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 acknowledged results released earlier this month that show Elkhorn students above state and national averages on the ACT Test. The district average composite score was 24.9, the highest in Elkhorn history with nearly 90% of graduating seniors taking the test. Congratulations to our students and staff with continued encouragement to keep up the good work!

It was moved by C. Burney, seconded by S. Zingler to approve the Consent Agenda items including: approval of agenda, approval of minutes for Monday, August 21, 2017, and approval of September bills for payment.

VOTE: A. Parks - yes; R. Vokt - yes; S. Zingler - yes; C. Burney - yes; A. Clark - yes; J. Marasco - yes

It was moved by A. Clark, seconded by A. Parks to approve a General Fund Budget for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$93,291,707, with a Cash Reserve of \$18,000,000; a Special Building Fund Budget of \$12,750,000; a Bond Fund Budget of \$26,405,304 with a cash reserve of \$9,350,000; a School Nutrition Fund Budget of \$4,500,000 with a cash reserve of \$600,000; an Activities Fund Budget of \$2,225,000 with a cash reserve of \$1,000,000; a Depreciation Fund Budget of \$3,444,515; a Student Fee Fund Budget of \$190,000 with a cash reserve of \$85,000 and an Employee Benefit fund of \$900,000.

VOTE: R. Vokt - yes; S. Zingler - yes; C. Burney - yes; A. Clark - yes; J. Marasco - yes; A. Parks - yes

It was moved by C. Burney, seconded by S. Zingler to set the 2017-2018 property tax requests as follows: \$60,128,541.00 for the General Fund, \$0.00 for the Building Fund, and a total of \$17,740,756 for the Bond Fund.

VOTE: S. Zingler - yes; C. Burney - yes; A. Clark - yes; J. Marasco - yes; A. Parks - yes; R. Vokt - yes

It was moved by S. Zingler, seconded by R. Vokt to approve the GOALS Inter-local Agreement as recommended by the administration.

VOTE: C. Burney - yes A. Clark - yes; J. Marasco - yes; A. Parks - yes; R. Vokt - yes; S. Zingler - yes

It was moved by R. Vokt, seconded by C. Burney to approve revisions to 400-series policies including: Policies 402.01, 402.04, 402.05 and Rule, 402.06, 402.07, 402.08, 402.09,402.10, 402.11, 402.12, 402.14, 403.01, 403.02, 403.03, 404.01, 404.02, 404.03, 404.05, 404.06 and Rule, 405, 407.04, 408.03, 409.04, 410.02 and Rule, 410.04, 412.04, 412.06, 412.11.

NO VOTE AS MOTION IS HELD OVER TO THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

It was moved by A. Clark, seconded by A. Parks to approve the early graduation request for Jaclyn Zuber, Bailee Johannes, and James Turner as recommended by the high school administration.

VOTE: A. Clark - yes; J. Marasco - yes; A. Parks - yes; R. Vokt - yes; S. Zingler - yes; C. Burney - yes

The board received reports on and briefly discussed:

- o Rule 10 Multicultural Report
- o Upcoming Board Member Events

President J. Marasco adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 9, 2017. 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.