

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

The regular monthly 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 on August 26, 2020. 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, A. Clark, and N. Rogic-Greufe. Chief Financial Officer P. Roth gave a presentation on the proposed 2020-21 budgets. At least three copies of the presentation budget summary and full District budget were made available to the public. Time was allowed for public comment on the proposed 2020-21 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 6:13 PM.

Annual Levy Hearing – The hearing was called to order at 6:14 PM. Members present J. Marasco, C. Burney, A. Parks, R. Vokt, A. Clark, and N. Rogic-Greufe. Chief Financial Officer P. Roth was available for questions on the proposed 2020-21 property tax requests. Time was allowed for public comment on the proposed 2020-21 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 6:16 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, C. Burney, 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 east wall of the Board Room.

For the “Good News Report” J. Marasco recognized the following EPS seniors were recently named 2020-2021 National Merit Semi-finalists: Vincent Barger; Marvin Larweh; Elijah Lubberstedt; Luke Meisgeier; Benjamin Morrow; Torin O’Rourke; Kaylie Pham; Chad Preble; Nolan Williams; Hudson Windrum; and Zoe Zimmerman. Also, congratulations to these students on this academic achievement, and thank you for representing EPS! Also, Grandview Principal Mike Tomjack was selected Region 2 Middle School Principal of the Year as voted on by his Metro-Omaha peers. Congratulations Mr. Tomjack!

It was moved by C. Burney and seconded by A. Parks to approve the Consent Agenda items including: approval of agenda, approval of minutes for Monday, August 10, 2020, approval of September bills for payment as presented.

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

It was moved by C. Burney and seconded by A. Clark to approve to approve a General Fund Budget for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$117,768,918, with a Cash Reserve of \$22,825,000; a Special Building Fund Budget of \$58,675,000; a Bond Fund Budget of \$88,114,997 with a cash reserve of \$14,180,000; a School Nutrition Fund Budget of \$6,500,000 with a cash reserve of \$500,000; an Activities Fund Budget of \$2,500,000 with a cash reserve of \$750,000; a Depreciation Fund Budget of \$4,500,000; a Student Fee Fund Budget of \$250,000 with a cash reserve of \$125,000 and an Employee Benefit fund of \$950,000.

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

It was moved by A. Clark and seconded by R. Vokt to approve the tax request resolution in its entirety and as presented and read by the Chief Financial Officer in order to set the 2020-2021 tax requests for the General Fund, Bond Fund and Special Building Fund and that the Board adopts the resolution presented and on file.

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

It was moved by R. Vokt and seconded by A. Parks to approve to approve the resolution as presented by Paul Greiger with D.A. Davidson and drafted by legal counsel Gilmore and Bell, P.C. authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of one or more series of general obligation refunding bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$55,000,000; prescribing the form of the bonds; fixing in part and providing for the fixing in part of the

terms of the bonds; providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds; and related matters.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by R. Vokt to approve to approve the release of contract for Stephanie Mallisee and Traci Krohn for the 2020-21 school.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by R. Vokt to approve the appointment of Sue Smolik for the 2020-21 school.

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

It was moved by A. Parks and seconded by R. Vokt to approve the revision of the 2020-21 school calendar to include November 3<sup>rd</sup> as a non-student day and teacher inservice/work-day.

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

It was moved by C. Burney and seconded by A. Clark to enter into a Closed Session of the Elkhorn Board of Education for the purposes of discussing litigation strategies and personnel for the reason that it is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual.

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

The Board entered into Closed session at 7:11 PM and returned to Open Session to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2020 at 6:30 PM, in the Teacher Training Conference Center, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022.