

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Elkhorn Public Schools Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: A. Parks, S. Ringenberg, N. Rogic-Greufe, J. Shatel, R. Vokt, and M. Wortman. President A. Parks noted that the meeting was governed by the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is posted in the Board Room of the District Office. Advance notice of the Board meeting was published in the Douglas County Post Gazette on February 22, 2023.

The meeting began with public comment being offered and reports from Student Council representatives from all three high schools in the district. During the "Good News Report," N. Rogic-Greufe offered congratulations to Elkhorn North Ridge 8th Grader, Max Horeis, who was recently recognized for his leadership in Spanish language learning, appreciation of cultural diversity and communicative competence by being named an NDE World Language Scholar! Additionally, 5 EPS students attended the Kiewit "Bring Your Mentee to Work Day" with their TeamMates mentor. Participants attended a job panel with Kiewit executives and built racecars out of mousetraps as part of their day. Notably, Hillrise 5th grader Andrew Diederich and his mentor were awarded 1st place in the racecar building competition for their creation. The 2nd annual EPS Middle School Unified Bowling Tournament was held on Friday, February 24 where the EMS Team took 1st place. Congratulations to all athletes who participated in this exciting opportunity! Finally, the following EPS students were among 15,000 students nationwide named as finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program: Jacob Langewish, William McCarville, Megan Moore, Leo Pechous, Zoe Rasmussen, Safal Sapkota, Mason Shields, and Adam Svoboda. Congratulations to all on this academic achievement!

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by R. Vokt to approve the Consent Agenda items including: approval of agenda, approval of minutes for the Monday, February 13, 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting, approval of March bills for payment, and exchange students for the 2023-24 school year.

VOTE: A. Parks - yes; M. Wortman - yes; J. Shatel - yes; R. Vokt - yes; S. Ringenberg - yes, N. Rogic-Greufe - yes

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve the resignations of Leif Albertson, Taylor Burrow, Maddie Clauson, Shelby Croghan, Riley Devney, Brett LaBudda, Mia Lincoln, Lori Murphy, Jairin Potter, Rachel Romanek, Sara Schuelke, Mackenzie Thompson, Maggie Toczek, Stephanie Stanley, Tiffany Weis, and Joshua West at the end of the 2022-23 contract year.

VOTE: N. Rogic-Greufe - yes, M. Wortman - yes; J. Shatel - yes; R. Vokt - yes; S. Ringenberg - yes; A. Parks - yes

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by S. Ringenberg to approve the appointment of teachers Kevin Black, Barton Cron, Peter Cunningham, Joshua Hoins, Jessica Hoskins, Susie Huggins, Jonathan Jaques, Sean Johnson, Madison Moore, Katie Novak, Kamirus Puente, Kristi Sexton, Teontae Wilson, Heidi Herbert, Ashley Speak, and Jacinda Davis for 2023-24. Additionally, to appoint Janice Fitch effective immediately and approve the amended contract of Rebecca Stichler as Elkhorn Grandview Middle School Principal for the 2023-24 school year.

VOTE: M. Wortman - yes; A. Parks - yes; J. Shatel - yes; R. Vokt - yes; S. Ringenberg - yes; N. Rogic-Greufe - yes,

It was moved by S. Ringenberg and seconded by M. Wortman to approve replacing the current eFinance ERP system by PowerSchool with the Tyler Technologies ERP System at an estimated annual software cost of \$159,790 and estimated implementation costs of \$200,000 to be paid as incurred utilizing ESU Service Dollars and/or District Budgeted funds.

VOTE: J. Shatel - yes; R. Vokt - yes; S. Ringenberg - yes; M. Wortman - yes; N. Rogic-Greufe - yes; A. Parks - yes

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve the preliminary Building Instructional Budget and Curriculum Adoption Budget for \$2,442,765 for the 2023-24 school year.

VOTE: R. Vokt - yes; S. Ringenberg - yes; M. Wortman - yes; N. Rogic-Greufe - yes; A. Parks - yes; J. Shatel - yes

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by J. Shatel to approve the purchase of internet network switching infrastructure from Prime Secured at a cost of \$1,334,922.87 as recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee and the administration.

VOTE: S. Ringenberg – yes; M. Wortman – yes; N. Rogic-Greufe – yes; A. Parks – yes; J. Shatel – yes; R. Vokt – yes

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by S. Ringenberg to enter into a Closed Session of the Elkhorn Board of Education for the purposes of discussing litigation strategy and for the purposes of discussing 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: M. Wortman – yes; N. Rogic-Greufe – yes; A. Parks – yes; J. Shatel – yes; R. Vokt – yes; S. Ringenberg – yes

The Board entered into closed session at 7:02 PM and returned to open session to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2023, at 6:30 PM, in the Board Room at the District Office, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022. Additionally, a Board/Administration Work Session is scheduled for April 24, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the Teacher Training Conference Center, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022.