

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

Advanced notice of the Board Meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on September 1, 2023. The advanced notice for the Special Hearings on the Tax Request and Budget were posted in the Omaha World Herald on September 5, 2023.

Annual Budget Public Hearing –The hearing was called to order at 6:00 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. Chief Financial Officer H. Shepard gave a presentation on the proposed 2023-24 budget. 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 2023-24 Budget including the General Fund, Bond Fund, Activity Fund, Student Fee Fund, School Nutrition Fund, Depreciation Fund, Special Building Fund and Employee Benefit Fund. The hearing was closed at 6:17 PM.

Annual Levy Hearing –The hearing was called to order at 6:17 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. Chief Financial Officer H. Shepard was available for questions on the proposed 2023-24 property tax requests. Time was allowed for public comment on the proposed 2023-24 System-wide Property Tax Request for the General Fund, Special Building Fund, and Bond Fund. The hearing was closed at 6:18 PM.

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.

The meeting began with public comment being offered. During the “Good News Report,” N. Rogic-Greufe recognized that the US News and World Report recently released its "Best Schools" rankings, naming EPS schools at the top of the lists for Nebraska schools at all levels. The Board celebrated the work of the EPS students, faculty and staff along with the partnership in our community with families, which is showcased by this national recognition. Additionally, Elkhorn North Ridge Middle School is now the proud home to published author and student, Lia Castro, whose recently debuted novel, *Jinxed*, is now available for purchase. Congratulations to Lia on this amazing accomplishment! Finally, several ENHS athletes were recently awarded statewide recognition with the following awards: Ella Ford: Class B Top 10 Cross Country; Jenna Polking: Class B Top 10 Cross Country Runner; Reese Booth: Omaha World Herald Volleyball Super Six team. Congratulations to all on these achievements!

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve the Consent Agenda items including: approval of agenda, approval of minutes for Monday, August 14, 2023 and approval of September bills for payment.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by S. Ringenberg to deny the requested release of contract from Amanda Vogt for the 2023-24 school year and approve the resignation of Yuka Mader at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

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

It was moved by S. Ringenberg and seconded by J. Shatel to approve a General Fund Budget for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$140,085,316, with a Cash Reserve of \$24,946,985; a Special Building Fund Budget of \$67,811,949; a Bond Fund Budget of \$107,101,000 with a cash reserve of \$24,950,000; a School Nutrition Fund Budget of \$7,290,000 with a cash reserve of \$640,000; an Activities Fund Budget of \$3,750,000 with a cash reserve of \$500,000; a Depreciation Fund Budget of \$3,070,078; a Student Fee Fund Budget of \$450,000 with a cash reserve of \$82,160 and an Employee Benefit Fund Budget of \$950,000.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by R. Vokt to approve the tax request resolution in its entirety and as presented and read by the administration in order to set the 2023-2024 tax requests for the General Fund, Bond Fund and Special Building Fund and that the Board adopts the resolution presented and on file.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by R. Vokt to approve the Bond Issue Resolution in the amount of \$122,900,000 as recommended by the Buildings and Grounds Committee and administration as prepared by D.A. Davidson and legal counsel, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:14 PM. The next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, October 9, 2023, at 6:30 PM, in the Board Room at the District Office, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022.