

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 9, 2023**

The Regular Monthly 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 Omaha World Herald on October 6, 2023.

The meeting began with public comment being offered. During the "Good News Report," R. Vokt recognized the following EPS students who have been identified as 2023-2024 National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists: Frances Bernhard, Marielle Cruz, Aaron Engdahl, Mason Evans, Elijah Fox, Selah Halweg, Tyler Hermreck, Chuyee Huang, Logan Kieckhafer, Tannor McColly, Jeremiah Mohring, Garrett Moore, Archita Raj, Eva Reinoehl, Gunnar Santelman, Grant Spanel, Tobias Tsai, Alexandria Uhler, Gavin Visser, Rachel Wu, and Luke Zhu. The Board announced that on Wednesday, October 18, EPS will present "Effects of Social Media on Student Mental Health", an educational panel for parents offering insight from the perspective of parents, administrators, and mental health experts. The event will be held at Elkhorn South High School from 6:30 - 8:00 PM and is free and open to the public. Lastly, on September 20th the School Board witnessed excellent education in action as they visited Blue Sage, Fire Ridge, and Skyline elementaries, Elkhorn Valley View Middle School, and Elkhorn South High School. The tour showcased amazing teachers engaging students in learning activities that made the Board extremely proud. The Board would like to thank the teachers, administrators and staff for their never-ending dedication to the students of Elkhorn Public Schools.

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by S. Ringenberg to approve the Consent Agenda items including: approval of agenda, approval of minutes for Monday, September 11, 2023 and approval of October 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 S. Ringenberg and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to cancel the contract from Amanda Vogt for the 2023-24 school year.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by R. Vokt to grant the release of contract for Cindy Gustafson effective October 6, 2023 for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by R. Vokt to approve the 2023-24 teacher contract for Lauren West and Tiffany Todd beginning October 10, 2023.

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 N. Rogic-Greufe to approve the updated strategic plan goals that include: mental health and overall well-being of students and staff; planning for growth, safety and security; provide high levels of learning while meeting the needs of all students; attract and retain high-quality employees.

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

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve the bus contract with First Student to supplement regular and activity routes as needed.

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

It was moved by S. Ringenberg and seconded by R. Vokt to approve the District Option Enrollment Capacity Resolution as presented for the 2024-25 school year and as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-238(1).

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

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM. The next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2023, at 6:30 PM, in the Board Room at the District Office, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022. Additionally, a Work Session of the Board and Administration is scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2023 at 2:00 PM at Teacher Training Conference Center, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022