

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2024**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Elkhorn Public Schools Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: A. Parks, N. Rogic-Greufe, S. Ringenberg, R. Vokt, and M. Wortman. J. Shatel was absent. 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 January 2, 2024.

The meeting began with public comment. During the “Good News Report,” N. Rogic-Greufe recognized January is National Mentoring Month and offered a special thank you to the over 90 current EPS TeamMates Mentors for volunteering your time to positively impact our students! Additionally, the EPS Career Awareness Program had a successful 1st semester, with nearly 200 students attending the various “Eat with an Expert” opportunities focusing on military, performing arts, first responder, and engineering careers. A record 85 students will participate in internships across numerous career fields and teacher cadet during second semester. Most notably, the inaugural EPS Career Fair is being planned for late March. Local businesses have been invited to participate in this career exploration event for EPS high school and middle school students. Lastly, the ESHS Dance Team placed 1st in the jazz, pom, and gameday categories at the recent UNO Competition. Congratulations dancers and coaches!

The annual public policy hearing was convened at 6:37 PM. Members present: A. Parks, S. Ringenberg, N. Rogic-Greufe, R. Vokt, and M. Wortman. This annual hearing is to allow public comment on any district policy and to meet specific annual requirements prior to the re-adoption of the district policies including Policy 504.10 – Student Fees and 1005.04 – Parental Involvement in Schools. The hearing was adjourned at 6:41 PM and the Board reconvened to the regular meeting.

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, December 4, 2023, approval of January bills for payment, and approval of exchange students for 2024-25.

VOTE: A. Parks - 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 that the Superintendent be appointed temporary chair of the Board of Education for the purpose of electing officers for the 2024 year.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by R. Vokt to organize the officers of the Board of Education for 2024 as follows:

President	Board Member
Secretary	Board Member
Treasurer	Board Member
Acting Secretary	Superintendent

and that all checks and warrants be signed by the President and Secretary, or Treasurer as a substitute.

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

It was moved by S. Ringenberg and seconded by M. Wortman to elect Amy Parks as President, Renee Vokt as Secretary, and Nancy Rogic-Greufe as Treasurer for 2024 and move Amy Parks back to Chair of the Board of Education meeting.

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

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by R. Vokt to readopt all Board policies, rules, and regulations as required by State law.

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

It was moved by S. Ringenberg and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to designate Pinnacle Bank and American National Bank as the District’s primary depositories for 2024, and BOK Financial as the bond fund depository. The Board President and Secretary shall be the authorized signers for all checks drawn on District accounts. The Treasurer shall be an authorized signer in absence of the President or Treasurer. Authorization is also given for the district to use other institutions for investment purposes as needs arise. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent are authorized as agents of the District to establish accounts as necessary for investment purposes. Within this resolution, President A. Parks and Secretary R. Vokt are authorized to execute all necessary documents with Pinnacle Bank to establish a \$4,000,000 line of credit. Also, CFO H. Shepard is approved as the authorized person to request advances under the terms of the line of credit. Authorization is granted for district issued credit cards in the names of the Superintendent, Ex. Director of Business Services, and from time to time on a limited basis other such staff as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Superintendent and in compliance with State statute and board policy.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by S. Ringenberg to accept the resignation of teachers Laura Anderson and Grace Johnson effective at the end of the 2023-2024 contract year.

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

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by R. Vokt to deny the request for release of contract from Blake Neumann for the 2023-24 school year.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by R. Vokt to approve the appointment of Sara Linscomb, Jay Opperman, and Kelli Smith as teachers for the 2024-25 school year and amend the contracts of Heidi Barry and Jesse O’Dell to 1.0 FTE for the 2024-25 school year. Additionally, to approve the appointment of Kailey Heuertz and Mickayla Larsen for the second semester of the 2023-24 school year.

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

It was moved by R. Vokt and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve the Negotiated Agreement with the Elkhorn Education Association as recommended by the Negotiations Committee for 2024-25 and 2025-26.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by S. Ringenberg to approve a contract with Workspace Flooring in the amount of \$259,136.00 from the bond fund for carpet replacement at Elkhorn South High School.

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

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM. The next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2024, at 6:30 PM, in the Board Room at the District Office, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022.