

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 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, 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 March 4, 2024.

The meeting began with Student Council reports from each high school followed by public comment. During the "Good News Report," Jennifer Shatel recognized that on February 20th, the superintendent and high school principals welcomed, The Adjutant General for Nebraska, Major General Craig Strong and Command Sgt. Maj. Krecklow to the District for a meeting to discuss partnerships and opportunities. The state mission of the Nebraska National Guard is to provide trained and equipped organizations to protect life and property and to preserve peace, order and public safety. Nebraska National Guard troops are called to state active duty to execute missions within the State when authorized by the Governor. The Adjutant General of Nebraska reports directly to Governor Pillen and serves as both the Senior Military Officer in Charge of the Nebraska National Guard as well as the State Emergency Management Director. The Adjutant General for Nebraska, Command Sgt. Maj. Craig Strong gave each District leader one of his personal Challenge Coins to commemorate the visit and our ongoing partnership. Notably, on Wednesday, February 28th, the school board made its fourth tour of the year visiting West Bay, Spring Ridge, West Dodge Station, and Manchester elementaries, Elkhorn Ridge Middle School and the Young Adult Program. The Board witnessed students engaging in activities that will promote lifelong learning skills. A big thank you to all teachers, support staff and administrators - a job well done! Additionally, EPS students Reese Chard, Georgia Chyczy, Yuridia Hernandez-Tapia, and John Karnett have been recognized for scoring in the top 10% of Nebraska students on the PSAT/NMSQT. Congratulations to all on this academic achievement! Lastly, various EPS art students have recently been recognized for their work, including: Roman Madlinger, ESHS 11th grader, awarded the UNL Nebraska Young Artist Award and the Omaha Summer Arts Festival Young Artist Exhibition illustrator; 45 ESHS artists received awards in the Nebraska Scholastic Artshow, including 6 student portfolios; 11 EVVMS artists received awards in the Nebraska Scholastic Artshow. Congratulations to all students and teachers on these awards!

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 the Monday, February 12, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting, approval of March bills for payment, and exchange students.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by S. Ringenberg to approve the resignations of Hayley Berglund, Charlee Bierman, Kendall Chlopek, Traci Guenther, Amanda Kasbohm, Madysen Langemeier, Cory Miles, Abby Smith, Morgan Ulrich, Paige Baumert, and Lauren Harris effective at the end of the 2023-24 contract. Additionally, to approve the resignation of Casey Wolfe for the 2024-25 contract.

VOTE: J. Shatel - yes; 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 N. Rogic-Greufe to approve the appointment of teachers Jacob Aitken, Camryn Amsberry, Lauren Arbuckle, Miranda Cormaci, Sandro DeAngelis, Christina Didier, Jennifer Eidem, Anjelica Fields, Elizabeth Harwart, Cora Kirby, Shannon Lister, Melissa Ludwig, Jody Minske, Kenny Navarro Pabon, Maggie Onwiler, Robert Riddell, Holly Rockenbach, Sarah Smith, Kelly Stepp, Lilly Taylor, Allison Van Haren, and Patrick Watts.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by R. Vokt to approve the Extended Leave Application for Jill Richards for the 2024-25 school year.

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

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by R. Vokt to approve a contract with Nebcon for \$502,657.54 for fiber infrastructure related to elementary #13 and #14.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve a contract with Torco Enterprises for \$286,165.50 for the pre-grading package for elementary #13, and \$230,817.00 for the pre-grading package for elementary #14.

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

It was moved by S. Ringenberg and seconded by M. Wortman to approve a contract with Musco Lighting for \$804,000 for new lighting at the new ESHS parking lot and new LED fixtures at the softball and baseball fields at EHS and ESHS.

VOTE: J. Shatel – yes; 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 approve a contract with Prairie Mechanical for \$262,153.00 for replacement rooftop units at Elkhorn High School.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by R. Vokt to approve a contract with K2 Construction for \$1,745,000.00 for geothermal well fields for elementary schools #13 and #14.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by S. Ringenberg to award a contract to Enterprise Precast for \$4,069,276 for pre-cast walls for elementary schools #13 and #14.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by R. Vokt to approve a contract with JC Barger for \$2,495,946.42 to replace the parking lot and drives at Elkhorn High School.

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

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve a contract with Prairie Construction for a base bid of \$10,874,000.00 to construct the addition and remodel at Elkhorn Valley View Middle School along with the alternate bid to replace existing HVAC Controls to one system for \$203,000.00.

VOTE: J. Shatel – yes; 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 J. Shatel to approve a contract with First Wireless for \$474,176.00 for a district-wide Motorola emergency radio system infrastructure and hand-held radios.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by R. Vokt to approve changes to the following policies per the recommendation from the Policy Committee: Policy 408.03 – Certificated Employee Retirement and Early Retirement Program; Policy 502.09 – Foreign Exchange Student; Policy 611.06 – Graduation Requirements; Policy 1002 – District Annual Report; Policy 502.11 – Dual Enrollment of Resident Non-Public School Students; High School Handbooks; Policy 504.07 - Regulated Devices.

CARRY-OVER MOTION

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by J. Shatel to approve the preliminary Building Instructional Budget and Curriculum Adoption Budget for \$1,316,298 for the 2024-25 school year.

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

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM. The next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:30 PM, in the Board Room at the District Office, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022. Additionally, a Board and Administrator work session is scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2024 at 2:00 PM in the Teacher Training Conference Center, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022.