

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 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, 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 April 1, 2024.

The meeting began with Student Council reports from each high school followed by public comment. During the "Good News Report," Mark Wortman recognized ENHS freshman, Niharika Kandari, who recently earned 2nd place in the Finance category of the Principals of Business Management event at State DECA. Congratulations and best of luck to Niharika as she attends the upcoming DECA International Career Development Conference! Recently, Elkhorn Grandview Middle School hosted an inaugural Unified Basketball event, giving students of all abilities the opportunity to showcase their basketball skills! Lastly, the EPS Career Exploration Fair was held recently as the District partnered with over 115 local businesses and organizations to give middle school and high school students an additional opportunity to explore career fields and options available to them after graduation. Thank you to the over 350 students and families who joined us for this exciting event!

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by J. Shatel to approve the Consent Agenda items including: approval of agenda, approval of minutes for the Monday, March 11, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting, and approval of April bills for payment.

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

It was moved by S. Ringenberg and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve the resignations of Allie Beberniss, Vanessa Bos, Rebecca Casas, Jeff Garst, Jodie Giller, Justin Hayes, Mary Jantz, Layne Johnson, Lexi Krumwiede, Laurie Novak, Ann Prince, Mackenzie Smith, Adam Thomsen, Abby Whalen, Mallory Zach, Leanna Bral, Emily Carpenter, Anna Gottschalk, Margaret Rainey, and Matthew Rom effective at the end of the 2023-24 contract year.

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 the appointment of teachers Michael Howell, Caleb Johnson, Max Kazmierczak, Hannah Leeper, Jennifer Owens, Emily Papp, Paul Pechous, Lauren Salerno, Justin Solheim, Carey Starns, John Taylor, Michaela Weber, Adam Fjell, Kristine White, Andrea Dorsey, Anna Prinz, Lauren Diederich, and Paxton Norvell 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

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.

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 N. Rogic-Greufe to approve the proposed wage or salary and benefit packages for all support staff (excluding District Maintenance) and administrators for the 2024-25 school year as recommended by the Negotiations Committee.

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 J. Shatel to authorize and approve the construction contract with Prairie Construction, in the base bid amount of \$22,370,000 and acceptance of the alternate bid of \$24,000 (for

mow strip around the building) all for the purpose of constructing a new elementary school building #14 and other site improvements, and authorize, approve, and direct the Superintendent of Schools or designee to sign, execute, and deliver such construction contract, and any documents, or agreements called for in such construction contract, for and on behalf of the School District, to sign and approve any change orders, and to retain any necessary professionals for assistance, to pay the contract price and all transaction costs, change order increases, and expenses related to the construction project and to the site preparation work to be performed and completed, and to take or cause to be taken all other action necessary or appropriate to complete any requirements or obligations under the construction contract.

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 S. Ringenberg to authorize and approve the construction contract with Prairie Construction, in the base bid amount of \$21,239,000 and acceptance of the alternate bid of \$27,000 (for mow strip around the building) all for the purpose of constructing a new elementary school building #13 and other site improvements, and authorize, approve, and direct the Superintendent of Schools or designee to sign, execute, and deliver such construction contract, and any documents, or agreements called for in such construction contract, for and on behalf of the School District, to sign and approve any change orders, and to retain any necessary professionals for assistance, to pay the contract price and all transaction costs, change order increases, and expenses related to the construction project and to the site preparation work to be performed and completed, and to take or cause to be taken all other action necessary or appropriate to complete any requirements or obligations under the construction 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 R. Vokt to approve the purchase of 3500 Chromebooks from vendor CDW-G in the amount of \$1,021,994.00.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by R. Vokt to change the last day of school to Thursday, May 23, 2024 for students from Friday, May 24, 2024. The calendar was previously set to make up two days if 4 or more snow days and there were only three days missed due to inclement weather during this school year. This motion affirms and allows families and staff to plan accordingly.

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

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM. The next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 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.