

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 13, 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, J. Shatel, R. Vokt, and M. Wortman. N. Rogic-Greufe and S. Ringenberg were 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 May 6, 2024.

The meeting began with Student Council reports from each high school followed by public comment. During the "Good News Report," Jennifer Shatel recognized EPS high schools topped the list of Best High Schools in Nebraska as released by US News & World Report, an honor that is truly a recognition of the commitment of every student and staff member to achieve at high levels. Thank you, EPS students and staff, for your continued dedication to excellence. Also, congratulations to the students and staff of the ESHS Music Department whose dedication and hard work were recognized with their recently announced NMEA Exemplary Program award! In addition, ERMS 8th grader, Mya Bryant, won 1st place in the Virginia Frank Memorial Writing Contest, a contest that challenges 5th-8th grade students across the Metro to create an original work of fiction based on a character from a book they have read. Congratulations, Mya, and thank you for representing EPS! Notably, the EVVMS Pacific Blues music group ended their season as State Champions at the Nebraska State Jazz Contest! Congratulations to all on a successful season! Next, EHS Principal, Mark Schroeder, was recently named the Region II "Principal of the Year". Congratulations, Mark, on this well-deserved recognition! Also, ENHS senior, Britt Prince, was named the 2024 Metro Basketball Coaches Association Player of the Year! Congratulations, Britt, and thank you for being a dedicated student-athlete! Lastly, current board member and former EPS teacher and coach, Mark Wortman, will be recognized as a 2024 Omaha Sports Commission Hall of Fame Inductee for his contributions over 41 seasons of Antler Football. Congratulations Mark, and thank you for your dedication to all EPS students and athletes, and the lifelong impact you left on many!

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, April 8, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting, approval of Minutes for the Board Work Session on April 22, 2024, approval of an exchange student, and approval of May bills for payment.

VOTE: A. Parks - yes; M. Wortman – yes; R. Vokt – yes; J. Shatel - yes

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by R. Vokt to approve the resignations of Amanda Breazeale, Julie Dixon, Jenna Foiles, Sara Horstman, Jessica Killeen, and Samantha Moore effective at the end of the 2023-24 contract year. Additionally, approve the release of contract for Jorja Gable in 2024-25.

VOTE: J. Shatel – yes; M. Wortman - yes; A. Parks - yes; R. Vokt - yes

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by R. Vokt to approve the appointment of teachers Molly Asher, Cassandra Bailey, Tori Baker, Landen Berck, Crystal Bower, Sophia Briganti, Abigail Grimes, Lauren Iwanski, McKinley Josoff, Michael Kroupa, Katie Larsen, Rebekah Petersen, Ben Petrmichl, Leslie Roth, Stephanie Scheer, Jessica Silashski, Emily Tackwell, Aeriana Valdez, and Jenna Weidner for the 2024-25 school year.

VOTE: M. Wortman - yes; A. Parks - yes; R. Vokt – yes; J. Shatel - yes

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by R. Vokt to approve changes to the elementary and middle school handbook language regulating electronic and cellular devices.

VOTE: A. Parks - yes; R. Vokt – yes; M. Wortman – yes; J. Shatel - yes

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by R. Vokt to adopt the resolution included in the Board materials for this agenda item, which is titled as follows:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$122,900,000; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF THE BONDS; FIXING

IN PART AND PROVIDING FOR THE FIXING IN PART OF THE TERMS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; AND RELATED MATTERS.

VOTE: R. Vokt – yes; M. Wortman – yes; J. Shatel – yes; A. Parks - yes

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by J. Shatel to approve the proposed curriculum renewal for K-12 physical education, K-12 health education, K-12 fine arts education, K-8 guidance, K-6 library media, and 6-12 world language. The estimated costs for all areas are \$1,329,851. The vendors include Goodhart Wilcox, The Art of Education, Quaver, and Character Strong.

VOTE: R. Vokt – yes; M. Wortman – yes; J. Shatel – yes; A. Parks – yes

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by R. Vokt to accept the bid from Prairie Construction for \$1,756,000 for the Elkhorn High School auditorium renovation project.

VOTE: J. Shatel – yes; M. Wortman – yes; A. Parks – yes; R. Vokt – yes

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by R. Vokt to accept the proposal from Prime Secured for \$166,564.67 for network switch equipment to be installed in Elementary #13 and #14.

VOTE: R. Vokt – yes; M. Wortman – yes; J. Shatel – yes; A. Parks – yes

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM. The next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:30 PM, in the Board Room at the District Office, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022.