

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2026**

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, J. Shatel, R. Vokt, and M. Wortman. N. Rogic-Greufe 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 6, 2026.

The meeting began with public comment. During the “Good News Report,” R. Vokt recognized EMS 7th grader Pierce Ballard, who was recently selected to participate in the WorldStrides Honors Performance Series middle school honor choir. In July 2026, this talented choir, made up of auditioned students in grades 6-8 from around the world, will travel to New York, where they will rehearse with world-class directors and perform at Carnegie Hall! Congratulations, Pierce! Additionally, the 4th annual EPS All-City Honor Band was held recently, featuring 150 EPS middle school and high school musicians. After being nominated to represent their schools, student musicians joined together to participate in a clinic led by local clinicians, including EHS alum Rex Barker, followed by evening performances by the middle school band, high school jazz band, and high school wind ensemble. Special thank you to all EPS staff who contributed to organizing this opportunity for our students! Finally, January is National Mentoring Month, and we’d like to extend a sincere thank you to the 116 individuals who give of their time as TeamMates mentors in Elkhorn. Thank you, mentors, for your continued commitment to positively impacting our students!

The annual public policy hearing was convened at 6:41 PM. Members present: A. Parks, S. Ringenberg, J. Shatel, R. Vokt, and M. Wortman. N. Rogic-Greufe was absent. 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 6:43 PM and the Board reconvened to the regular meeting.

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, December 1, 2025, and approval of January bills for payment.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel 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 2026 year.

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

It was moved by S. Ringenberg and seconded by J. Shatel to organize the officers of the Board of Education for 2026 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; J. Shatel - yes; R. Vokt - yes

It was moved by S. Ringenberg and seconded by J. Shatel to elect Amy Parks as President, Renee Vokt as Secretary, and Nancy Rogic-Greufe as Treasurer for 2026 and move Amy Parks back to Chair of the Board of Education meeting.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by S. Ringenberg to designate Pinnacle Bank and American National Bank as the District’s primary depositories for 2026, 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 Secretary. 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 \$8,000,000 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; J. Shatel – yes

It was moved by R. Vokt and seconded by M. Wortman to accept the resignations of Kayla Farrell, Makenna Lofgren, Kelly Murray, Katelin Schmidt, David Baker, and Grace Tetschner effective at the end of the 2025-2026 contract year. Additionally, approved the immediate release of contract for Julie Madott.

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

It was moved by S. Ringenberg and seconded by J. Shatel to accept the resignations for Krista Anderson, Connie Bang, Kay Barmettler, Renee Fish, Susan Graver, Brandon Hultman, Julie Lentz, Deborah Miller, Stephanie Schaben, Chad Soupir, Pam Wahl, and Kenneth Zach effective the end of the 2025-26 school year and approve the Early Retirement Incentive Program as requested.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by M. Wortman to approve the appointment of Anna Suppes and Amy Pokorny for the 2026-27 school year.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by R. Vokt to approve policy updates to the Administrative Rules and Procedures to Policy 407.05 - Attendance Options for Certified Employees with School-Aged Children, Policy 502.07 - Attendance Center Assignment, and approve new draft Policy 502.12 - In-District Attendance Options.

NO VOTE: CARRY-OVER MOTION

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM. The next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:30 PM, in the Board Room at the District Office, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022.