

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

Advanced notice of the Board Meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on August 30, 2024. The advanced notice for the Special Hearings on the Tax Request and Budget were posted in the Omaha World Herald on September 4, 2024.

Annual Budget Public Hearing –The hearing was called to order at 6:04 pm. Members present: A. Parks, S. Ringenberg, N. Rogic-Greufe, J. Shatel, R. Vokt arrived at 6:07 and M. Wortman at 6:09. 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. Chief Financial Officer H. Shepard gave a presentation on the proposed 2024-25 budgets. At least three copies of the presentation budget summary and full District budget were made available to the public. Time was allowed for public comment on the proposed 2024-25 Budget including the General Fund, Bond Fund, Activity Fund, Student Fee Fund, School Nutrition Fund, Depreciation Fund, Special Building Fund and Employee Benefit Fund. The hearing was closed at 6:15 PM.

Annual Levy Hearing –The hearing was called to order at 6:15 PM. Members present: A. Parks, S. Ringenberg, N. Rogic-Greufe, 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. Chief Financial Officer H. Shepard was available for questions on the proposed 2024-25 property tax requests. Time was allowed for public comment on the proposed 2024-25 System-wide Property Tax Request for the General Fund, Special Building Fund, and Bond Fund. The hearing was closed at 6:17 PM.

The Regular Meeting of the Elkhorn Public Schools Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: A. Parks, S. Ringenberg, N. Rogic-Greufe, 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 on the north wall of the Teacher Training Conference Center.

The meeting began with public comment being offered. During the “Good News Report,” N. Rogic-Greufe recognized Abby Sekle, current ENHS science teacher, was recently named the Dr. Donald E. Fox Distinguished Chemistry Alumna award recipient by the University of Nebraska Kearney. Congratulations to Abby, and thank you for sharing your love of science with the students of EPS! Also recognized was that over 100 TeamMates of Elkhorn matches are back in action as mentors and their students were invited to attend the second annual Bingo and Pizza night on August 29, and school-based match meetings kicked off last week. Additionally, visit Runza on Tuesday, September 17, and support your Elkhorn chapter as 10% of all sales at Runza’s 204th and Maple location will be donated back to the chapter.

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, August 12, 2024 and approval of September bills for payment.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by R. Vokt to approve the appointment of Zoey Devney for the 2024-25 school year.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve a General Fund Budget for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$148,047,799, with a Cash Reserve of \$27,294,366; a Special Building Fund Budget of \$94,350,000; a Bond Fund Budget of \$96,134,913.01 with a cash reserve of \$27,833,713; a School Nutrition Fund Budget of \$7,787,503.77 with a cash reserve of \$950,000; an Activities Fund Budget of \$3,850,000 with a cash reserve of \$500,000; a Depreciation Fund Budget of \$2,315,193; a Student Fee Fund Budget of \$595,000 with a cash reserve of \$100,000 and an Employee Benefit Fund Budget of \$850,000.

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

It was moved by R. Vokt and seconded by S. Ringenberg to approve the Tax Request Resolution in its entirety and as presented and read by the administration in order to set the 2024-2025 tax requests for the General Fund, Bond Fund and Special Building Fund and that the Board adopts the resolution presented and on file.

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

It was moved by S. Ringenberg and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve a contract with Buller Fixture in the amount of \$563,285 for food service equipment for elementary #13 and #14.

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

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by S. Ringenberg to move to enter into a Closed Session of the Elkhorn Board of Education for the purposes of discussing litigation strategy.

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

The Board entered closed session at 7:01 PM and returned to open session to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. The next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2024, at 6:30 PM, in the Board Room at the District Office, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022.