

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2024**

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 in the Board Room of the District Office. Advance notice of the Board meeting was published in the Omaha World Herald on November 4, 2024.

The meeting began with offering public comment. During the "Good News Report," Jennifer Shatel recognized the following:

As part of the recently released 2024 AP Honor Roll, all three EPS high schools are among those recognized as having built a culture of academic success while broadening access to AP courses for all students. EPS is proud of this honor as it is a direct reflection of the dedication of all EPS students and staff to academic excellence.

The EPS School Board completed visits at West Bay, Spring Ridge, ERMS, West Dodge Station, Manchester, the Young Adult Program, Arbor View, Hillrise, Westridge, Elkhorn Middle School, and Elkhorn High School during the first semester. It was readily observable to the board why an Elkhorn Public Schools education is so valued. The Board witnessed teachers, administrators, and support staff all taking pride in creating an exceptional learning environment for each and every student. Thank you, Elkhorn is a great place to get an education!

EGMS principal, Rebecca Stichler, and teacher, Jenni Podraza, represented EGMS in a recognition ceremony celebrating the 356 2024 National Blue Ribbon Schools held in Washington D.C. last week. Congratulations again to the EGMS staff, students, and community on this national honor!

After being nominated by their music teachers, the following EPS students participated in the MKMEA Honor Choir. Congratulations students, and thank you for representing EPS at your performance! The students include: Pranav Adabala, Brian Alexander, Olivia Castro, Beckett Crouch, Amelia Downey, Oliver Dunford, Hayley Dutoit, Elizabeth Fritton, Aria Gutta, Lillian Kroll, Sydney Moore, Blaise Mosby, Jude Neilan, Alice Takahashi, Ella Weland

Congratulations to the following EPS students who will move on to the next phase of the scholarship process after being identified as 2024-25 National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists: Brayden Bae, Marvin Ci, Zachary Flynn, Sydney Hamilton, Nikolai Khots, Nolan King, Jonah Lubberstedt, Mason Miller, Nivesh Reddy, Andrew Rothe, Reese Stowe, Brandon Wiltse, and Argos Zhang

The 36 students of the Elkhorn High School Concert Choir were honored to share the stage with the Omaha Symphony on Sunday, November 10th for a performance of Mendelssohn's Elijah, along with choirs from Bellevue West, Omaha Central, Creighton Prep, Fremont, and Millard South. The Choral Collaborative program put on by Omaha Performing Arts allows high school musicians to experience the preparation and performance of challenging classic music literature in a professional environment. We are grateful for the support of our students' families, our school district, and Omaha Performing Arts/Choral Collaborative Program for allowing us this amazing opportunity to perform with the Omaha Symphony in the Holland Center!

The Board of Education would like to honor military veterans of the United States Armed Forces this evening in remembrance of Veteran's Day. The District has several employees who served in the armed forces and we thank them for their service along with many others in our community.

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, October 13, 2024, approval of November bills for payment, and approval of an exchange student at Elkhorn North High School in 2025-26.

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 request for release of contract for Joannie Wilson effective at the end of first semester of 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 S. Ringenberg and seconded by J. Shatel to approve the resignation of John Bacus, Anne Doerr, and Rayden DeLawter effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by R. Vokt to approve the appointment of Payton Kirchhoefer for the second semester of 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 S. Ringenberg and seconded by R. Vokt to approve the purchase of 1500 laptop computers through CounterTrade Products, Inc. at a total cost of \$1,748,145.00.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to acknowledge receipt of the 2023-2024 annual audited financial statement as submitted by Dana F. Cole & Company.

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

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM. The next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2024, at 6:30 PM, in the Board Room at the District Office, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022. Additionally, a Work Session of the Board and Administration is scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2024 at 2:00 PM at Teacher Training Conference Center, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022