

**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2025**

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 January 6, 2025.

The meeting began with offering public comment. During the “Good News Report,” Scot Ringenberg recognized ENHS senior, Alejandro González Baños, was recently recognized with the Congressional Award Gold Medal, the US Congress’ highest honor for youth. This honor highlights commitment to voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition. Congratulations, Alejandro! Additionally, January is National Mentoring Month, and we’d like to extend a sincere thank you to the over 100 individuals who give of their time as TeamMates mentors in Elkhorn. Thank you, mentors, for positively impacting our students!

The annual public policy hearing was convened at 6:58 PM. Members present: A. Parks, S. Ringenberg, N. Rogic-Greufe, J. Shatel, R. Vokt, and M. Wortman. 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 7:00 PM and the Board reconvened to the regular meeting.

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 Monday, December 2, 2024 and approval of January 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 S. Ringenberg and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve the Superintendent be appointed temporary chair of the Board of Education for the purpose of electing officers for the 2025 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 R. Vokt to approve the organization of the officers of the Board of Education for 2025 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: A. Parks – yes; J. Shatel – yes; S. Ringenberg – yes; N. Rogic-Greufe – yes; M. Wortman – yes; R. Vokt - yes

It was moved by S. Ringenberg and seconded by M. Wortman to re-elect Amy Parks as President, Renee Vokt as Secretary, and Nancy Rogic-Greufe as Treasurer for 2025 and move Amy Parks back to Chair of the Board of Education meeting.

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

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by R. Vokt to move to readopt all Board policies, rules, and regulations as required by State law.

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

It was moved by R. Vokt and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to move to designate Pinnacle Bank and American National Bank as the District’s primary depositories for 2025, 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 \$4,000,000 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; A. Parks – yes; J. Shatel – yes; S. Ringenberg – yes; N. Rogic-Greufe – yes, M. Wortman – yes

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by J. Shatel to accept the resignation of Cathy Black, Amanda Hayworth, Jesse Lichtenberg, Paul Martin, Amy Mueller, and Deb Garrison effective at the end of the 2024-2025 contract 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 M. Wortman and seconded by R. Vokt to accept the resignation of Linda Blomenkamp, Kathy Burney, and Suzanne Post effective the end of the 2024-25 school year and approve the Early Retirement Incentive Program as requested.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by M. Wortman to approve the Extended Leave Application for Katelin Schmidt effective during the 2025-26 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 appointment of Holly Jensen, Tiffany Haynes Reed and Shiloah Valdez for the 2025-26 school year and the appointment of Joseph Johnson effective January 20, 2025. Additionally, approve the amended contracts for Molly Asher, Briana Holthaus, and Mark Kalvoda.

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 N. Rogic-Greufe to approve the naming of New Elementary #13 (4545 George B. Lake Pkwy) as Iron Bluff Elementary School and New Elementary #14 (6204 N. 195th St.) as Stone Pointe Elementary School.

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

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by J. Shatel to approve a contract for \$1,321,243 with Creative Sites for playground equipment, installation, and surfacing at Elementary #13, Elementary #14, and Spring Ridge Elementary.

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

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by S. Ringenberg to approve the attendance boundaries changes as presented and proposed by the administration due to the addition of two new elementary schools in response to the district growth.

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 M. Wortman to approve the updates to Policy 1006.07 – Activity Passes and the adoption of Policy 904.06 – School Emergency Response Mapping Data.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by J. Shatel to approve the requests for curriculum additions and revisions as recommended by the Board American Civics and Curriculum Committee and the administration at a projected one-time cost of \$26,400.

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

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM. The next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:30 PM, in the Board Room at the District Office, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022.