**ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**
**REGULAR MEETING**
**MARCH 9, 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, N. Rogic-Greufe, and M. Wortman. R. Vokt, 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 March 3, 2026.

The meeting began with public comment. During the "Good News Report," M. Wortman recognized the 19 members of the EPS Class of 2026 who have been named National Merit Finalists: James Ahern, Jameson Bennett, Bridget Boster, Emerson DePew, Carson Deprez, Stephen Fisher III, Ella Fowler, Yuridia Hernandez-Tapia, Jinyee Huang, Rhana Kang, Sua Kim, Jake Madott, Alexander Morrison, Gage Petrick, Liam Smoot, Maxwell Underwood, Jonathan Wiesenfeld, Jonathan Wu, and Erica Zhang. Congratulations to all on this major academic achievement! Blue Sage Elementary students showed off their kindness as they collected nearly 3,000 items for Project Surprise Party, which aims to ensure that every child experiences the magic of a birthday party! Way to go, Bears! ENHS sophomore Aubrey Watters, under the direction of vocal music teacher Casey Allen, had the opportunity to showcase her talents as the featured National Anthem singer at the Nebraska State Wrestling meet. Congratulations, Aubrey! Several EPS coaches were recently recognized by NSAA as 2025-26 Champions for Coaches honorees. Congratulations to Fred Doscher (ENHS Boys Soccer), Jane Elam (ESHS Unified Bowling), and Kevin Hansen (EPS Boys Swimming and Diving and thank you for your continued support of our EPS student athletes! Given a continued focus on the mental health and overall well-being of students and staff, Elkhorn Public Schools is proud to partner with SmartGen Society to host "Safeguarding Your Child's Digital Well-Being". Parents and students in grades 5-12 are encouraged to attend this free event being held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, from 6:00 - 7:30 PM at Elkhorn North High School. Parents of children of all ages and students in grades 5-12 are encouraged to attend.

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, January 12, 2026, and approval of February bills for payment.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by J. Shatel to approve resignations from Ashlee Albers, Jennifer Boll, Leonardo Brandolini Kujman, Alyssa Coccio, Susan Dinsmore-Talbot, Kara Hubert, Christy Jensen, Max Kazmierczak, Kayla Kobes, Elle Liermann, Chelsea Marvin, Morgan Semrad, Delanie Tinnerstet, Melissa Ludwig, Cara Schrock, and Corey Wiseman effective at the end of the 2025-26 contract year.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by S. Ringenberg move to approve the appointment of Kiara Barnes, Merrin Croston, Samantha Crouch, Alex De La Cruz, Hannah Frank, Megan Friedenbach, Julie Gorup, Shalya Halligan, Jacey Hauge, Bailey Howland, Monica Maly, Elizabeth Moats, Theodore Prochazka, Alyssa Schade, Kristin Steinbruck, Allison Ambrose, Kennedy Fisher, Alexis Gray, Emily Tackwell, Natalie Brainard, Callie Brodd, Ella Christensen, Ian Fleming, Caroline Reed, Keaton Twist, and Isabel Woolway for the 2026-27 school year. Additionally, approve Peyton Ethen and Lauren Strohman as a teacher in the UNO CADRE Program. Also amending the contract of Sara Horner from .5 FTE to 1.0 FTE.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by M. Wortman to approve the Extended Leave Application from Brittany Ballou-Barton for the 2026-27 school year.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by S. Ringenberg to approve the proposed curriculum renewal for grades 6-8 reading language arts, including estimated materials costs of $591,751.20. The vendor is Savvas, and the purchase includes materials and licenses for the next seven years.

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

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve the 2027-2028 Calendar as recommended by the American Civics and Curriculum Committee.

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

It was moved by N. Rogic-Greufe and seconded by J. Shatel to approve policy updates to Policy 706.08 – Food Procurement and Policy 902.04 – Architects and Engineers in response to changes in State law and Nebraska Department of Education rules.

CARRY-OVER MOTION

It was moved by S. Ringenberg and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve intra-district transfer seats at Elkhorn High School for 2026-27 per *Policy 502.12 – In-District Attendance Options* as follows: 9th grade – 22 open seats; 10th grade – 10 open seats; 11th grade – 4 open seats; and 12th grade – 5 open seats to be filled by lottery selection if applications exceed open seats.

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

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by J, Shatel to approve the preliminary Building Instructional Budget and Curriculum Adoption Budget for $2,510,102 for the 2026-27 school year. This is a decrease of $22,801 from 2025-26.

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

It was moved by M. Wortman and seconded by N. Rogic-Greufe to approve a contract with Staples for $633,040 for 2000 Chromebooks for replacement student laptops.

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

It was moved by J. Shatel and seconded by M. Wortman to enter into a Closed Session of the Elkhorn Board of Education for the purposes of discussing personnel for the reason that it is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual.

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

The Board entered Closed Session at 7:24 PM. The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM. The next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:30 PM, in the Board Room at the District Office, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022.