

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah was called to order by the president at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 19, 2024.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mike Meeusen, Sarah Tegen, Erica Spatz, Grant Stecker, Amanda Gebert, Sarah Rudnick and District Administrator, Dr. Adam Englebretson. Absent: Ryan Vanderkin.

Also in attendance at the meeting were Ryan Faris, Jeanne Courneene, Debbie Hammann, Kayla Groh-Bardon, Brian Feldmann, India Boyd, Josh, Jana, Jocelyn Fogarty and family and Sarah Hall.

Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to approve the agenda as the official order of business. Mrs. Spatz seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

Mrs. Spatz offered a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2024, Board meeting. Mrs. Rudnick seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

The treasurer's report and voucher review were presented showing the cash balance of \$1,457,890.07 on January 1, 2024. January receipts totaled \$2,520,718.49, interest received of \$9,108.99. January disbursements totaled \$602,876.51, leaving the cash balance on January 31, 2024, of \$3,384,841.04. The \$3,384,841.04 is comprised of \$3,046,585.41 in Local Government Investment Pool account #1 (general), \$235,950.47 in account #2 (technology), \$57,671.58 in account #3 (HVAC), and a general fund checking account balance of \$44,633.58. Mrs. Spatz offered a motion to approve the monthly financial report and voucher review. Mrs. Tegen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

Mrs. Groh-Bardon presented the year-to-date status of revenues and expenses. Overall, total District revenues and expenditures are in line with the previous years. Fund 50 expenses are down but that is due to the timing of when invoices are received. Fund 80 expenses are also down. In the 2022-23 school year, the child care completed a couple of projects so expenses were up. Another reason Fund 80 expenses are down this year is due to an employee making a mid-year benefit change.

Mrs. Groh-Bardon presented the activity account report. Based on activity account balance through January 31, 2024, all accounts are in good standing. The three negative accounts will receive their PTA field trip donations in June.

Mrs. Groh-Bardon presented the grant report. All grants will be claimed by the end of the school year.

Mrs. Groh-Bardon presented the scholarship report and list of scholarships given to 2023 graduates.

Under donation recognition and acceptance, Dr. Englebretson noted the following:

- Anonymous: \$25 - Family assistance program
- Community United Church of Christ: \$79.35 - Family assistance program
- Donor's Choose: \$104 - Graphic calculator for high school special education department
- Jeff Feldmann Memorial: \$250 - Football activity account
- Jeff Feldmann Memorial: \$250 - Track activity account

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- Middle School boys' basketball uniforms:
 - Amanda Kleiber: \$50 | Andrew and Devon Anderson: \$44
 - Andrew and Tonya Zinger: \$40 | Anonymous: \$200 | Anonymous: \$40
 - Billy Schultz: \$25 | Elkhart Lake Basketball Club: \$500
 - Jack and Kris Jensen: \$44 | Josh Bardon and Kayla Groh-Bardon: \$50
 - Matt and Kim Smith: \$40 | Michael and Vicki Paulsen: \$40
 - Richard and Jennifer Brusky: \$50 | Roy and Erica Spatz: \$120
 - Troy and Charmaine Conrad: \$50
- The Osthoff Resort: use of their pool and providing lunch free of charge to our student SeaPerch participants
- Sargento: \$48 - Youth Football

Mrs. Spatz offered a motion to accept the donations as presented and thanked the donors for their generosity. Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

Public Comment: None

Written Comment: None

Under Celebrate Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Schools: India Boyd, an English student of Nik Yasko, high school English teacher, discussed her trip to the UW-Whitewater Writing Festival. Seventh grader Jocelyn Fogarty was also recognized for placing second (2nd) at the regional spelling bee held at Acuity in Sheboygan on February 1. Jocelyn received a certificate from Dr. Courneene for an outstanding job.

Mrs. Hamman's grades 4K-2 activities report included early riser readers program, schoolwide penny war, 100th day of school, 4K winter family night, February book fair, Read Across America activities and parent-teacher conferences.

Dr. Courneene's grades 3-8 activities report included that the MAPS testing is completed, the 2nd place regional Spelling Bee winner, January students of the month, parent-teacher conferences, Middle School "Be a Scholar" incentive, Dare to Dream Youth Theatre, SeaPerch competition, Book Fair and Read Across America.

Mr. Faris' grades 9-12 activities report included senior mock interviews, the job fair, parent-teacher conferences, Junior ACT test date, PreACT test window and shout outs to wrestling Big East conference winners and men's state swimming participants.

Dr. Englebretson gave an update on the district leadership team's school branding initiatives to promote ELG during open enrollment. He also discussed the teacher compensation model.

Under New Business:

Dr. Englebretson stated that six community presentations are complete. Feedback has been positive. There is a scheduled meeting with PRA to review the current plans and determine how to proceed with the community facility listening / planning sessions.

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Dr. Englebretson stated that the Neola policy advisors were directed to review Policy 2266: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities. Our advisor found that the policy is missing the Title IX coordinator's name within the policy. Nothing in the policy has changed, we just need to add specific names to be compliant. The specific names of the individuals have been added.

Mr. Brian Feldmann reported on the need to refinish the high school and middle school basketball courts in the summer of 2024. It is recommended that the basketball courts be refinished every ten to twelve (10-12) years. The high school basketball court was last refinished in 2008 (16 years ago) and the elementary/middle school court was refinished in 2006 (18 years ago). Opportunity exists to rebrand and add / remove items, i.e., ladders, to the floor during this process. Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to approve the refinishing of the high school and middle school basketball courts. Mr. Stecker seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

Mr. Faris proposed an increase in credits needed for graduation for when the high school block schedule is implemented. The block schedule will allow for students to take an additional eight (8) classes during their high school careers, allowing students to take a total of thirty-two (32) possible credits, thus a recommendation to raise the credits needed for graduation. The proposed graduation requirement would raise with the classes currently in high school and those entering proportionately. Proposed credits for graduation are:

- Class of 2025: 26.5 credits
- Class of 2026: 27 credits
- Class of 2027: 27.5 credits
- Class of 2028 and beyond: 28 credits

Mrs. Spatz offered a motion to approve the gradual increase of credits necessary for graduation from 26 to 28 with the move to the block schedule. Mrs. Tegen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

Mrs. Tegen offered a motion to approve the staff resignation as presented:

- Amanda Maertz, High School Math Teacher

Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes. The Board thanked Mrs. Maertz for her years of service with the District.

Mrs. Tegen offered a motion to approve the staff retirements as presented:

- Bridget Reiss, Food Service Director
- Annmarie Sohlden, Reading Teacher / Interventionist

Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes. The Board thanked them for their service.

Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to approve the staffing hire as presented:

- Elizabeth Hill, High School Math
- Extra-curricular contract: Choir Festivals (currently Holly Green - 100%)
 - Due to maternity leave, we would like to adjust the contact from above to the following: Holly Green - 70% | Karren Cobble - 30%

Mrs. Tegen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Meeusen offered a motion to move into closed session for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c), Administrator Evaluation.

Mrs. Rudnick made a motion to move back into open session. Mrs. Tegen seconded. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

The meeting moved into open session at approximately 8:04 p.m.

There is no action on closed session discussion.

Mrs. Rudnick made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:06 p.m. Mrs. Tegen seconded. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hassinger
Secretary of the Meeting