

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah was called to order by the president at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024.

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

Also in attendance at the meeting were Ryan Faris, Jeanne Courneene, Debbie Hammann, Kayla Groh-Bardon, Michelle Arbuckle, Eric Kracht and Sarah Hall.

Mrs. Tegen offered a motion to approve the agenda as the official order of business. Mrs. Rudnick seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2024, Board meeting. Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

The treasurer's report and voucher review were presented showing the cash balance of \$3,384,841.04 on February 1, 2024. February receipts totaled \$2,513,048.62, interest received of \$14,714.79. February disbursements totaled \$581,462.48, leaving the cash balance on February 29, 2024, of \$5,331,141.97. The \$5,331,141.97 is comprised of \$4,989,494.10 in Local Government Investment Pool account #1 (general), \$236,957.43 in account #2 (technology), \$57,917.70 in account #3 (HVAC), and a general fund checking account balance of \$46,772.74. Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to approve the monthly financial report and voucher review. Mr. Vanderkin seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 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. The February tax settlement summary is also included for your reference.

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

- Anonymous: \$150 – 3rd grade
- Anonymous: Books for novel studies – 3rd grade
- Chamber of Commerce: Postcards for a writing activity – 3rd grade
- Donny Kulow: \$2,000 – Girls Basketball
- Education Foundation: \$1,264 – 5th grade BizTown
- ELGAA: \$500 – Baseball
- ELGAA: \$500 – Softball
- Mary Grgic: Drum set | trombone | 4 calculators

Mr. Vanderkin offered a motion to accept the donations as presented and thanked the donors for their generosity. Mr. Stecker seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

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Public Comment: None

Written Comment: None

Under Celebrate Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Schools: Eric Kracht, MS science teacher, provided a summary of the topics covered in 6th, 7th and 8th grade science. He also discussed the SeaPerch program and the upcoming 2026 Washington DC trip.

Mrs. Hamman's grades 4K-2 activities report included summer school registration, early riser readers program, Read Across America activities, 4K welcome meeting for next school year and crisis prevention training.

Dr. Courneene's grades 3-8 activities report included Forward Exam testing, Read Across America week, curriculum directors network meeting, an upcoming author visit and February students of the month.

Mr. Faris' grades 9-12 activities report included Juniors ACT test date, PreACT test date for 9th and 10th grades, college and career readiness day, scheduling for the 2024-2025 school year, solo ensemble and the POPS concert.

Dr. Englebretson gave an update on the district leadership team to discuss the teacher compensation model being tied to Education Effectiveness.

Under New Business:

Dr. Englebretson stated that the Neola policy advisors recommend updating policies to remain current with legal language and practices. Policies sent for review on Monday, March 4.

Mrs. Arbuckle presented the comparable ecology and conservation management class standards with science standards to show the comparison for this class to be submitted to the Department of Public Instruction for the ability to offer this class as a science credit. Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to approve the ecology and conservation management class to be submitted to DPI for science equivalency credit. Mr. Vanderkin seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

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 of the titles already in place have been added. Mr.

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Vanderkin offered a motion to approve Neola's recommendation of adding the specific names to the policy. Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

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

- Extra-curricular contract: High School Track & Field Assistant Coach - Brenda Schwaller (50%)

Mrs. Tegen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Meeusen offered a motion to move into closed session to discuss staff salaries for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Moved into closed session at approximately 6:55pm.

Mrs. Rudnick made a motion to move back into open session. Mr. Vanderkin seconded. Motion passed, 7 ayes.

Move into open session at approximately 8:25p.m.

Action taken on closed session discussion:

Mr. Vanderkin offered a motion to approve the 2024 - 2025 staff monetary contract increases. Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Motion passed, 6 ayes and 1 abstention.

Mrs. Rudnick made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:30 p.m. Mr. Vanderkin seconded. Motion passed, 7 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hassinger  
Secretary of the Meeting