

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, October 23, 2023.

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

Also in attendance at the meeting were Ryan Faris, Jeanne Courneene, Debbie Hammann, Kayla Groh-Bardon, Kristen Schneider, Emma Schwartz, Olivia MacDonald, Amy Wohlers, Mariah Zawislan, Kim Konen, Julia Zahn, and Sarah Hall.

Mrs. Spatz offered a motion to approve the agenda as the official order of business. Mrs. Rudnick seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5 ayes.

Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2023, Board meeting. Mr. Vanderkin seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5 ayes.

The treasurer's report and voucher review were presented showing the cash balance of \$3,322,819.77 on September 1, 2023. September receipts totaled \$223,866.68, interest received of \$13,956.00. September disbursements totaled \$586,366.77, leaving the cash balance on September 30, 2023, of \$2,974,275.68. The \$2,974,275.68 is comprised of \$2,660,892.90 in Local Government Investment Pool account #1 (general), \$231,721.69 in account #2 (technology), \$56,637.97 in account #3 (HVAC), and a general fund checking account balance of \$25,023.12. Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to approve the monthly financial report and voucher review. Mrs. Spatz seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5 ayes.

Mrs. Groh-Bardon presented the year-to-date status of revenues and expenses. Overall the totals show we are comparable to the previous years at this point in the school year.

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

- Anonymous: \$25 – Family Assistance Program
- Dirks/Tenpas Families: \$3,399.75 – Pumpkin Sale Proceeds
- ElkhartCares: \$527.92 – Art Club for Art Display Tower
- ElkhartCares: \$389.95 – Baseball Equipment
- Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah PTA: Snacks and Lunches during Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Kohl Family Foundation: \$10,000 – Kohl Fitness Center or Technology
- Sargento: Case of string cheese (FFA AG Day) for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Sargento: \$200 - Student Council for Homecoming
- Hannah Schneider: \$36 – Family Assistance Program (from her lemonade stand to buy others needed back to school supplies)
- Lynn Shovan: \$398 – Support students and their families

Mr. Vanderkin offered a motion to accept the above-mentioned donations and thanked the donors for their generosity. Mr. Stecker seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5 ayes.

Guest Correspondence - Public Comment: None

Guest Correspondence – Written Comment: Ryan Faris sent a thank you email and Erica Spatz sent a thank you card.

Under Celebrate Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Schools, our new teachers shared some very positive feedback how their first few weeks have gone and their first impressions of the District.

Mrs. Hammann reported on the grades 4K-2 updates that the Vision/Hearing Screening was held in October, Parent/Teacher Conferences were well attended, three-year-old screening is set-up for November, food bags distributed (Sheboygan County Food Bank), and mental health services (PATH) are available to students.

Dr. Courneene's grades 3-8 activities report include the fall MAPs testing is completed, Agriculture Day was held with Mrs. Arbuckle and high school FFA members, NED (Never Give Up; Encourage Others; Do Your Best) presentation was October 4<sup>th</sup>, and Friday Fun Night will start November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Faris reported that ACT prep sessions will run October – March, Mental Health Focus is planned for each quarter, Homecoming Week was a great success with seniors winning the spirit competition, the Homecoming Dance was well attended, and fall sports are wrapped up with winter sports right around the corner.

Dr. Englebreton reported that the District Leadership Team is comparing the current student management system with others to fully utilize tools for assessment, attendance, behavior, communication and tracking student progress. The teacher compensation model is being reviewed.

Under New Business:

Dr. Faris discussed the achievements of Mark Piper (Class of 1988) as our 2023-24 Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Distinguished Alumni.

Dr. Englebreton reported on our official third Friday counts taken September 15<sup>th</sup>. The District has increased by 32 students from last year.

Dr. Englebreton reviewed the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Professional Development Day agenda and invited the Board to attend the morning all-district meeting. The next Professional Development Day is January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Englebreton presented information to the Board on the introductory operational referendum (April 2024), the future facility focus meetings and the capital referendum options (November 2024).

Dr. Englebretson reviewed the first reading of Neola Policy Additions and Revisions - Volume 32, Number 2. Neola recommends updating policies to remain current with legal language and practices.

Dr. Englebretson presented the 2023-2024 Budget Adoption Summary with the final budget numbers. The allocated money went to different funds based on past usage and balances, and predictions for the upcoming year. Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to approve the school budget for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Stecker seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5 ayes.

Dr. Englebretson shared the 2023-2024 School Tax Levy. He discussed how student enrollment, property values, referendums, and the revenue limit determine the tax levy for the district. Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to approve the School Tax Levy at \$6,700,451, which results in a Mill Rate of \$6.51 for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Vanderkin seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5 ayes.

Mrs. Spatz offered a motion to approve the following contract resignations:

- Josh Bardon, Middle School Basketball Coach

Mr. Stecker seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5 ayes. The Board thanked him for his service.

Mrs. Spatz offered a motion to approve the following contracts/assignment:

- Erica Theel, Special Education Instructional Assistant (Child Care)
- Brittany Schneider, Auditorium Technical Director
- Jake Shanahan, Middle School Basketball Coach

Mrs. Mrs. Rudnick seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5 ayes.

Dr. Englebretson shared that the 2022-2023 DPI School Report Cards were released October 3<sup>rd</sup> and are embargoed until they are publicly released in November.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to adjourn. Mr. Vanderkin seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5 ayes.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Spangenberg  
Secretary of the Meeting