

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
ELKHART LAKE-GLENBEULAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
DECEMBER 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah was called to order by the president at 6:01pm on Monday, December 16, 2024.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

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| ➤ Mike Meeusen | ➤ Amanda Gebert |
| ➤ Sarah Tegen | ➤ Sarah Rudnick |
| ➤ Erica Spatz | ➤ Ryan Vanderkin |
| ➤ Grant Stecker | ➤ District Administrator, Dr. Adam Englebretson |

Also in attendance were:

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| ➤ Kayla Groh-Bardon | ➤ Ryan, Stephanie, Alexis and Nick Meyer |
| ➤ Jeanne Courneene | ➤ Lincoln Kleiber |
| ➤ Alicia Schwinn | ➤ Amaya Bardon |
| ➤ Melanie Bunyea | ➤ Conrad Orth |
| ➤ Kris Wells | ➤ Morgan Adams |
| ➤ Michelle and Katherine Arbuckle | ➤ Nina Figueroa |
| ➤ Devon and Gus Anderson | ➤ Jocelyn Fogarty |
| ➤ Rachael and Joe Ebertz | ➤ Sarah Hall |

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

Mrs. Spatz offered a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2024, Board meeting. Mr. Vanderkin seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report and voucher review were presented showing:

As of November 1, 2024 -

Cash balance on 11/1/24	\$3,775,913.01
November receipts	\$ 94,172.17
Interest received	\$ 13,701.95
November disbursements	<u>\$ 621,958.93</u>
Cash balance on 11/30/24	\$3,261,828.20

Cash balance on 11/1/24 comprised of:

Local Government Investment Pool account #1 (general)	\$2,940,925.87
Account #2 (technology)	\$ 246,480.12
Account #3 (HVAC)	\$ 60,245.27
General fund checking account	<u>\$ 14,176.94</u>
Total	\$3,261,828.20

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Mrs. Spatz offered a motion to approve the monthly financial report and voucher review. Mrs. Rudnick seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Mrs. Groh-Bardon presented the year-to-date status of revenues and expenses. The total District revenues and expenses continue to be comparable to the previous years. Revenues in the Food Service Program are down. In comparison to last school year, the number of students participating in the lunch program is down. Revenues in Child Care are also down. The total Child Care funds received through the month of November this school year is less than what we received through November in the 2023-24 school year.

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

- Class of 1964: \$164 – High School Principal Emergency Account
- ELG Education Foundation: \$7,346 – Band Instruments
- ElkhartCares: \$414 – 4K | Kindergarten
- Fromm Accounting : \$500 – Athletic Department (Hudl Advertisement)
- Sargento's Multicultural Alliance: 18 Library Books
- Diane and Peter Wagner: \$50 – Boys Basketball Program
- Werner Homes: \$500 – Boys Basketball Program

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

GUEST CORRESPONDENCE

Public Comment: None

Written Comment: None

SCHOOL REPORTS

Celebrate Elkhart Lake Schools:

Dr. Courneene and Mrs. Kris Wells, middle school math teacher, introduced several middle school students who participated in the Lakeland University Math Meet in November. Out of 38 teams, one team finished in 2nd place while the other team finished in 11th place. The students shared that they enjoyed participating in the event and hope to attend again next year.

Mrs. Schwinn's grades 4K-4 activities report included an update on Act 20 teacher training. Testing will begin in January. Lexia is a research-proven program that offers a personalized learning experience, progress tracking and accelerates the development of literacy skills. Working with Kristie Webb, reading specialist, student progress was discussed with K-4th grade teachers to utilize this program. Students have been earning a movie incentive through a November/December hallway challenge when showing the Resorter Way. The holiday concert on December 13 was a huge success and memorable event for all who participated. A huge shout out to Mrs. Holly Green for an excellent concert!

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Dr. Courneene's grades 5-8 activities report included an update on the spelling bee which will be held on January 8. The technology team is involved with a grant, Samsung Solve for Tomorrow, which the team is excited to begin working on. ACCESS testing is underway. The Science department is analyzing grades 5 - 8 science current scope and sequence of the essential grade level standards. Guest speaker Scott Obermann will be in the District on January 16 to talk about character construction to our 5th and 6th grade students. MS Student Government successfully completed its Ronald McDonald House fundraiser collecting soda pull tabs. UW-Whitewater is sponsoring a Kindness eWall project, which Dr. Courneene hopes to have it on the TV display in the Middle School entryway.

Mr. Faris was not able to attend so Dr. Englebreton provided the grades 9-12 activities report stating that all juniors took the ASVAB test on December 12 and sophomore took the PreACT in December. Results will be shared with students, parents and staff after Winter Break. Winter sports are under way and he recognized our senior athletes in basketball, wrestling and swimming. The band and choir Winter Concert was held on December 9 - thank you to Ms. Voss and Mrs. Green for their work on another memorable concert.

NEW BUSINESS

Referendum financing: Mike Clark from Baird joined us to discuss financial options of securing a municipal bond. His presentation looked at how bond rates and financial rates are determined and reviewed options to think about as we try to acquire the best financing rates for our referendum projects.

Mr. Meeusen, Mr. Stecker and Dr. Englebreton reviewed the discussions, progress and next steps from the **capital referendum Core team meetings**. Three new concepts were shared with the Board. Site surveys and internal graphing will begin to take place this week.

Presentation of State Issued Report Cards: The administrative team discussed the details of the DPI School Report Cards. Summaries for the District, elementary/middle school and high school were shared. Also included were comparison sheets which examined other local area schools' data and looked deeper into each of the report card's components.

Mrs. Bunyea discussed **new potential course offerings at the high school:** agriculture, art, business, education, math and science. In summary, 6 additional courses would be added to student course offerings, some core classes, some electives. Two Distance Learning courses would be removed from the selection list. Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to approve the new high school course offerings as presented. Mrs. Spatz 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 the safety drill and plan and purchasing property.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved into closed session at approximately 7:50pm. The entire Board as well as Dr. Englebretson, Dr. Courneene and Mrs. Schwinn was present.

Discussion began with the safety drill performed in the district. No action taken in closed session. Dr. Courneene and Mrs. Schwinn left the closed session.

Dr. Englebretson and the board discussed the purchase of additional school property. No official action was taken.

Mrs. Tegen made a motion to move back into open session at approximately 8:18pm. Mr. Vanderkin seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 ayes.

Action taken on closed session discussion:

Mr. Vanderkin offered a motion to approve the safety drill as presented. Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 ayes.

Mrs. Rudnick made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:20pm. Mrs. Tegen seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hassinger
Secretary of the Meeting