

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
ELKHART LAKE-GLENBEULAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 17, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah was called to order by the president at 6:00pm on Monday, March 17, 2025.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

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

Absent:

- Ryan Vanderkin

Also in attendance were:

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| ➤ Kayla Groh-Bardon | ➤ Kristin and Remi Halcomb |
| ➤ Ryan Faris | ➤ Rachael and Eve Ebertz |
| ➤ Jeanne Courneene | ➤ Laura, Steve, Lydia and Shawn Winkel |
| ➤ Alicia Schwinn | ➤ Addison and Ascher Spatz |
| ➤ Ben, Jennifer, Ella, Cole, Liam Wagner | ➤ AJ Tegen |
| ➤ Tonya, Andrew and Oliver Zinger | ➤ Craig and Gabe Lieftring |
| ➤ Josh and Jocelyn Fogarty | ➤ Karissa and Shelby Weston |
| ➤ Melanie and Taylen Bunyea | ➤ Sarah Hall |

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

Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2025, Board meeting. Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

As of February 1, 2025 -

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| Cash balance on 2/1/25 | \$4,263,052.80 |
| February receipts | \$2,562,829.93 |
| Interest received | \$ 14,751.68 |
| February disbursements | <u>\$ 597,583.64</u> |
| Cash balance on 2/28/25 | \$6,243,050.77 |

Cash balance on 2/1/25 comprised of:

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| Local Government Investment Pool account #1 (general) | \$5,877,545.62 |
| Account #2 (technology) | \$ 249,202.77 |
| Account #3 (HVAC) | \$ 60,910.74 |
| General fund checking account | <u>\$ 55,391.64</u> |
| Total | \$6,243,050.77 |

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Mrs. Spatz offered a motion to approve the monthly financial report and voucher review. Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 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 and the Child Care program continue to be less than last year at this time in the school year. The February tax settlement summary was included for the Board's reference.

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

- Elkhart Cares: \$655 – Junior College Prep Field Trip
- Brenda and John Ganga: \$50 – Sophomore Class of 2027
- France and Dr. Thomas Karras: \$1,000 – Band
- Donny Kulow: \$2,000 – Girls Basketball
- The Golfers Club at Town and Country: \$100 – Golf

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

GUEST CORRESPONDENCE

Public Comment: None

Written Comment: None

SCHOOL REPORTS

Celebrate Elkhart Lake Schools:

Middle School technology teams, along with advisor Josh Fogarty, who worked on the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow and SeaPerch projects discussed their processes for planning, designing and participating in their competitions, which they both were recognized at a State and regional level. A special thank you to Josh Fogarty for his work on these opportunities for our students.

Mrs. Schwinn's grades 4K-4 activities report started with a recap of Read Across America Week (the week of March 3). Guest readers, themed dress-up days, activities, and movies - all focused on kindness. Thank you to the Read Across America committee and the guest readers (Dr. Ann Buechel Haack, several high school students and Rachel Montes). Kristie Webb, Dr. Courneene and Mrs. Schwinn have met with representatives from Lexia and iReady to continue to gain knowledge and learn more about assessments. Field trip season is starting up again - 3rd grade (Immigration simulation), 3rd grade (orchestra at the Weill Center) and 1st grade (Sheboygan Theatre Company to see some of our own students in the Aristocrats).

Dr. Courneene's grades 5-8 activities report included an update on Forward Exam testing for grades 5 - 8. CESA meetings to discuss grades 6 - 8 math and literacy / ELA professional development plans help to determine how to review data and facilitate change. Congratulations to the Middle School January students of the month, our SeaPerch champions and the FFA quiz bowl team members. Our Do Good

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Wisconsin cereal box drop competition was a huge success, receiving over 500 boxes of cereal. The cereal drop was well done and enjoyed by all students. Thank you to the MS Student Government, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hill and Mr. Fogarty for their work on this project. Cereal was donated to the Plymouth Food Pantry. The 3rd quarter student recognition assembly will be on April 4.

Mr. Faris' grades 9-12 activities report included an update on activities with the Junior class. The ACT was taken on March 11, their College and Career Readiness Day was March 13 (including the Wisconsin Education Fair at Fond du Lac High School and a campus tour and admissions meeting at UW Oshkosh). Window for the PreACT Secure testing date is April 2 - 16 for all 9th and 10th grade students. Scheduling for the 2025-26 school year is currently underway. Special shoutouts to all students who participated and advanced in this year's band/ choir Solo/ Ensemble and to Addison Spatz who participated in the state Poetry Out Loud competition March 1 in Madison. To wrap up winter athletics, in boys basketball, congratulations to freshman Brayden Smith will be representing ELGHS in the State 3-point shootout Saturday, March 22 in Madison and for making all conference were Brody Feldmann (1st Team) and Ashton Thuecks (2nd Team). Also, congratulations to Carter McCall who wrestled at Sectionals. Addison Spatz shared one of her state poems with the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Planning Review / Update: Dr. Englebretson, Mr. Meeusen and Mr. Stecker reviewed the discussions, progress on the plans, and what steps occur next while facility planning with PRA and Jos. Schmitt Construction at Core team meeting(s).

Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$14,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes: Debbie Brunette from Baird joined us virtually to review the bidding process and assist the Board with the bidding acceptance process to sell the capital referendum debts.

Mrs. Rudnick made a resolution to award the sale of \$14,000,000 general obligation promissory notes to Northland Securities Inc. Mr. Stecker seconded the motion. Roll call vote, motion carried, 6 ayes.

Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative Participation: The District needs to invest the borrowed money from the debt sale and manage the investment to maximize potential interest earnings over the life of the loan. Other surrounding Districts have used PMA to handle their referendum investments and have said they have had great experiences with their communication and assistance through the process. PMA was one of Baird's recommendations.

Mrs. Gebert made a resolution authorizing entry into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement relating to the 'Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative' and authorizing participation in the investment programs of the fund. Mrs. Tegen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

Mr. Faris discussed a proposal from the Calculus and Physics classes to attend an **out-of-state field-trip** to Six Flags Great America, Gurnee, IL on April 30 (Any Day Math & Sciences Physics Day). Mrs. Spatz offered a motion to allow planning for the out-of-state field trip. Mr. Stecker seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

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The Board recognized the ***resignation of School Board member***, Ryan Vanderkin, due to a move outside of the District. The Board will follow the policy to replace a Board member and fill the vacant position as soon as possible.

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

- Yazmin Alvarez: Spanish/ Multilingual Teacher
- Heather Porath: Middle School Track Coach (1/2 contract)

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

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Meeusen offered a motion to move into closed session to discuss staff employment, promotion, and compensation.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved into closed session at approximately 7:00pm. The entire Board as well as Dr. Englebreton were present.

Discussion regarding staff employment, promotion, and compensation.

Certified teaching staff:

Mrs. Rudnick made a motion to move all teaching staff on the salary schedule once their educator effectiveness requirements have been completed. Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Mr. Stecker abstained. Motion carried, 5 ayes.

Support staff | Individually Negotiated contracts:

Mrs. Gebert made a motion to increase salaries based on discussion. Mrs. Tegen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

Mrs. Gebert made a motion to move back into open session at approximately 7:40pm. Mrs. Tegen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

Action taken on closed session discussion:

Mrs. Gebert made a motion to move forward with the staff salaries as discussed in closed session. Mrs. Rudnick seconded the motion. Mr. Stecker abstained. Motion carried, 5 ayes.

Mrs. Gebert made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:50pm. Mrs. Tegen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hassinger
Secretary of the Meeting