

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
ELKHART LAKE-GLENBEULAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 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 6:25pm on Monday, September 16, 2024.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

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

Also in attendance were:

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| ➤ Kayla Groh-Bardon | ➤ Melinda Clemens |
| ➤ Ryan Faris | ➤ Sarah Hall |
| ➤ Alicia Schwinn | |

Absent:

- Grant Stecker
- Jeanne Courneene

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

Mrs. Spatz offered a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2024, Board meeting. Mr. Vanderkin seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

As of August 1, 2024 -

Cash balance on 8/1/24	\$3,082,095.47
August receipts	\$1,819,854.31
Interest received	\$ 16,544.42
August disbursements	<u>\$ 312,000.94</u>
Cash balance on 8/31/24	\$4,606,493.26

Cash balance on 8/1/24 comprised of:

Local Government Investment Pool account #1 (general)	\$4,280,083.60
Account #2 (technology)	\$ 243,463.95
Account #3 (HVAC)	\$ 59,508.05
General fund checking account - includes August teacher payrolls	<u>\$ 23,437.66</u>
Total	\$4,606,493.26

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Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to approve the monthly financial report and voucher review. Mrs. Spatz seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

Kayla Groh-Bardon shared the auditor's preliminary report for 2023 - 2024. The complete booklet of the audit will be available later this year.

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

- E-Cycle: \$1,320 – National Honor Society
- Kohl Family Foundation: \$7,000 – Computer | Fitness Center Equipment
- Tom Reiter: \$100 – Family Assistance Program
- Elkhart Lake Lions Club: 400 popsicles for Elementary/Middle School students

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

GUEST CORRESPONDENCE

Public Comment: None

Written Comment: Wendy Spangenberg sent a thank you note to the School Board in appreciation for flowers sent to her.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Mrs. Schwinn's grades 4K-4 activities report included an update on Act 20 teacher training. She shared that Keys to Literacy training has started and teachers are seeing the connection to Wit & Wisdom. The next training will be in November. The Garton Foundation Grant will provide funds for Lexia, UFLI and Heggerty Bridge the Gap which will support K-12 students and provide our reading specialist with research-based interventions. This year, Maria Stecker and Hannah Feltes will create a Kind Club for 3rd and 4th grade students. Kind Club will focus on inspiring others to become more involved in community and school through their compassion and empathy. These students will decorate a bulletin board, organize the kindness t-shirt sale and be leaders on the playground.

Dr. Courneene's grades 3-8 activities report included an update on the Forward Exam individual student reports and MAPS testing to begin the week of September 24 - October 4. Back-to-School Night was very positive! An advisory period will be held twice a week to support the academic, social and emotional needs of students. The focus of advisory time is to promote the prosocial individual and group development through positive interactions, student recognition and celebrations during the school year. She discussed a new student recognition called Bucket Fillers.

Mr. Faris' grades 9-12 activities report included an update on the AP score, the new bell schedule and the PLC in-service update. Our ACT PLC did a data dive to utilize academic resources for additional support and exposure to ACT throughout the year. Our school culture PLC has created incentives to recognize students in positive ways. The High School theme for this year is 'Do Better; Be Better.' Battle

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for the Spirit Stick underway as fall sports are underway. Big East conference passes available in the office. Resorters Outfitters open for all your apparel needs, contact Erin Glynn.

Celebrate Elkhart Lake Schools: Melinda Clemens, high school culinary teacher and AFS advisor, shared our four foreign exchange students (Aurora, Norway - Tsvetomir, Bulgaria - Alice, Italy - Jaak, Germany). Ander Stifle, an ELG student, will study in Norway for the school year. Mrs. Clemens also announced that her Culinary I and III classes will partner with Chesters for a sandwich making contest. Each lab group will create a sandwich that could be part of the Chester's Challenge from September 29 - October 6. Stop at Chester's during this time to try each sandwich and vote.

NEW BUSINESS

NEWMA Excellence Award for Community Partnership: The industry 4.0 collaboration (featuring Sargento, Amerequip, Masters Gallery Foods, Krier Foods, Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah, Kiel, Oostburg and Random Lake High Schools) was recognized by the North East Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance as the 2024 Community Partnership award winner.

Mr. Faris discussed the proposal from three classes to attend ***out-of-state events***:

- Art | French | Spanish: Chicago Art Museum and French Market (May 9, 2025)
- Band: San Antonio, TX (March 28 - April 1, 2025)
- FFA: National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN (October 23 - 26, 2024)

Mr. Vanderkin made a motion to allow planning for the out-of-state trips by the groups mentioned. Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

Mrs. Gebert made a motion to approve the following ***resignation*** as presented and to thank the staff member for their service to the District:

- School Psychologist: Lauren Liska

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

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

- Educational Assistant (50% → 100%): Erica Theel
- School Psychologist: Jon Brittanyak
- 50% National Honor Society Advisor: Nik Yasko
- 50% National Honor Society Advisor: Julie Hausner
- Assistant Track & Field Coach: Elizabeth Hill
- Girls Assistant Soccer Coach: Josh Fogarty

Mrs. Rudnick 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 purchasing property.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved into closed session at approximately 6:55pm. The entire Board as well as Dr. Engelbretson and Mrs. Groh-Bardon was present.

Mr. Vanderkin made a motion to move back into open session at approximately 7:25pm. Mrs. Rudnick seconded the motion. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

No action taken on closed session discussion.

Mrs. Gebert made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:27pm. Mrs. Tegen seconded the motion. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hassinger
Secretary of the Meeting