

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
ELKHART LAKE-GLENBEULAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
OCTOBER 27, 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, October 27, 2025.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

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

Also in attendance were:

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| ➤ Ryan Faris | ➤ Keith Isken |
| ➤ Chris Petrie | ➤ Nicole Fuselier (virtually) |
| ➤ Jolene Giffey | ➤ Sarah Hall |

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

Mrs. Spatz offered a motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2025, Board meeting. Mrs. Tegen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

As of September 1, 2025 -

Cash balance on 9/1/25	\$5,738,560.27
September receipts	\$ 250,339.51
Interest received	\$ 20,111.71
September disbursements	<u>\$ 529,717.74</u>
Cash balance on 9/30/25	\$5,479,293.75

Cash balance on 9/1/25 comprised of:

Local Government Investment Pool account #1 (general)	\$5,093,655.42
Account #2 (technology)	\$ 255,654.68
Account #3 (HVAC)	\$ 62,487.73
General fund checking account	<u>\$ 67,495.92</u>
Total	\$5,479,293.75

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

Dr. Englebretson presented the year-to-date status of revenues and expenses in each of the accounts.

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

- Balderama Family: \$1,725 – Cross Country
- Classes of the 1950's: \$816.20 – Band
- Dennis Fiedler: \$1,500 – Boys Basketball
- ElkhartCares: \$190.56 – Kindergarten
- ElkhartCares: \$179.80 – High School English
- Elkhart Lake Fire Department: \$200 – Band
- Jim DeVries: \$200 – High School Student Shirts
- Kohl Family Foundation: \$5,000 – Kohl Fitness Center (equipment)
- Ron Richison: \$50 – Softball

Mrs. Spatz 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: Lynn Lisowe sent a thank you note for the memorial wind chime sent for the loss of her mother.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Celebrate Elkhart Lake Schools: New teachers to the District, Jolene Giffey and Nicole Fuselier (joined virtually), shared how their first few weeks of school have gone and their first impressions of the District.

Mr. Faris and Mr. Petrie presented the ACT / Forward Review data for the last several years and action plans moving forward. District report cards will be shared in November.

Mr. Petrie's grades 5-8 activities report included an update on academic resource time and IXL learning based on diagnostic assessments in Math and ELA. Fall parent-teacher conferences were well attended. Middle school student government planned and organized activities for Homecoming Week. Mr. Petrie shared the students who are "leading the Resorter Way" by being kind, responsible and respectful for the month of September. Middle School cross country finished a positive season and girls basketball kicked off the week of September 29, with their first game on October 14. Red Ribbon Week will promote drug, alcohol and violence prevention through education and awareness.

Mr. Faris shared, in his grades 9-12 activities report, that he continues to visit classrooms, observe teachers and meet with them to give feedback. PLC's continue to plan activities for the school year and to use this data to drive decision making processes and focus on student success, achievement and needs. The school focus PLC created the first quarter incentive of a pizza party for all students with no referrals, no unexcused absences and 2 or fewer tardies.

NEW BUSINESS

School Board Committees: School Board Finance Committee chair, Mr. Stecker, shared the Finance Committee charter that was created since the last full Board meeting.

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).

Third Friday Student Counts, taken on September 19, were reviewed. Counts are up again this year - both resident and open enrolled students.

Keith Isken from Jos. Schmitt Construction presented the **facility bid process**. He reviewed the number of bids received for each package and the total amount of the lowest bid received. He discussed the next steps and timelines for upcoming steps. Mrs. Rudnick made a motion to accept the bids as presented. Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

The Board will also need to determine who is authorized to accept bids and changes if they occur. According to Jos. Schmitt, approval can be appointed either to a group, or single person, to accept changes and streamline the process when decisions need to be made. Mrs. Gebert made a motion to allow the Building & Grounds committee to approve bids or changes as necessary. Mrs. Rudnick seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Adoption of the 2025 - 2026 school budget: Due to the release dates of DPI information, we now know our final budget numbers and can allocate money to the different funds based on past usage and balances and predictions for the upcoming year. The money allocated in the different funds for the year was reviewed. Mr. Kraus made a motion to approve the school budget for the 2025 - 2026 school year. Mrs. Tegen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Adoption of the 2025-2026 School Tax Levy: Revenue Limit Worksheets for 2025-2026 were shared. There was discussion on how student enrollment, property values, referendums, and the revenue limit determine the tax levy for the district. Mr. Kraus made a motion to approve the school tax levy of \$9,566,177 for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Stecker seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Board attendance at the State Education Convention (January 21-23) in Milwaukee was discussed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mrs. Spatz made a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:53pm. Mrs. Rudnick seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hassinger
Secretary of the Meeting