

Elba Public School Board
May 13, 2024
Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Terry Spilinek. The next board meeting will be June 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. President Spilinek stated that the meeting was in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act as posted in the room. Publication of the meeting was read by Ryan Rasmussen. Roll call of members present: Terry Spilinek, Robyn Rasmussen, Travis Fredrick, Brittany Christensen, Ryan Rasmussen. Others present included: Superintendent Allison Pritchard, Principal Michael Collett and members of the public.

Motion by Ryan Rasmussen, seconded by Fredrick to excuse the following board member: Jim Thompson. Yes – Robyn Rasmussen, Spilinek, Fredrick, Christensen, Ryan Rasmussen. No – 0. Motion carried 5 – 0.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Motion by Robyn Rasmussen, seconded by Ryan Rasmussen to approve the agenda as prepared. Yes – Christensen, Robyn Rasmussen, Ryan Rasmussen, Spilinek, Fredrick. No – 0. Motion carried 5 – 0.

The board heard a celebration of excellence for Mrs. Moore and Ms. Pritchard who completed a special education file review with the Nebraska Department of Education with no corrections on any special education multi-step paperwork. It was also noted all federal and state deadlines were met on each step of the Individualized Education paperwork. Out of 30 schools, Elba was the only school with no corrections. Mrs. Spilinek completed the Aurora Co-op grant application and received \$400 for FFA jackets for the 2024-2025 school year. Our school also received a \$500 grant from United Way to support the “Keep our students warm” project. The new elementary math curriculum has raised by 32% from the beginning to the end of the year diagnostic scores. High School and Junior High art students traveled to view the Goldenrod Conference Art Show. Many students submitted art work and those who placed were: Klaira Rasmussen (3rd), Jazlyn Encinger (2nd, 3rd), Ayva Gregoski (2nd), Remington Weddle (Honorable Mention). Junior High and High School track seasons have come to a close. We had an exciting season and are already looking forward to next year.

Public comments were heard.

The AD, Superintendent and Principal reports were given. Board committee reports were also given. Jim Thompson arrived at 7:13 p.m.

Motion by Ryan Rasmussen, seconded by Thompson to approve items on the consent agenda including Minutes from the regular meeting held April 8, the Monthly Financial report and Payment of the Bills including payroll in the amount of \$261,956.38. Yes – Spilinek,

Fredrick, Ryan Rasmussen, Thompson, Robyn Rasmussen, Christensen. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

The Board received information on the following discussion items: Climate/Culture Survey, Financial Update, Back to School Bash Date, Employee Insurance, Substitute pay, Special Education process, Assistant Cheerleading coach, Contracts, Resignations, Transfer from General to Lunch Fund, LB 71 Legislation, English Language Arts Curriculum, Facilities Update, NASB Superintendent search.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Ryan Rasmussen to approve the Elementary English Language Arts Curriculum K-5 CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts) in the amount of \$30,225.52. Yes – Christensen, Thompson, Fredrick, Spilinek, Robyn Rasmussen, Ryan Rasmussen. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Fredrick to approve to offer single health and single dental insurance for all 10-month employees. Yes – Fredrick, Spilinek, Robyn Rasmussen, Christensen, Ryan Rasmussen, Thompson. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Ryan Rasmussen, seconded by Thompson to approve the sixth-grade teacher Janet Akorli's contract for the 2024-2025 school year. Yes – Ryan Rasmussen, Thompson, Robyn Rasmussen, Fredrick, Christensen, Spilinek. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Robyn Rasmussen, seconded by Fredrick to approve the agriculture teacher Kent Adelung's contract for the 2024-2025 school year. Yes – Christensen, Ryan Rasmussen, Robyn Rasmussen, Spilinek, Thompson, Fredrick. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Ryan Rasmussen to approve the K-12 Counselor Jason Folkers' contract for the 2024-2025 school year. Yes – Robyn Rasmussen, Spilinek, Christensen, Ryan Rasmussen, Thompson, Fredrick. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Ryan Rasmussen, seconded by Fredrick to approve the PK-12 Counselor Tessa Reiman's resignation effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Yes – Spilinek, Christensen, Fredrick, Thompson, Ryan Rasmussen, Robyn Rasmussen. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Christensen to approve Business teacher Donna Wratten's resignation effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Yes – Thompson, Christensen, Fredrick, Ryan Rasmussen, Robyn Rasmussen, Spilinek. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Fredrick to approve the resignation of Allison Pritchard, PK-6 Principal/PK-12 Superintendent effective June 30, 2024. Yes – Christensen, Fredrick, Spilinek, Robyn Rasmussen. No – Thompson, Ryan Rasmussen. Motion carried 4 - 2.

Motion by Ryan Rasmussen, seconded by Thompson to approve transferring \$34,000 from the general fund to the lunch fund for the walk-in cooler and freezer. Yes – Robyn Rasmussen, Christensen, Fredrick, Ryan Rasmussen, Thompson, Spilinek. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Ryan Rasmussen, seconded by Thompson to approve hiring NASB search services to hire a superintendent. Yes – Fredrick, Spilinek, Robyn Rasmussen, Thompson, Ryan Rasmussen, Christensen. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Christensen to adjourn. Yes – Fredrick, Spilinek, Robyn Rasmussen, Ryan Rasmussen, Thompson, Christensen. No – 0. Motion carried 6 - 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Robyn Rasmussen
Board Secretary