

**ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School Library
Ellsworth, Minnesota
Monday, October 21, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and roll call.
2. Approve meeting agenda.
3. Student Council
4. EPTO Report
5. Consent Agenda Consider/Approve
 - 5.1 Minutes of the regular board meeting on September 16, 2024.
 - 5.2 Student Activity Fund
 - 5.3 Treasurer's Report
 - 5.4 Donations:
6. Administrative Reports
 - 6.1 Principal
 - a. Student Count
 - b.
 - c.
 - 6.2 Superintendent
 - a. 2024 School Board News - 9/17/24 - 10/1/24
7. Action Items:
 - 7.1 Consider/approve monthly bills
 - 7.2 MN State High School League Resolution Form A
 - 7.3 Set a date to canvass election results - suggestion - November 8 at 7:30 am?
 - 7.4
 - 7.5
 - 7.6
 - 7.7
 - 7.8 Personnel
 - a.
 - b.

8. Buildings & Grounds:

- a.
- b.

9. Adjournment

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The regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ryan Heikes at 6:00 p.m. A roll call revealed all members present except Lindsay Jenniges. The Board of Education opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff present: Bill Strom, Amy Labat, Darcey Groen, Rachel Kramer, Allie Geerdes, Sara Leuthold, & Connie Buntjer.

Visitors: None

A motion was made by Buntjer and seconded by Llefda to approve the meeting agenda with one addition. Motion carried.

Rachel Kramer presented these items for Student Council: Homecoming week, mental health speaker, & pink out day.

Lisa Lynn presented these items for EPTO: Father-daughter dance, Christmas movie, bingo meal & shirt sales.

Connie Buntjer presented information on purchasing a used warmer for the kitchen. A motion was made by Harms and seconded by Lynn to purchase the warmer for \$900 for the kitchen. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Lynn to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- Minutes of the regular school board meeting on August 19, 2024
- Student Activity Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Donations: \$1,250 from Peter Marsh Foundation - music grant, \$200 from Zion Presbyterian Women's group for the Panther Store

Motion carried.

Ms. Labat's report included: student count, open house went well, and updated the board on the new staff.

Mr. Strom's report included: first day of school & staff workshop, project updates from a meeting with Apex, asbestos results, grants, & levy information.

Darcey Groen presented the bills with two additions. A motion was made by Harms and seconded by Buntjer to approve the bills as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The following voted in favor: Heikes, Lefdal, Buntjer, & Harms. The following voted against: None. Lisa Lynn abstained from the vote. Lindsay Jenniges was absent. Motion carried.

The board discussed the December school board meeting date since it falls on the same night as a music concert. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Harms to hold the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing on December 16 at 6:00 pm and have the regular school board meeting on December 17 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented a Tax Abatement request from Brandon & Felicia Feeken. A motion was made by Harms and seconded by Lynn to deny the tax abatement request. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented the proposed 2024 levy for taxes payable in 2025 as the maximum for approval. A motion was made by Buntjer and seconded by Lefdal to approve the proposed 2024 levy for taxes payable in 2025 as the maximum levy. Motion carried.

Ms. Labat presented a gym rental request submitted by Brenda Fenton for October 12 for the Holiday Craft Show. A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Buntjer to approve the request submitted by Brenda Fenton. Motion carried.

Ms. Labat presented information on an International Trip for the summer of 2026. A motion was made by Buntjer and seconded by Harms to approve the international trip for 2026. Motion carried.

Rachel Kramer presented concerns on the sound system and the need for more microphones.

September is School Board Appreciation Month. Ms. Labat shared her appreciation for everything that the board does for the school.

There being no further business Chairperson Ryan Heikes called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Harms to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellsworth District 514 School Board Clerk