

**ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**School Library**

**Ellsworth, Minnesota**

**Monday, May 20, 2024**

**6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and roll call.

2. Approve meeting agenda.

3. Student Council

4. Lori Romans - Work Based Learning

5. Consent Agenda Consider/Approve

4.1 Minutes of regular board meeting on April 15, 2024.

4.2 Student Activity Fund

4.3 Treasurer's Report

4.4 Donations: \$1,000 from Community Club for Scoreboard, \$110 from Cliff's Auto Body for music shirts, \$25 from Jack Harms for music shirts, \$2,500 from Nobles Cooperative Electric for Sound System, \$250 from Community Club for Pizza party/teacher appreciation week.

4.5 First & Second reading of policies

**Second Reading** of these policies: 211 (Criminal or civil action against school district, school board member, employee, or student), 207 (Public hearings), 209 (Code of ethics), 210 (Conflict of interest - school board members), 205 (Open meetings and closed meetings), 206 (Public participation in school board meetings/complaints about persons at school considerations), 208 (Development, adoption, and implementation of policies), & 212 (School board member development)

**First Reading** of these policies: 301 (School District Administration), 303 (Superintendent Selection), 304 (Superintendent Contract, duties and evaluation), 305 (Policy Implementation), 306 (Administration code of ethics), 213 (School Board committees), 302 (Superintendent), & 621 (Literacy and the Read Act)

6. EPTO Report

7. Administrative Reports

7.1 Principal

a. Student Count

b. Continuing Contracts

c. Graduation

d. Summer School starting August 5

e. Unofficial MCA results

- f. Field Trips
- g. End of the year events

7.2 Superintendent

- a. Lyon County Riverboat grant - \$3,000
- b. Softball Shed
- c. Preliminary FY25 Budget
- d. Industrial Arts & Ag position posted separately
- e. Teacher Licensing Tiers explanation
- f. Building Updates - Craig Gaul

8. Action Items:

- 8.1 Consider/approve monthly bills
- 8.2 Certify the canvassed results of the Special Election held on May 14, 2024
- 8.3 Consider/approve Tax Abatement request - Travis Jenniges
- 8.4 Resolution for membership in the MSHSL
- 8.5 Approve amended Superintendent contract for Bill Strom

8.6 Personnel

- a. Contract - Meghan Mollberg
- b. Acknowledge the non-renewal of Tier 1 contracts

9. Buildings & Grounds:

- a.
- b.

10. 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. The Board of Education opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff present: Amy Labat, Robert Routh, Darcey Groen, Jenni Gaul & Nathaniel Warwick.

Visitors: Logan Bossert & Kiara Lewis

A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Lynn to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Logan Bossert updated the board on the Student Council. They have sold shirts for brain cancer awareness with the proceeds going to the Ganun family, and they will be assisting with a 5th grade transition day on May 3.

A motion was made by Buntjer and seconded by Harms to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- Minutes of the regular school board meeting on March 18, 2024
- Student Activity Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Donations: \$3,000 from Security Savings Bank for the scoreboards, \$2,000 from the Ellsworth Community Club for a charter bus trip, \$1,000 from Pepsi for scoreboards
- Second reading on these policies: 201 (Legal status of the school board), 202 (School Board officers), 203 (Operation of the school board - governing rules), 203.1 (School Board procedures; rules of order), 203.2 (Order of the regular school board meeting), 203.5 (School Board meeting agenda), 204 (School Board meeting minutes)
- First reading on these policies: 211 (Criminal or civil action against school district, school board member, employee, or student), 207 (Public hearings), 209 (Code of ethics), 210 (Conflict of interest - school board members), 205 (Open meetings and closed meetings), 206 (Public participation in school board meetings/complaints about persons at school considerations), 208 (Development, adoption, and implementation of policies), & 212 (School board member development). Motion carried.

Lisa Lynn presented the following information from EPTO: gave pizza for staff appreciation, next meeting will be May 1 at 6:30 pm.

Ms. Labat's report included information on student count, Grandparents Day was held - sponsored by EPTO, music contests, parent-teacher conferences held on March 27, high school students attended a Twins game, preschool screening was done, upcoming field trips, concerts,

prom, Italy trip May 25-June 2, MCA testing has begun, offered a position to a Math teacher, hired a new elementary teacher, & summer preschool program.

Mr. Routh's report included information on meet & confer, budget information, community building project meeting, & legislative update.

Darcey Groen presented the bills. A motion was made by Buntjer and seconded by Lefdal to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Ms. Labat presented the second reading of the 2024-2025 school calendar. A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Harms to approve the second reading of the 2024-2025 school calendar. Motion carried.

Mr. Heikes opened the bids for mowing of the football field, A motion was made by Buntjer and seconded by Lynn to accept the bid submitted by Chris Tiesler for \$100/acre. Motion carried.

Mr. Routh presented a contract with Schomaker's Cleaning Service for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion was made by Buntjer and seconded by Harms to approve the cleaning contract with Schomaker's for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Mr. Routh presented a Memorandum of Understanding for Teachers Rights and dues, Article V Section 3 & 4. A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Lynn to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Routh suggested setting a date and time to canvass election results from the May 14 Special Election. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Buntjer to set the meeting for May 20 at 5:55 pm. This will be held before the regular school board meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Routh presented these items for buildings & grounds: Tuckpointing needs, and grass has been planted by the daycare area.

There being no further business Chairperson Ryan Heikes called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Buntjer to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ellsworth District 514 School Board Clerk