

**ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School Library
Ellsworth, Minnesota
Monday, August 19, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and roll call.
2. Approve meeting agenda.
3. Rob Krukoski - Review/approval of roof bids and review of HVAC project
4. Student Council
5. Consent Agenda Consider/Approve
 - 5.1 Minutes of regular board meeting on July 15, 2024.
 - 5.2 Student Activity Fund
 - 5.3 Treasurer's Report
 - 5.4 Donations: \$1,000 from Allstate Foundation
 - 5.5 Policies: 413 (Harassment & Violence), 506 (Student Discipline), 722 (Public Data and Data Subject Requests), and 806 (Crisis Management Policy)
6. Administrative Reports
 - 6.1 Principal
 - a. Student Count
 - b.
 - c.
 - 6.2 Superintendent
 - a.
 - b.
7. Action Items:
 - 7.1 Consider/approve monthly bills
 - 7.2 Bids for dairy products
 - 7.3 Website Renewal
 - 7.4 Notice of General Election
 - 7.5 Set date for Truth in Taxation
 - 7.6 Policy 620 (Credit for Learning)
 - 7.7 Policy 524 (Internet, Technology, and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety Policy)

7.8 Personnel

- a. Art Contract - Allie Geerdes
- b. Para Contract - Kammi VanderZiel

8. Buildings & Grounds:

- a.
- b.
- c.

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

Staff present: Bill Strom, Amy Labat, Darcey Groen, Rachel Kramer, Hanna Walters, Jenni Gaul, Andrea Gaul & Craig Gaul

Visitors: Michael Hart & Greta Pudas with PMA

A motion was made by Buntjer and seconded by Jenniges to approve the meeting agenda as presented with two additions. Motion carried.

Michael & Steve with PMA presented information on the bond sale process. They informed us that the building bond was sold to TD Security from New York City at an interest rate of 3.5825%. The total principal and interest for the loan is \$253,900 less than expected. This results in a reduction in the district annual loan payment by \$14,100. This lowers the tax impact for property owners. Michael presented a Resolution Ratifying Sale of General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 204A. A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Buntjer to approve the Resolution Ratifying Sale of General Obligation School Building Bonds. A roll call vote was taken. The following voted in favor: Heikes, Buntjer, Lefdal, Lynn, Jenniges & Harms. The following voted against: None. Motion carried.

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

- Minutes of the regular school board meeting on June 17, 2024
- Student Activity Report
- Treasurer's Report

Motion carried.

Ms. Labat welcomed Mr. Bill Strom. Ms. Labat's report included: student count, staffing update, gave an update on the trip to Italy, information on a future international trip in 2026, weighted grades for PSEO classes, summer school will be held August 5-16, and presented a school informational brochure that can be given to new families and others.

Mr. Strom's report included: school board election on November 5, interviews were held for Math & Agriculture positions, Principal's contract has been settled, upcoming school district audit, budget information for FY24, VPK funding, roof gutter repairs and activity fees.

Darcey Groen presented the bills with two additions. A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Harms to approve the bills as presented along with the two additions. Motion carried.

Mr. Heikes opened the bids for propane for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion was made by Buntjer and seconded by Lynn to accept the bid submitted by Popkes Car Care. Motion carried.

Mr. Heikes opened the bids for fuel oil for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion was made by Buntjer and seconded by Lefdal to accept the bid submitted by Dierks Oil. Motion carried.

Mr. Heikes opened the bids for dairy products for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion was made by Harms and seconded by Lefdal to table the bids for dairy products until the August meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented a list of activity fees and admission prices for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Jenniges to approve the list of activity fees and admission prices for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented a contract with Principal Amy Labat for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Harms to approve the contract with Principal Amy Labat for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Ms. Labat presented a contract with Seth Afriyie as an Agricultural Instructor for the 2024-2025 school year and a contract with Bright Britwum as a Math Instructor for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Jenniges to approve the contracts as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented the following items for buildings and grounds: roof gutter repair, scissors lift, and cages for the new scoreboards.

A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Harms to declare the old scoreboards as surplus property. Motion carried.

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 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellsworth District 514 School Board Clerk