

**ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
School Library  
Ellsworth, Minnesota  
Monday, November 21, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and roll call.
2. Approve meeting agenda.
3. Approval of minutes of the regular school board meeting on October 17, 2022 and the minutes of the special school board meeting on November 15, 2022.
4. Review of student activity fund
5. Audit Report
6. EPTO Report
7. Administrative Reports
  - 6.1 Principal
    - a. Student Count
    - b. Conferences
    - c. Library Book Fair
    - d. World's Best Workforce & Achievement & Integration
    - e. A+ Driving School
  - 6.2 Superintendent
    - a.
    - b.
8. Financial Reports
  - 7.1 Cash Flow/Budget Report
  - 7.2 Levy Review
9. Action Items:
  - 8.1 Consider/approve monthly bills
  - 8.2 Consider/approve phones for classrooms
  - 8.3 Handbook updates
  - 8.4 Consider/approve changing the dates of the January & February regular board meetings as they fall on holidays.
  - 8.5 January 25 - 2:00 dismissal

8.6 Personnel

- a. Contracts
- b. Resignation

8.7 Donations

- a. \$2,000 from Luverne Optimist for basketballs for Elem. Program

10. Buildings & Grounds:

- a. Fire Doors
- b. Boilers

11. Adjournment

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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
School Library  
Ellsworth, Minnesota  
Monday, October 17, 2022**

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

Staff present: Amy Labat, Dave Ackerman, Darcey Groen, Kathy Hawes, Ben Henning, & Leah Deutsch.

Visitors: Colette Smythe, Tonya Zitzloff, Chad Schultz, Sandy Sanders & Gene Sanders representing the City of Ellsworth and Greg Baufield with Northland Securities.

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

A motion was made by Buntjer and seconded by Lynn to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 19, 2022 with one change. Motion carried.

Greg Baufield with Northland Securities presented information about potential sources of funding for future mechanical projects including heating system report or replacement. Mr. Baufield presented tax levy comparison data from neighboring districts as well as Minnesota districts that are comparable in enrollment size to Ellsworth. Extensive discussion took place concerning the future of the district, future enrollment, potential mechanical/heating projects after the presentation. No decisions or actions were taken.

The Board of Education reviewed the Student Activity Fund.

Ms. Labat's report included information on student count, homecoming, PSEO classes and recognized Claire Popkes & Gabe Wiebrand as the homecoming queen & king.

Mr. Ackerman's report included information on bus repairs & athletic uniforms.

Darcey Groen presented the Treasurer's Report and monthly budget information. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Buntjer to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Buntjer and seconded by Lefdal to approve the bills as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The following voted in favor: Heikes, Buntjer, Lynn, Jenniges & Lefdal. The following voted against: None. Becca Dreesen abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Ackerman along with Judy Huisman have looked through the older athletic uniforms and suggest that the board declare them surplus property and sell the older athletic uniforms. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Jenniges to declare the uniforms surplus property. Motion carried.

Mr. Ackerman suggested setting a date to canvass election results following the November 8 election. A motion was made by Dreesen and seconded by Lefdal to canvass election results on Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 am. Motion carried.

Ms. Labat presented a resolution for the MSHSL Foundation grant. A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Buntjer to approve the resolution for the MSHSL Foundation grant. Motion carried.

Mr. Ackerman presented a donation from the Ellsworth Community Club for a pizza party. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Buntjer to accept the donation. Motion carried.

Mr. Ackerman presented information on a wall in an upstairs classroom & tree trimming.

There being no further business Chairperson Ryan Heikes called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Dreesen and seconded by Lefdal to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ellsworth District 514 School Board Clerk

**ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL  
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
School Library  
Ellsworth, Minnesota  
Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

The special school board meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Dustin Lefdal at 7:00 a.m. A roll call revealed all members present except Ryan Heikes & Lindsay Jenniges. The purpose of this meeting was to canvass the results of the November 8, 2022 general election.

**RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS  
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION**

The following resolution was moved by Rebecca Dreesen.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 514, as follows:

1. Be it here found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 8, 2022, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 619 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of three school board members for four year term vacancies on the board caused by the expiration of term on the first Monday of January next following the general election as follows:

Jennifer Harms	263 votes
Ryan Heikes	312 votes
Lindsay Jenniges	302 votes
3. Jennifer Harms, Ryan Heikes & Lindsay Jenniges, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four year terms beginning the first Monday in January, 2023.
4. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Lisa Lynn, and upon a vote taken thereon the resolution carried.

A discussion took place regarding updating the HVAC system and options to fund the system.

A motion was made by Dreesen and seconded by Lynn to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ellsworth District 514 School Board Clerk