

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of Elwood Public Schools is to provide a safe environment that fosters continuous learning and prepares students for an evolving global society.

**Governing Values**

We Believe:

1. All students can learn and are given the opportunity to reach their full potential.
2. Our school provides a positive, challenging and safe environment that promotes 21st century skills.
3. Community, family and school support is vital to student success. Everyone should be treated with dignity and respect.

**March Agenda 2026**

A. Meeting called order by Shutts at \_\_\_\_\_

Members present \_\_\_\_\_

Members absent \_\_\_\_\_

Motion to excuse absence of board member \_\_\_\_\_

B. Public Comment

C. Consent agenda

C.1. Minutes of Last regular meeting; minutes of LB 399 meeting

C.2. General Financial Report

C.3. Activity Financial Report

D. Monthly bills submitted- General Fund, Activity Fund, Nutrition Fund, Special Building Fund, Depreciation Fund

E. Presentation to the Board; Jami Garey (PreK 2026-27); Speech Team Presentation

F. Reports

F.1. Administrator Reports

F.2. Board Committee Reports

F.3. Other Reports

G. Items

G.1. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve 2026-27 teaching contract for Kennedy Brell (5th grade).

G.2. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve gym floor refinishing quote.

G.3. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve garage opener quote to be used at new bus barn.

G.4. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve Time Management Systems (TMS). Streamlines figuring payroll, pairs with Software Unlimited.

G.5. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve amendment to Superintendent Hatch's contract. Salary increase (4.04%).

G.6. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve salary of Principal Mr. Ryan Jones (4.25%)

G.7. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to Special Ed Director (Kassie Schuett) salary increase (4.36%). Hybrid contract outside of negotiated agreement.

G.8. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve salary increase of Transportation Director (Dennis Seberger 4.25%). Hybrid contract outside of Negotiated Agreement

G.9. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve salary increase for Speech Language Pathologist (Bailey Irwin) 4.54%. Contract outside of Negotiated Agreement.

G.10. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve Classified Staff raises (4.24%). No new dollars, at this time, due to reduction of paras.

G.11. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve Wilkins ADP bill. Project planning, plans and bid documents. (Special Building \$27,047.26)

G.12. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve carpet quote. 3 Rooms total. (2 rooms to ALICAP and 1 room depreciation--Mr. Loontjer).

H. Next regular meeting Monday, April 13th, 7:30 pm @ Elwood School Library  
Coop Committee meeting Monday, March 16th, 7:00 pm @ Elwood School Library  
Special Board Meeting on March \_\_\_\_\_ ?????? @ \_\_\_\_\_ ??????? in school library.

I. Board ideas for next meeting.

J. Adjournment

### **Opening Statement**

This meeting of the Board of Education of Elwood Public Schools is convened in open and public session on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:30 PM in the Elwood Public School library. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by publication in the Valley Voice and posted in at least 3 public locations. The Board of Education makes available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. The Act is posted on top of the bookshelf on the south wall of the meeting room.

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## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK: This is the portion of the meeting when members of the public may speak to the board about matters of public concern.

- **Getting Started:** When you have been recognized, please stand and state your name.
- **Time Limit:** The board will generally allow a total of 15 minutes for the presentation of all public comments. Individuals may speak only one time and must limit comments to around 5 minutes. If there are more than 3 individuals who wish to address the board, the 15 minutes will be divided equally among the number of speakers. These time limits may be changed by a majority vote of the board members in attendance to extend the time for a specific item or speaker.
- **Personnel or Student Topic:** If you are planning to speak about a personnel or student matter involving an individual, please understand that the district has a complaint policy and/or procedures to resolve such concerns. The Board requests that you follow the policy and procedures before addressing these matters with the Board. Board members will generally not respond to questions or comments about individual staff members or students.
- **General Rules:** This is a public meeting for the conduct of business. Comments from the audience while others are speaking will not be tolerated. Lewd, obscene, profane, slanderous, threatening, hostile conduct or statements, and fighting words (words whose mere utterance entails a call to violence) will not be tolerated.
- **No Action by the Board:** The board will not act on any matter unless it is on the published agenda.