

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education of Elwood Public School

A meeting of the Board of Education of Elwood Public School was convened in open and public session on Monday, June 8, 2026 in the school library at the Elwood Public School, 502 First Avenue, Elwood, Nebraska. The roll was called and the following members were present or absent:

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in accordance with the Board approved method for printing notice of meetings in the Cambridge Clarion (Valley Voice). Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A. Call to order

Motion was made by Jeff Moore seconded by Kristy Diefenbaugh to approve absences of Ryan Shutts. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huysler: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

B. Public Comment

C. Consent agenda

C.1. Minutes of Last regular meeting

C.2. General Financial Report

C.3. Activity Financial Report

D. Monthly bills submitted- General Fund \$342,638.06, Activity Fund \$20,390.54 Nutrition Fund \$1,514.94, Special Building Fund \$4,348.01 Depreciation Fund \$8,891.10

Motion was made by Mark Weissert seconded by Kristy Diefenbaugh to approve the monthly bills submitted: General Fund \$342,638.06, Activity Fund \$20,390.54 Nutrition Fund \$1,514.94, Special Building Fund \$4,348.01 Depreciation Fund \$8,891.10. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huysler: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion was made by Jeff Moore seconded by Daron Huysler to approve the Consent Agenda which includes minutes of last meeting; general financial report and activity financial report. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huysler: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

E. Presentation to the Board

F. Reports

F.1. Administrator Reports

F.2. Board Committee Reports

F.3. Other Reports

G. Items

G.1. Open Hearing

Student Fees Policy. (#5045)

i. Review of the amount of money collected from students

pursuant to, and the use of waivers provided in, the student fee policies of the District for the 2025-2026 school year.

ii. Hold Public Hearing to discuss, consider, and receive input on a proposed Student Fee Policy. The public will be given the opportunity to present information and opinions on a proposed Student Fee Policy.

Public comment:

iii. Discuss, consider, and take action to either alter the Student Fees Policy and then adopt the policy as altered, or to reaffirm the Student Fee Policy.

Close Hearing

Motion was made by Bryant Knoerzer seconded by Jeff Moore to amend #7 Post secondary to \$300 per course and update #12, breakfast and lunch prices. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

G.2. **Open Hearing**

Revision of Parental and Guardian Involvement in Education Policy. (#5018)

i. Hold Public Hearing to discuss, consider, and receive input on the Parental and Guardian Involvement in Education Policy. The public will be given the opportunity to present information and opinions on a proposed Parental and Guardian Involvement in Education Policy.

Public Comment:

ii. Discuss consider and take action to either alter the Parental and Guardian Involvement in Education Policy and then adopt the policy as altered, or to reaffirm the Parental and Guardian Involvement in Education Policy.

Close Hearing

Motion was made by Jeff Moore seconded by Kristy Diefenbaugh to affirm Policy #5018 Parental and Guardian Involvement in Education Policy. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

G.3. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to alter/ammend or affirm Policy #50454 Student Bullying.

Motion was made by Mark Weissert seconded by Daron Huyser to affirm Policy #5054 Student Bullying. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

G.4. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to revise policies:

- a. 2008 Meetings
- b. 3003 Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair or Site Improvement
- c. 3003.1 Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair or Related Projects Financed with Federal Funds
- d. 3004.1 Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement using Federal Funds
- e. 3048 Communicable Disease
- f. 4017 Relations with Employee Collective Bargaining Association
- g. 4019 Workplace Injury Prevention and Safety Committee
- h. 4056 Resignation of Certificated Staff--*review, recommendation to stay with current.*
- i. *5001 Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism*
- j. *5003 Admission of Part Time Students*
- k. *5004 Option Enrollment*
- l. *5035 Student Discipline*
- m. *5048 Emergency Response to Life Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis)*
- n. *6009 Grade Placement and Academic Credits of Transfer Students*
- o. *6038 Student Use of AI Tools*
- p. *3004 General Purchasing and Procurement*

Motion was made by Kristy Diefenbaugh seconded by Mark Weissert to revise policies as recommended and presented - all policies except 4056, 5003 5004 and 3004. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion was made by Jeff Moore seconded by Kristy Diefenbaugh For subsidiary motions. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion was made by Jeff Moore seconded by Kristy Diefenbaugh Motion to leave policy 4056 as is. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion was made by Daron Huyser seconded by Jeff Moore Motion to alter policy 5003, item #3 to 5 hours. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion was made by Mark Weissert seconded by Jeff Moore Motion to alter policy 5004 with option B-1. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion was made by Kristy Diefenbaugh seconded by Daron Huyser Motion to alter policy 3004, item 4F to \$15,000. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

G.5. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve new policies (No requirement for two readings).

a. 3061 ACH Originator Policy

b. 4065 Staff Use of AI Tools

c. 6046 Right to Access School Library Materials

Motion was made by Daron Huyser seconded by Mark Weissert to approve new policies (waiving the second reading). After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

G.6. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to **RESOLUTION ON SCHOOL DISTRICT STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF OPTION ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS.**

Motion was made by Kristy Diefenbaugh seconded by Jeff Moore to approve Resolution on District Standards for Accepting or Rejecting Option Enrollment Applicants as is. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

G.7. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve Wilkins ADP Invoice \$1,133.44 (Special Building).

Motion was made by Jeff Moore seconded by Mark Weissert to approve Wilkins ADP bill from Special Building Fund. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

G.8. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve Spanish Curriculum for 2026-2027 (Depreciation).

Motion was made by Kristy Diefenbaugh seconded by Jeff Moore to approve purchase of Spanish Curriculum (Depreciation) print and digital. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

G.9. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the proposed change order for South Entry flooring. Options to include concrete/polished concrete or LVT (Luxury Vinyl Tile). (Special Building).

Motion was made by Jeff Moore seconded by Daron Huyser to approve change order and to proceed with pouring new concrete and polishing concrete and not laying the Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT). After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

G.10. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve removing the curb directly south of the south entry and repouring to meet ADA Compliance/Accessibility. \$2,800.60 (Special Building).

Motion was made by Mark Weissert seconded by Kristy Diefenbaugh to remove the curb south of HS Doors and pour back to ADA Compliance. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

G.11. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve oven purchase from Buller Fixture (Cash-Wa) (Depreciation).

Motion was made by Mark Weissert seconded by Daron Huyser to approve purchase of new oven (Vulcan) for kitchen from Buller Fixture (Cash-Wa). Out of Depreciation. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

H. Next regular meeting July 13, 2026, School Library @ 7:30 pm

Motion was made by Jeff Moore seconded by Mark Weissert to adjourn at 8:53. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Absent, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I. Board ideas for next meeting.

J. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Diefenbaugh, Recording Secretary
Gosper County District 37-0030
a/k/a Elwood Public School