Elba Public School Board

October 9, 2023

Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Terry Spilinek. The next board meeting will be November 13, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. President Spilinek stated that the meeting was in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act as posted in the room and Thompson read the publication of the meeting. Roll call of members present: Terry Spilinek, Robyn Rasmussen, Jim Thompson, Brittany Christensen, Ryan Rasmussen. Others present included: Superintendent Allison Pritchard, Principal Michael Collett and members of the public.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Christensen to excuse Travis Fredrick. Yes – Robyn Rasmussen, Spilinek, Thompson, Christensen, Ryan Rasmussen. No – 0. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Ryan Rasmussen to approve the agenda as prepared. Yes – Christensen, Ryan Rasmussen, Robyn Rasmussen, Thompson, Spilinek. No – 0. Motion carried 5 – 0.

The board heard a celebration of excellence for the Junior High boys who have been working hard in football practice and are very optimistic about the future. Coach Simmerman wanted to let the board know that the High School football boys surprised him and thanked him for always being there for them. He stated that he will always be there and wants nothing but the best for them. The football team played three JV games this season. Trevon was the leading receiver and Blake was the leading tackler. The 4-6 grades on a field trip to Lincoln and received compliments on their behavior from the guide at the State Capitol. The High School volleyball team continues to improve. Last week Maycee was an all-area leader in aces per set and this week Klaira was a leader in aces per set. The Junior High volleyball team has been working hard and improving. They have won several games, including winning 1st place at the Trinity Lutheran tournament. On September 20th the HAL students traveled to Ashfall Fossil Beds. Thank you to Mike Hoff for driving and being a sponsor.

No public comments were heard.

The AD, Superintendent and Principal reports were given. Board committee reports were also given. Travis Fredrick arrived at 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Ryan Rasmussen, seconded by Thompson to approve items on the consent agenda including Minutes from the Budget Meeting held on September 27 and the regular meeting held September 11, the Monthly Financial report and Payment of the Bills including payroll in the amount of $258,184.81. Yes – Spilinek, Fredrick, Ryan Rasmussen, Thompson, Robyn Rasmussen, Christensen. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

The Board received information on the following discussion items: Lunch Seconds, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Varsity Football Seasons, Special Education Policies, Transfer $7,500 from the General Fund to the Lunch Fund, Net Option Enrollment, FFA Out-of-State Travel, and Resignations.

Motion by Ryan Rasmussen, seconded by Fredrick to table the approval of the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Varsity football seasons. Yes –Christensen, Thompson, Fredrick, Spilinek, Robyn Rasmussen, Ryan Rasmussen. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Thompson to approve policies 612.12 Personnel Qualifications, 612.13 Confidentiality of Personally Identifiable Information, 612.14 Suspension and Expulsion Rates, 612.15 Access to Instructional Materials, 612.16 Over-Identification and Disproportionality, 612.17 Prohibition on Mandatory Medication. Yes – Fredrick, Spilinek, Robyn Rasmussen, Christensen, Ryan Rasmussen, Thompson. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Christensen to approve the transfer of $7,500 from the General Fund to the Lunch Fund. Yes – Ryan Rasmussen, Thompson, Fredrick, Robyn Rasmussen, Spilinek, Christensen. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Ryan Rasmussen, seconded by Thompson to approve the National FFA trip out-of-state travel from Elba, Nebraska to Indianapolis, Indiana from November 1, 2023 thru November 4, 2023. Yes – Robyn Rasmussen, Thompson, Fredrick, Ryan Rasmussen, Christensen, Spilinek. Motion carried 6 - 0.

Motion by Christensen with regrets, seconded by Fredrick to approve Mrs. Melissa Donscheski’s, art teacher, resignation at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Yes – Christensen, Spilinek, Fredrick, Robyn Rasmussen, Ryan Rasmussen, Thompson. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by Ryan Rasmussen, seconded by Fredrick to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Yes – Spilinek, Thompson, Ryan Rasmussen, Christensen, Fredrick, Robyn Rasmussen. No – 0. Motion carried 6 – 0. President Spilinek declared the board in Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. With not action being taken, President Spilinek declared the board out of Executive Session at 9:23 p.m.

Motion by Robyn Rasmussen, seconded by Fredrick to approve the resignation of Ms. Sarah Koch, Elementary Special Education teacher, as of September 18, 2023. Yes – 0. No – Spilinek, Christensen, Robyn Rasmussen, Fredrick, Thompson, Ryan Rasmussen. Motion not carried 0 – 6.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Christensen to adjourn. Yes –Robyn Rasmussen, Spilinek, Fredrick, Ryan Rasmussen, Thompson, Christensen. No – 0. Motion carried 6 - 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Robyn Rasmussen

Board Secretary