

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah was called to order by the president at 5:31 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2016.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Jim Henschel, Andy Martin, Keith Ruh, Scott Heinig, Mike Meeusen, Joel Schuler, and District Administrator Dr. Ann Buechel Haack. Ms. Viglietti arrived at 5:33 p.m.

Also in attendance at the meeting were Debbie Hammann, Ryan Faris, Beth Roehl, Chris Littig, Nik Yasko, John Ostermann, Diane Schwaller, Rodney Schroeter, Aryka Klemme, Shynaia Higgins, and Andrew Sitko.

Mr. Ruh offered a motion to approve the modification of the agenda as the official order of business. Mr. Schuler seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

Mr. Heinig offered a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2016, regular school board meeting and closed session minutes. Mr. Ruh seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

The treasurer's report and voucher review were presented showing the cash balance of \$1,013,304.61 on October 1, 2016. October receipts totaled \$53,965.44, interest received of \$286.29. October disbursements totaled \$554,525.34, leaving the cash balance on October 31, 2016, of \$513,031.00. The \$513,031.00 is comprised of \$100,500.71 in Local Government Investment Pool account #1 (general), \$155,484.79 in account #2 (technology), \$150,395.00 in account #3 (HVAC), and a general fund checking account balance of \$106,650.50. Mr. Heinig offered a motion to approve the monthly financial report and voucher review. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Mrs. Groh-Bardon reviewed the estimated cash flow for the month of October. It was noted that revenues were more than estimated due to the proceeds from the furniture sale and the claiming of the Rural Schools Grant. The end cash balance is close to what was estimated.

Under donation recognition and acceptance, Dr. Buechel Haack noted the following:

Joanne (Depping) Howe – ELG Middle School DC Trip	\$500
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Mr. Schuler offered a motion to accept the above-mentioned donation and thanked the donor for her generosity and support. Mr. Heinig seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

There was no guest correspondence.

Student council representative Aryka Klemme reported that members opened up doors at the Town of Rhine hall for Election Day. It was also noted that an \$80 donation was made to the American Cancer Society.

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Andrew Sitko gave an overview of his Boy Scout Eagle Project. Compost tumblers were built at the high school for the purpose of composting waste from the school and reducing the school's footprint. Fertilizer produced can be used by the school or donated to community gardens. The school will continue to use and sustain the compost tumblers.

Mrs. Roehl and Shynaia Higgins presented the FCCLA "ELG Distinguished Alumni Award" recognition proposal. The award is an opportunity to recognize alumni (at least 10 years out) who have made a significant contribution in their chosen field or professional services and have made contributions to society. A selection committee will be determined for the selection of recipient(s). Recipient(s) will be recognized at the Homecoming parade and pep rally and included in a display at the high school. Discussion occurred. Mr. Schuler made a motion to accept and implement the ELG Distinguished Alumni Award. Ms. Viglietti seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Diane Schwaller reported on the Day Care Program. The day care is in its 14<sup>th</sup> year. It was noted that one contributing factor of the success of the program is the flexibility of the day care. There is a total of 85 students and 14 of these students are in the pre-school program.

Mr. Ostermann presented information on the Fab Lab Grant Application for approval. ELGS is going to attempt to get funding to add to equipment in our technology education area at the high school and in the Makerspace room at the elementary/middle school. The Bench Mill 6000 CNC Milling Center would be installed at the high school and the Trotec Speedy 300 Laser Engraver would be installed at the elementary/middle school. The CNC Milling Center is part of the working industry now and would help to provide students with the skills that are needed to run the equipment. The Laser Engraver is a mobile unit where creativity can be used to make things. Both of these pieces of equipment would enhance the curriculum and make the school district more competitive. Discussion occurred. Mr. Meeusen made a motion to apply for the Fab Lab Application. Mr. Ruh seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Under Second Reading of Addition to Policies 5460 Graduation Requirements and 5464 Early Graduation, Dr. Buechel Haack noted that we currently have these requirements. Mr. Ruh offered a motion to accept these policy revisions. Ms. Viglietti seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Under Discussion/Approval of Possible Date Change of April 17, 2017, Board Meeting, Dr. Buechel Haack noted that April 17<sup>th</sup> is Spring Break and suggested April 10<sup>th</sup> as an alternate date. Ms. Viglietti made a motion to move the April 17, 2017, Board Meeting to April 10, 2017. Mr. Schuler seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Dr. Buechel Haack gave an overview of the School District Report Cards. It was noted that report cards were not issued last year and calculations are different than past years. Overall, the District as a whole "Exceeds Expectations." The Elementary/Middle School

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“Significantly Exceeds Expectations,” and the High School received the rating of “Meets Expectations.” While we are proud of the rating the District received, the report cards reflect limited information, such as a “snapshot” of student achievement on state-required testing during a specific time period, and not all that happens in our District each day.

Mrs. Hammann reported on JK-8 activities including a successful Veteran’s Day Program, honors band, math meet, peace poster contest, ornament design contest, adopt-a-grandparent at Rocky Knoll, and parent/teacher conferences. It was noted that there was a 98% parent involvement in conferences. Upcoming events include JK cookie/bead making, field trips, and winter concerts.

Mr. Faris reported on high school activities including a successful Veteran’s Day Program and luncheon, the Halloween Pops concert, the fall play, Donkey basketball, parent/teacher conferences, the creative writing seminar, and students were recognized for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter athletic/academic success. It was also noted that two ELGS students participated in the state swim meet, and winter sports have started. Upcoming events include the Thanksgiving luncheon and the Holiday Renaissance dinner show.

Under Administrative Team Goals Update, Dr. Buechel Haack noted that school has applied for the Teach Grant. The district is exploring enhancing marketing/communication through branding and updating of the school’s website. Fundraising efforts have started for the inclusive playground with hopes of the equipment being purchased by the end of the year and installed in spring.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Ms. Viglietti offered a motion to move into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) to Consider Performance Evaluation of the District Administrator. Mr. Ruh seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Henschel-yes, Martin-yes, Ruh-yes, Viglietti-yes, Heinig-yes, Meeusen-yes, Schuler-yes. Motion carried 7 ayes.

Return to open session at 8:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Schuler offered a motion to adjourn. Mr. Heinig seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Groh-Bardon  
Secretary of the Meeting