Elkton School District #34
October 13, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Randi Smith, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb, Doug Byle, Rob Roloson, Brian Hiatt

Staff Members Present: Andy Boe, Edwina Miller, Brian Kruse, Melissa Whitley

Board meeting is called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Candy Weatherly.

Acceptance of Agenda

Student Report

6th Grade Students Charlotte Humphries and Alex Hayes accompanied by Ms. Kellee Garcia

- Dividing decimals
- Math is separated into two time slots separated by library or geography
- Science – fecal transplants to cure bacteria
- Space Station in Maker's Hub with Ms. Billings at high school along with computer quizzing, language arts support
- Geography
- Review of Mixed Class – minute timings, fun activities
- ELA – Currently reading "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry." The story is about a family who is struggling having friends, going to school, and being bullied because they are black. We complete questions about the chapters.
- Attended Outdoor School – Camp Hancock
    - Lots of hikes – favorite was the night hike.
        - Found a lot of scorpions
    - Found fossils while on a waterfall hike with imprinted leaves on rocks and animal fossils in walks
    - Long walk and we studied the layers of the rock
    - Plant identification – plants used to treat sicknesses and berries used for flour
    - Learning how to survive – Addladdle – spear. Practiced how to make a fire. Made bracelets and anklets out of dried grass
    - The food was really good.
    - Favorite was the survival group – we had a tarp and two ropes. We had to find a place in the field to camp. We built a wall, beds, a room, placed the tarp and tied it to trees. Another team built an oval using tumble weeds to make a wall. It was fun to create a shelter.
    - We had an hour of cabin/rec time. You got to rest, be quiet, stay in our own bunks, read a book, we had our own personal time for an hour. After quiet time we could play football, volleyball, lots of games we could play and they had a library to visit, too.

- Mr. Boe asked, "what is the favorite thing you enjoy in PE this year"?
    - …. Volleyball at the beginning because the boys didn't know how to play. Right now, we're playing football and that's a lot of fun too.
    - Rob Roloson said you guys mentioned measuring eggs what are you going to do with the crocodiles when they hatch?
        - Girls – I don't know actually.
    - We built these hotels that can go into space. We also made little backpacks using little boxes, straps, and functional lids. We're working on – two syringes, one filled with air, a tube at the end connecting the two syringes – and allows for water cooling in a space suit.
    - Charlotte Humphries shared – the house event was a lot of fun and making the hats was the best one.
    - Middle school volleyball last game is tomorrow.

Superintendent Report – Mr. Andy Boe

- FFA Alumni dinner and auction netted right at $22,000 and that is average. We generally run between 18 and 23. Great turnout and appreciate everyone coming and contributing. We had rave reviews on the dinner this year. We raised a lot of money for scholarships.
- Added administrative framework for review.
- Indicators are strong in Oregon that we will see significant funding declines. Lottery money has dropped off significantly. We will watch closely. I put some dollar figures in the email. $327 million from the feds is what we are looking at losing in Oregon. The other situation is HB1 reducing taxes federally and we will see reduced taxes in the state. A lot of us were here in 2008 when reductions happen and we have to do the best we can. Hopefully we will keep moving forward. I have more data, and I can show you the economic forecast. The one that comes out middle of November is the indicator we will pin our hats on. If it's poor again we will make adjustments.
- Test data came out. We have statistical anomalies. We are addressing some issues. I'm on the committee for accountability framework. We will begin formative standardized assessments where we measure kids' success and growth. That report is mandated by law to be reported to the board, parents and back to ODE. We already do that measure, and we have good success. We don't have math measurement right now. When the law passed and things were moving there were more dollars available to support it. Now the dollars are not there to support it. We are going to continue the work with reading and with math. We are holding serve with our neighbors which are not good. The summative data also includes the high percentage of kids who opt out. The new formative assessment there is no opt out option because its content based.
- Homecoming is over. It's a crazy, busy week. Thanks to Edwina and Melissa we had a great barbecue. It was a great Big Red Riot, and it was a very good participation.
    - Edwina Miller stated I would like to give a shoutout to Alana and Ruifen. Andy and Rob barbecued, and Craig helped with everything and Doug was there to help. Everyone gave so much help. It was awesome.
- ADM funding – What we are starting to see trend wise in our district is a reduction in the amount of students. We didn't open our doors to new students. We budgeted at 229/230 for estimated membership. We will go in and revise, so we are not collecting money on 230 students. There will be a $250,000 reduction in funds. As we move into this time with less money via taxes. Once we see our floor we can build back. I think we feel stable at 206. One

reason we control the number is those students generally cost us dollars to support. Where we will not claim more money, we are not spending that money to support. Now some other districts may struggle as other districts financially struggle. Now we are in this dip/loop I would anticipate seeing some increase in students. Our trend, if you look back to 2008, this is how it has worked. This is a stable number for the people we have. Now SIA and general fund dollars that may go away, everyone is going to hurt.

    - Edwina Miller shared - We have never put people in grant funding as much as possible we try not to because it's not sustainable. We try not to put too many personnel in grants because you don't know if that money will be there. That was the big thing with ESSER. A lot of districts hired a lot of people with ESSER monies and then had to lay off a lot of people. We used ESSER toward air quality, etc, and very minimal for people. When we do put people in there, we make sure we have other funding streams.

  We are building at the preschool level and bringing in students who want to engage in the academic upper level, honor, and academy classes.
- Administrative Framework Review – I developed an outline of the administrative framework. It is not an exhausted list but just a quick idea and includes where the funding comes from. (please see Administrative Framework for details)
    - Candy Weatherly – There was a Facebook post Elma Winterbotham has passed away. Elma and Jerry were very supportive of our community.
    - Andy Boe shared that there was concern about the plaque that is on the equipment shed in the football field. A new plaque was made by Braden Groth. Hopefully it will be up before our last home game.

Review of Principal Report included in board packet. Mr. Tupou is not present.

Motion is made to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion is made by Doug Byle and seconded by Randi Smith. The motion carries 5:0 with yes votes by Roger Holcomb, Candy Weatherly, Brian Hiatt, Doug Byle and Rob Roloson.

Buildings and Maintenance – Mr. Brian Kruse

- The State is doing ADA and Building Collections. They are looking at how much we spend on capital improvements each year, providing data to see where they need to put money toward facilities. Their goal is to give us a 20-year schedule of possible work/improvements that will need to be done. A balance of money to go into something or build new. I think the long term is to find a revenue stream to take care of some of these projects. The facilities condition is to see where everyone is at in the state. They want to do these assessments every 5 years. They've hired a firm and will be out in November and will give us a report back.
- The other project we are working on is the seismic project. We interviewed 2 terms and chose ZCS Engineering to be our engineer of choice. They did all of the submittals for us for the seismic project. We will need a motion to accept them as our engineering firm.

A motion made by Randi Smith to approve ZCS Engineering to act as our architect firm for the seismic project. The motion is seconded by Roger Holcomb.

- Doug Byle asks what's the cost?

- Edwina Miller states that it's roughly $20,000. It's a percentage. The grant ends in 2027 and everything is predicated on the grant. They would be the engineering/architect/project manager.
    - Brian Hiatt shares that the company I work for is a direct competitor of ZCS. Do I need to abstain?
    - Andy Boe states that if your company has not tried to bid on it then no, you do not have to abstain.
- Andy Boe shares that we've used ZCS in the past on a previous seismic grant proposal and submittal. They submitted and went through the process. They will be in meetings, provide drawings, all that kind of stuff.
- Doug Boe states that you said you were going to look for someone you liked?
- Andy Boe stated yes. We went through the process and through the interview this is the decision.
- Rob Rolson stated you already read and went through the process and our role is to just approve the decision you made?
- Andy Boe stated, yes. We can provide you the scoring sheets if you would like to see them. The next step is to create a community committee.

The motion was made and seconded to accept ZCS Engineering. The Motion carries 5:0:1 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb, Brian Hiatt, and Rob Roloson while Doug Byle abstained.

- The city is working on a water line project, and we are working with Gary Trout of the city to find a way to run the water line without disturbing our property so much. I have met with David House who represents the church who owns the house on the hill to find a way to bring a water line in-between the two properties that would allow a multi-use path and water line that can easily be accessed. We're hoping for a path that provides less damage to our asphalt.
- Transportation is going good.

Policy

A motion is made to accept the second read of policies JFCEB and JFCED-AR. The motion is seconded by Randi Smith and the motion carries 6:0 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb, Brian Hiatt, Rob Roloson and Doug Byle.

First Read of Policies Listed Below

BHD – Board Member Stipends and Reimbursements, Optional
BCF – Advisory Committees to the Board, Optional
CEA – Educational Equity Advisory Committee, Optional, *New*
DBEA – Budget Committee, Version 1, Highly Recommended
DBEA – Budget Committee, Version 2, Highly Recommended
GCBD/GDBD – Sick Leave - Personal Illness and Injury Leave *, Optional
GCBDE/GDBDE – Military Leave of Absence, Optional
IF – District Curriculum, Optional
IF – Curriculum Development (Version 2), Delete
IGBAB/JO-AR – Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities, Required
IIA – Instructional Materials**, Highly Recommended

IIA-AR(1) - Instructional Materials, Optional
IIA-AR(2) - Reconsideration of Core Instructional Materials, Optional
IIA-AR(3) - Reconsideration of Supplemental Instructional Materials, Optional
IIA-AR(4) - Reconsideration of Library Materials in a School or Classroom Library, Optional
IIA-AR(5) - Request for Reconsideration of Instructional or Library Materials Form, Optional
IIA-AR(6) - Independent Adoption of Core Instructional Materials, Optional
IKF - Graduation Requirements**, Conditionally Required
JHCA – Immunization, School Sports Participation, Concussions and Other Brain Injuries, Optional**
JHCA/JHCB – Immunization and School Sports Participation**, HR, *removal of double coding on policy*
JO/IGBAB-AR – Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities, Required
JOA – Directory Information**, Required
LBEA – Denial for Virtual Public Charter School Student Enrollment**, Conditionally

Personnel

A motion is made by Randi Smith and seconded by Brian Hiatt to hire Noah Miller as the High School Head Coach for Boys Basketball and to hire J.B. Whipple as Middle School boys Head Coach. The motion passes 6:0 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb, Brian Hiatt, Rob Roloson and Doug Byle.

Financial/District Reports – Mrs. Edwina Miller

- There are a lot of unknowns. We need to budget wisely and be cautious with the money. We do act carefully with our school funds. There will always be adjustments.
- Review of the accounting long sheet.
- Review of the resolution 26-1.

A motion is made to approve Resolution 26-1 as presented. The motion is made by Roger Holcomb and seconded by Randi Smith. The motion carries 6:0 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb, Brian Hiatt, Rob Roloson and Doug Byle.

Review of coming events

Next meeting is November 10, 2025

Meeting is adjourned at 8:58 p.m.