Elkton School District #34
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2025

Board Members Present: Cheryl Flick, Doug Byle, Brian Hiatt, Roger Holcomb, Candy Weatherly, Randi Smith, Rob Roloson (7:13)

Staff present: Andy Boe, Sam Tupou (7:13), Edwina Miller, Brian Kruse, Melissa Whitley

Student Reports

Darwin Hudson – ASB High School Update

- House meetings last week where houses designed and performed skits, demonstrating our various virtues. It went very well and I think the kids had fun putting it together.
- We are preparing holiday decorations, Christmas dinner and all of you are invited to that.
- Cove tournament went well. Both boys and girls teams attended. Boys won one and they were all difficult with good teams. We learned a lot and had fun.

FFA Nationals Update – Darwin Hudson

- Fundraised a good amount toward the trip with a variety of activities.
- Nationals team traveled to Nashville and Louisville. We practiced in various forests and saw some great sights
- General proficiency exam and then team activity allows us to show that we can follow directions and keep to time constraints as well as general knowledge.
- Our team finished 7th in the Nation "Gold" team which is the highest any school from Oregon has ever scored. Katelynn Kruse was 1st place in the nation for Timber Cruising. It's a really big deal.
- Over 75,000 attendees and great sessions. Also had career and internship opportunities
    - Students who attended were Moshe Byle, Darwin Hudson, Katelynn Kruse, Jasmine Parsons and alternates were Ariel Parsons and Skyler Firestone
- Mr. Groth expressed his extreme gratitude to the Elkton FFA Alumni for their incredible support and the community and alumni support of the annual banquet and auction. The alumni supports students to attend the FFA WLC every other year. It is such a great support.

Grade School Update – Andy Boe

- House events have been fun and exciting
- Winter concert is this Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m., in the grade school gymnasium.
- The reading intervention K-5 continues with one on one and small group instruction with Yvonne Owings. We are seeing good individual growth.

Superintendent Report – Andy Boe

- The financial forecast from the state will allow us to begin the budget process. I spent time at a conference with people who are supposed to know the outlook and they do not know.
- The tournament in Cove was a great opportunity for our kids. We toured the EOU campus, went to a museum in Boardman, and had a great time. These are good opportunities.
- Our volleyball and football teams both advanced to state playoffs. We are proud of all of our athletes. They showed growth and perseverance.
- The funding from the Biden era that sustained a counseling program and mental health support in our schools for both students and families has sunsetted. We currently do not have a counselor in our buildings but plan to advertise for a half time counselor in January. You will see that posted.
- We have three (3) mentors from the ESD who are coming to our buildings to help support the fight on absenteeism. Some student support will come from the three mentors meeting with students who have been identified as having chronic absenteeism or who are on the cusp. At the high school level, most of these students are identified through SST meetings identifying students who seem to be at risk. We are hoping to have good results through this program.
- There seems to be an increase in state level reporting and work that is required on my end. Accountability mandates will keep this pattern.
- I attended the law conference in Eugene two days last week and it is always filled with beneficial take aways.
- Mr. Boe presented the Student Investment Account Grant Agreement for the 2025-2027 school years. A detailed overview of the Student Success Act and what type of programs and supports are afforded through the Student Investment Account is over viewed. The SIA Grant Agreement 2025-2027 can be found on our school website. Should anyone like further information or has any questions please contact Mr. Boe or Edwina Miller and we are happy to answer any questions or provide further detail.
- I am working with a partner at the ESD who specializes in marketing around strategies to attract students to our advanced placement and expanded options programs at the high school level. You will see some of that rolling out using our Live Feed and Facebook page after the new year. Our goal is to attract 10 (ten) students who are interested in attending Elkton High School to take advantage of these strong programs we are offering.
- In the fall we will present a calendar option for the 2027-2028 school year reflecting a reduction in instructional day length. This will require a longer school year calendar. It will be something to discuss in the fall.

Principal Report – Sam Tupou

- I attended the Glide vs. Elkton middle school boys basketball game this evening. Our B team lost and our A team won.
- We are continuing our work toward addressing chronic absenteeism and tardiness through letters and our mentor visiting in house.
- The ASB is working on winter holiday celebrations including locker decorating, hallway decorating and the annual traditional holiday lunch of which you are all invited to attend.

A motion is made by Roger Holcomb to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion is seconded by Doug Byle. The motion carries 7:0 with yes votes by Cheryl Flick, Rob Roloson, Doug Byle, Brian Hiatt, Roger Holcomb, Candy Weatherly and Randi Smith.

Buildings and Maintenance – Brian Kruse

- Seismic grant work continues with hazardous material inspections and the like. We are working with ZCS on re-applying aiming toward award for work to be done on our main building. That is due in January and we are hoping for a May award.
- The high school gym floor will be refinished over winter break. We are going to use a water finish rather than an oil finish. The floor is nearing the end of its life and is well over 70 years old.
- Busses are working well and we will do general servicing over winter break.

Policy

A motion is made to accept the second reading of policy JFFF/GBNAA and GBNAA/JHFF Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students and Reporting Requirements. The motion is made by Doug Byle and seconded by Randi Smith. The motion carries 7:0 with yes votes by Cheryl Flick, Rob Roloson, Doug Byle, Brian Hiatt, Roger Holcomb, Candy Weatherly and Randi Smith.

Financial/District Reports – Edwina Miller

- The auditor will be present at the January meeting. The electronic copy of the audit will be sent to the board. We had no findings and it has been submitted to the ODE.
- Long sheets will show that all is status quo. The submitted updated ADM will prove a $300,000.00 reduction in payments due to a lower ADM. No financial adjustments from the lower payments will hurt our students.
- You will note the $12,500 in ESD flow through funds.
- Tax revenue is coming in.
- We are waiting for the state forecast so we can begin budgeting.

Good of the Order

Mr. Boe states that there was rumor around the football team expending all of their money in their budget. We wanted to reassure you that fundraising accounting sheets are circulated in each months board packets and you will see that there are funds in their student body account. They also have funds available in their general fund budgeted amount for the football program. They also did some fundraising through the Elkton Booster's Club for the football program and some funds still exist there. If you have any questions surrounding program funding please let us know.

Donations and grants will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Winter Concert is this Wednesday, 12/10, 6:30 p.m. in the grade school gymnasium. Winter dinner is next Thursday, 12/18, at 12:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. There is a home high school basketball game vs. Lowell tomorrow 5:30 and 7:00.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:01 p.m.