

Board Meeting Agenda

Meeting Minutes

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81414134523>

4/14/2021 06:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The Elma School District #68 Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 via Zoom Meetings. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson Bernadette Bower at 6:01pm.

2. Flag Salute

Board Chairperson Bower led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bernadette Bower, Ryan Cristelli, and Stephanie Smith. Jamie Bailey attended the meeting via Zoom, but did not participate.

Motion made by Ryan Cristelli to excuse Jody Thompson and Jamie Bailey from tonight's meeting, second by Stephanie Smith. Motion passed unanimously. Motion carries.

STAFF PRESENT: Kevin Acuff, Eric Smith, Erin Walker, Jessica Burgher, Deanne Woita, Emily Bucy, Denise Boling, Jeff Monroe, Julie Crawford, Kari Eaton, Kim Weld, Laura Nelson, Lisa Arnold, Liz Farrar, Marilyn Curl, Mary Roberts, Michelle Hill, Rich Rasanen, Stacey Rockey, Sunshine Perry, Mark Keating, Suzanne Thietje, Wendy Beldin, Misti Shapansky, Laura Arnold, and Kendis Goldsmith.

GUESTS: Jenni Osburn & Jeff Lambert.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Letters

i. Kim Acuff - Retirement Letter

The following letter was read:

Dear Elma School Board Members:

I am writing to share with you that I will be retiring at the end of this school year and therefore resigning my position of School Psychologist, effective June 16, 2021.

It is not an exaggeration to say that I care deeply for our students and families and the work I have been privileged to do these past 12 years. It is difficult to leave; I catch myself as I make notes about what a student will need next year – or in later years as they edge towards transition. Some of the families I work with have been a part of my life for many years and I pray that the next person embraces their care.

Additionally, I will miss working with the best of colleagues and in a community where kids are truly valued. This has not only been my career, but truly the best of opportunities to live a full and meaningful life.

If not for the inescapable fact that I am in fact much older than I often remember – I would not have made this surprisingly difficult decision. The facts are, however, that this is now the time to be with family and engage in some new adventures. I am leaving this position with great affection for the Elma School District and the community. I very much appreciate the work that you do and wish you all blessings as you move forward in the support of students, families, and staff.

Sincerely,

Kim Acuff

ii. Shawnie Rakevich - Retirement Letter

The following letter was read by Kendis Goldsmith:

Dear Mark, Greg, and Kevin,

I will be resigning from my position as a first grade teacher at the end of the school year. My separation date will be August 31, 2021. My retirement date will be September 1, 2021.

I want to thank you for the opportunity I was given to teach at Elma Elementary. I truly have enjoyed working with the staff and students over the years.

*Sincerely,
Shawnie Rakevich*

iii. Susan Vento - Retirement Letter

The following letter was read by Superintendent Kevin Acuff:

Caleb Bogar and the Elma School District:

Dear Caleb, Heidi, all drivers,

I would like to inform you that per circumstances beyond my control I have retired effective April 1, 2021.

I have truly enjoyed working for the Elma School District and I sincerely appreciate the support provided to me during my 22 years as part of the district.

While I look forward to enjoying my retirement, I will greatly miss being a part of the team and the district. I trust that the friendships I have developed here will last well into the future. Spending as much time as I did with people that are so dedicated to the kids, safety and their transport to and from school, activities and sports. I have many years of memories and met and worked alongside wonderful people.

It's been a very tumultuous past 18 months for us all and although this isn't the way I planned for my future, life had a different plan for me.

Strangely enough I will miss being called bus driver

*Namaste,
Susan Vento*

b. Business

- i. Donation of \$3,570.00 from Invested for Digital Equity
- ii. *CTE Surplus - Tables & Camera Equipment

c. Personnel

- i. Hires
- ii. Retirements
- iii. Leave Requests
- iv. Resignations

d. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for March 24, 2021

e. Approval of Vouchers

- i. GF Vouchers: #159485 - #159513 Totaling: \$104,722.05
- ii. GF Voucher: #159514 Totaling: \$455.77
- iii. ASB Vouchers: #159481 - #159483 Totaling: \$2,429.09
- iv. Payroll Vouchers: #159447 - #159475 Totaling \$1,802,103.02
- v. ASB Voucher: #159484 Totaling \$16.20

Motion made by Ryan Cristelli, second by Stephanie Smith to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

5. Communications and Comments

- a. ETO
- b. EESP
- c. ECOPA
- d. Admin
- e. Persons to be Heard
- f. Good News

Superintendent Kevin Acuff shared that Grays Harbor County has not had any spikes in cases, unlike some other counties in our state. Our numbers remain below 100/100,000.

6. Reports

a. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Acuff reported that he received an email that student assessments will be delayed until the fall of 2021. He does not have a lot of details about it yet. He also shared that Chris Nesmith, the new superintendent for the 21-22 school year, will be in the district all of next week. He also informed the Board that there will be an audit exit interview on next Tuesday at 2:00pm and would like a Board member to attend. He also reminded the Board that there is a facilities committee meeting on Friday.

b. Student Representative Report

Superintendent Kevin Acuff read the following report from Ella Moore:

Kindergarten Registration- Friday April 23rd from 9:00am-12:00 and 1:00pm-3:00 in the transportation building

The elementary staff is working very hard to leave the hybrid model and safely bring back all of the students four days a week!

7. Work Study

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a. Approval of EESP MOU for Bus Driver Wage - 4.21 - 6.21

Superintendent Acuff explained that this was an MOU that was negotiated that bus drivers will receive their bus driver wages for all of the duties that have been assigned to them from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Motion made by Stephanie Smith, second by Ryan Cristelli. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

Board Member Smith thanked the bus drivers and Caleb for being a backbone to the district and stepping up to keep us all going.

b. Approval of 20-21 Non-represented Classified Employees Raise

Motion made by Stephanie Smith to table the approval of 20-21 Non-represented Classified Employees Raise, second by Ryan Cristelli. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

c. Discussion and Approval of Policy 6600 - Transportation - 1st Reading

Superintendent Acuff explained that the main change is that if a student that has an infant, the infant will have transportation with the appropriate child seat.

Motion made by Ryan Cristelli, second by Stephanie Smith. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

d. Approval of Superintendent Contract for 2021-2024 - Chris Nesmith

Motion made by Stephanie Smith, second by Ryan Cristelli. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

10. Future Agenda Items

Curriculum Adoption Policy
Health Curriculum 6-12 Adoption
ELA Adoption Committee
Anti-Racism Committee
Equestrian Team/Club Status
Student Representative

Superintendent Acuff reviewed the future agenda items. It was decided that the health curriculum 6-12 adoption should be changed to K-5 adoption for next year. It was also discussed that the Board is still in need of a current junior high school student to be the student representative for next year.

11. Executive Session

The meeting entered Executive Session at 6:30pm for RCW 42.30.110(g) for personnel and RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) for negotiations for 15 minutes with no action to be taken. At 6:45pm, an additional 15 minutes was announced. At 7:00pm, an additional 15 minutes was announced. At 7:15pm, an additional 10 minutes was announced. At 7:25pm, an additional 10 minutes was announced. At 7:35pm, an additional 10 minutes were announced. The meeting reentered the regular meeting at 7:45pm.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Board Chairperson

Board Secretary

*Additions to Agenda