

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education of Elwood Public School

A meeting of the Board of Education of Elwood Public School was convened in open and public session on Monday, July 13, 2026 in the school library at the Elwood Public School, 502 First Avenue, Elwood, Nebraska. The roll was called and the following members were present or absent:

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in accordance with the Board approved method for printing notice of meetings in the Cambridge Clarion (Valley Voice). Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A. Call to order

Opening Statement

This meeting of the Board of Education of Elwood Public Schools is convened in open and public session on Monday, July 13th, 2025 at 7:30 pm in the Elwood Public School library. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by publication in the Valley Voice newspaper and posted in at least 3 public locations. The Board of Education makes available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. The Act is posted on top of the bookshelf on the south wall of the meeting room.

B. Public Comment:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK: This is the portion of the meeting when members of the public may speak to the board about matters of public concern.

- **Getting Started:** When you have been recognized, please stand and state your name.

C.

- **Time Limit:** The board will generally allow a total of 15 minutes for the presentation of all public comments. Individuals may speak only one time, and must limit comments to around 5 minutes. If there are more than 3 individuals who wish to address the board, the 15 minutes will be divided equally between the number of speakers. These time limits may be changed by a majority vote of the board members in attendance to extend the time for a specific item or speaker.

D.

- **Personnel or Student Topic:** If you are planning to speak about a personnel or a student matter involving an individual, please understand that the district has a complaint policy and/or procedures to resolve such complaints and concerns. The Board requests that you follow the policy and procedures before addressing these matters with the Board. Board members will generally not respond to any questions you ask or comments about individual staff members or students.

E.

- **General Rules:** This is a public meeting for the conduct of business. Comments from the audience while others are speaking will not be tolerated. Lewd, obscene, profane, slanderous, threatening and hostile conduct or statements and fighting words (words whose mere utterance entails a call to violence) will not be tolerated.

F.

- **No Action by the Board:** The board will not act on any matter unless it is on the published agenda.

G. Consent agenda

G.1. Minutes of Last regular meeting

G.2. General Financial Report

G.3. Activity Financial Report

Motion was made by Bryant Knoerzer seconded by Jeff Moore motion to pass Consent Agenda. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Yea, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

H. Monthly bills submitted- General Fund \$345,254.70, Activity Fund \$6,674.19 Nutrition Fund \$563.61, Special Building Fund \$477,955.93, Depreciation Fund \$10,369.82

Motion was made by Bryant Knoerzer seconded by Jeff Moore approve the monthly bills submitted:. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Yea, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

I. Presentation to the Board

J. Reports

J.1. Administrator Reports

J.2. Board Committee Reports

J.3. Other Reports

K. Items

K.1. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve 2026-2027 Bulls Activity Handbook.

Motion was made by Daron Huyser seconded by Kristy Diefenbaugh to approve 2026-2027 Student Handbooks. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Yea, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

K.2. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve 2026-2027 Activity Passes as follows:

K-6 Students \$30 (\$0)

Single Adult \$65 (\$0)

Single Adult with children \$80 (\$0)

2 Adults \$95 (\$0)

Family \$105 (\$0)

Senior Citizens--Free

Gate Price Adults \$6 Students \$6 (\$0)

NO PASSES for INVITES (Track/Wrestling)

Motion was made by Jeff Moore seconded by Bryant Knoerzer to approve Activity Pass prices as presented. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Yea, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

- K.3. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to renew Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association membership. (\$850)

Motion was made by Jeff Moore seconded by Mark Weissert to renew Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association membership (\$850). After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Yea, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion was made by Jeff Moore seconded by Bryant Knoerzer Motion to renew NRCSA membership. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Yea, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

- K.4. Triennial review of Policy #5052 School Wellness

Motion was made by Jeff Moore seconded by Bryant Knoerzer to affirm review of Policy #5052 School Wellness. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Yea, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

- K.5. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve 2026-27 Hi-Line Coaches Handbook.

Motion was made by Jeff Moore seconded by Bryant Knoerzer Motion to approve 2026-27 Hi Line Coaches Handbook. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Yea, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

- L. Next regular meeting August 10, 2026 7:30 pm School Library.

Budget Workshop August ?????

Hi-Line Coop meeting July 27th @ 7 pm Eustis.

Motion was made by Daron Huyser seconded by Jeff Moore Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. After discussion and on roll call, The Board voted as follows:

The motion: Carried

Kristy Diefenbaugh: Yea, Daron Huyser: Yea, Bryant Knoerzer: Yea, Jeff Moore: Yea, Ryan Shutts: Yea, Mark Weissert: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

- M. Board ideas for next meeting.

N. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Diefenbaugh, Recording Secretary
Gosper County District 37-0030
a/k/a Elwood Public School