

**ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELK TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY 08028**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS AND AGENDA
ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 2, 2024
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AURA SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER – 7:00 PM**

**Updated information will have an asterisk in front of it*

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order – 7:00 P.M.

As President of the Elk Township Board of Education, I hereby certify that all provisions of the “Open Public Meeting Law”, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 have been met. Notice of this meeting was mailed to “The South Jersey Times” and “The Sentinel” as well as the Municipal Clerk of Elk Township.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Our Mission

We strive to educate students and assist them in realizing their full potential as responsible, productive, contributing members of society by providing an educational environment in which students are challenged, differences are valued, and excellence is expected.

4. Roll call

5. Reorganization Items and Appointments

- A. Motion to appoint Dr. David Koerner as the School Physician for the 2024-2025 school year at a yearly amount of \$4,848
- B. Motion to appoint Stephen Considine as Treasurer of School Monies for the 2024-2025 school year
- C. Motion to approve the First National Bank of Elmer as the school depository for 2024-2025 school year
- D. Motion to approve New Jersey Cash Management as an additional depository for

school funds

- E. Motion to approve the following checking account signatories for the 2024-2025 school year as listed:
1. Treasurer Account - Board Secretary, Treasurer and President or Vice-President (alternate) (3 signatures required)
 2. Agency Account - Treasurer (1 signature required)
 3. Payroll Account - Treasurer (1 signature required)
 4. Aura School Account - Principal's Secretary, Board Office Secretary, Business Administrator (2 signatures required)
 5. Cafeteria Account - Business Administrator, Board Office Assistants (2 signatures required)
 6. Unemployment Account - Board Secretary, Treasurer (1 signature required)
 7. Money Market, Principal Account - Business Administrator and Treasurer (2 signatures required)
 8. Petty Cash Account - Superintendent's Secretary and Principal or Superintendent and Business Administrator or Board Office Assistants (2 signatures required)
 9. Child Care Account - Business Administrator, Board Office Secretary (2 signatures required)
 10. Bond Account - Business Administrator (1 signature required)
- F. Motion to approve the following professional service appointments for the 2024-2025 school year listed:
1. Auditor - Holt McNally & Associates
 2. Architect of Record - Garrison Architects
 3. Insurance Broker/Dental Benefits - Allen Associates
 4. Sloan Insurance (surety bonds only)
 5. Solicitor - Frank P. Cavallo, Jr. Esq - Parker McCay Law Firm
 6. ESS Support Services, LLC
 7. ESS Northeast, LLC
- G. Motion to approve the official newspapers as listed:
1. The Sentinel
 2. South Jersey Times
- H. Motion to appoint Kevin Donahue, Principal, to the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year
1. Affirmative Action Officer
 2. Attendance Officer
 3. Issuing Officer for working papers
 4. Safety Official
- I. Motion to approve the appointment of Joseph Collins for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year as listed:
1. Public Agency Compliance Officer
 2. Qualified Purchasing Agent, the bid limit is \$44,000
 3. Custodian of Public Records (OPRA)
 4. Board Secretary/Business Administrator
 5. Official for Investments and Wires

6. Delegate to the GCSSD JIF
- J. Motion to appoint Jackie Scerbo, Director of Child Study Team, to the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year and that her name, office address and telephone number be advertised and the Board adopt a grievance procedure for same
 1. 504 Compliance Officer
 2. ADA Coordinator
- K. Motion to approve the official bargaining units as listed:
 1. Elk Township Education Association, member of the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) for teachers
 2. Elk Maintenance Custodial Group for custodial/maintenance staff
- L. Motion to approve Francis Ciociola, Superintendent, as acting Board Secretary for emergency purposes for the 2024-2025 school year
- M. Motion to approve Lincoln Investments as tax shelter annuity broker
- N. Motion to approve the Chart of Accounts as established by the New Jersey Department of Education
- O. Motion to appoint Margaret Durham, Facilities Manager, to the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:
 1. Integrated Pest Management Coordinator
 2. District Right-to-Know Coordinator
 3. AHERA Designee
 4. Indoor Air Quality Coordinator
 5. Asbestos Management Officer
 6. Safety and Health Designee
 7. Chemical Hygiene Officer
- P. Motion to approve Denise Pierce, School Psychologist, for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year as listed:
 1. HIB coordinator
 2. DCP&P Liaison
- Q. Motion to approve Brooke-Rose Tharp-Traina, School Social Worker, as HIB specialist
- R. Motion to appoint Stefanie Garofolo, secretary, as Homeless Liaison
- S. Motion to approve the parliamentary procedures as established by Robert's Rule in running our public meeting
- T. Motion to approve the use of a facsimile signature on checks
- U. Motion to accept the current agenda format to be used for the 2024-2025 school year
- V. Motion to establish a petty cash checking account in the amount of \$400:
 - Maximum expenditure will be \$150
 - Balance will be reported to the Board on a monthly basis
- W. Motion to appoint Dr. Anthony Fitzpatrick, Supervisor of Curriculum, as the Title IX Coordinator and that his name, office address and telephone number be advertised as per 34 CFT 106.8(c)
- X. Motion to approve payment of bills between board meetings with the approval of the Superintendent after consultation with the finance chair
- Y. Motion to approve procurement of goods and services through state contracts
- Z. Motion to appoint Joseph Nichols as alternate delegate to the GCSSD JIF

Motions requiring a Roll Call Vote:

- A. Motion to approve the following:
 - 1. Curricula, Courses of Study and textbooks
 - 2. Curriculum Evaluation Schedule
 - 3. Child Study/Guidance/Media Center Program and Service
- B. Motion to approve, in accordance with Policy #6471, School District Travel, and NJAC 6A:23A-7, the establishment of a maximum travel amount for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$5,000 for the Operating Fund

The maximum travel amount excludes travel expenditures supported by Federal funds. The annual maximum amount per employee for regular business travel shall be \$1,500. For the school year 2024-2025, school district travel was budgeted at \$1,500 in the Operating Fund. As of April 30, 2024, \$-0- has been expended. The total amount of travel supported by Federal funds for the prior year, the pre-budget year and the projected budget year are as follows:

- 2022-2023 \$ -0-
- 2023-2024 (as of April 30, 2024) \$ -0-
- 2024-2025 \$ 200.00

6. Motion to approve meeting minutes as listed

- A. Regular - 4/11/2024

7. Communications/Presentations

- A.

8. Public Participation (First) Time Limit: 3 minutes per group or individual not being represented by a group.

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9. Committees:

A. Personnel/Policy/Curriculum & Technology

- 1. Personnel – (Sarah Ruczynski)
 - (all hiring is pending completion of required state paperwork)*
 - a. I make a motion to approve the amended job descriptions of the following positions:

1. School Social Worker
2. School Psychologist
- b. I make a motion to approve Elizabeth Putz (Delsea PE teacher) to teach one Aura PE class per week until the end of the school year.
- c. I make a motion to approve the Tenure/Non-Tenured Staff Report for the 2024-2025 school year
- d. I make a motion to approve the administration/non unit carry-over days
- e. I make a motion to approve the following salary rates for the 2024-2025 school year as listed:

Substitute Custodians	\$ 15.13/hr.
Student Aides	\$ 15.13/hr.
Substitute Secretary	\$ 15.13/hr.
Substitute School Nurse	\$ 250.00/day
Homebound Instruction	as per negotiated agreement
Tutoring/Homework	as per negotiated agreement
ESY/BSI Teacher	\$ 160.00/day
ESY Teacher's Aide	\$ 80.00/day
Curriculum Writing	\$ 120.00/day (Summer)
Professional Development	\$ 120.00/day (Summer)

2. Policy – (Eugene Thomas)

- a. I make a motion to approve on first reading the following policies and regulations as listed:

Regulation # 2200	Curriculum Content (M) - <i>Revised</i>
Policy #2260	Equity in School and Classroom Practices (M) - <i>Revised</i>
Regulation #2260	Equity in School and Classroom Practices Complaint Procedure (M) - <i>Revised</i>
Policy #5750	Equitable Educational Opportunity (M) - <i>Revised</i>
Policy #5755	Equity in Educational Programs and Services - <i>ABOLISHED</i>

3. Curriculum & Technology - (Cheryl Potter)

- a. I make a motion to approve the following Stockton University student for the clinical practicum in teaching and learning as listed:

Name	Dates	Subject	Cooperating Teacher
Rebecca Gourley	Fall 2024: 9/9/24 through 12/27/24 Spring 2025: 1/2/25 through 5/9/25	Early Childhood Education	Kristina Thumlert

- b. I make a motion to approve Rachel Tomczak to administer the Brigance Kindergarten Readiness Assessment to newly enrolled Kindergarten students over the summer at a previously approved rate
- c. I make a motion to approve Jaime Cifuentes to provide the following on an as needed basis:
 - 1. Bilingual Psychological evaluations at a rate of \$600 per evaluation
 - 2. Bilingual Psychoeducational evaluations at a rate of \$1,200 per evaluation
- d. I make a motion to accept the receipt of the High Impact Tutoring Grant in the amount of \$38,000

B. Budget & Finance/Facilities/ Transportation

1. Budget & Finance – (Angelique Stoney-Siplin)

- a. I make a motion to approve the Board Secretary’s Report in accordance with 18A: 17-36 and 18A: 17-9 for the month of March 2024. The Board Secretary certifies that no line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A – 16.10 (c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year
- b. I make a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report in accordance with 18A:17-9 and 18A:17-36 for the month of March 2024. The Treasurer’s Report and Secretary’s Report are in agreement for the month of March 2024
- c. I make a motion to approve in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (c) 2 the certification of the Board Secretary that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts or revenue sources
- d. I make a motion to approve Board of Education Certification – pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (c) 4. We certify that after review of the secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major accounts or funds have been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A – 16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year
- e. I make a motion to approve the Transfer Reports for March 2024
- f. I make a motion to approve the following bills as listed:
 - 1. General Bill List \$ 464,932.36
 - 2. Hand Check \$ 11,888.71
 - 3. Cafeteria Bill List \$ 14,483.38

2. Facilities – (J. Wilson Hughes, Jr.)

a. I make a motion to approve the following facility requests as listed:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Facility Requested</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Dates Requested</u>	<u>Time Requested</u>
ETEA	Bus Loop/Courtyard	Mr. Softee Ice Cream Truck	5/7/24	5:30pm - 8:00pm
HSA	All Purpose Room	Fun Day	6/13/24	8:30am - 3:00pm
Kindergarten	All Purpose Room	Kindergarten Orientation	9/3/24	2:30am - 3:30pm
Coles Music Service	All Purpose Room	Music Demonstration	4/18/24	1:45pm - 2:25pm
Aura School's Student Congress	All Purpose Room / Media Center	Talent Show	5/6/24 through 5/8/24	3:20pm - 4:30pm & 5:30pm - 8:30pm
6th Grade Class	Bus Loop (vestibule if rain)	Distribution of 6th grade moving up signs	5/9/24	4:00pm - 6:00pm

(All facility requests are pending proper insurance certificates)

3. Cafeteria – (Colleen Barbaro)

a. I make a motion to approve the March 2024 cafeteria report as listed:

Total Income	\$ 18,847.04
Total Expense	\$ (19,427.01)
Net Income or (Loss)	\$ (579.97)
Average Daily Attendance	359
Average Daily Participation	175
Percentage of Participation	49%

4. Transportation – (Lynnette Peterson)

a. None

10. Superintendent’s Report

- A. Recommend the Board approve the March 2024 HIB report as previously submitted
- B. Recommend the Board approve the following field trips in accordance with our fee schedule and educational significance as listed:

Date	Name/Location	Grade/Time
May 8, 2024	Constitutional Walking Tour of Philadelphia	Safety Patrol/ Student Congress 10:00 am
June 5, 2024	Storybook Land Egg Harbor Township	Pre-K WCK Walls School 9:30 am
6/5/2024 (Date Change)	Delsea Middle School	6th Grade 9:30am to 11:15am
05/29/2024 (Date Change)	Track & Field Day Delsea High School Franklinville, NJ	6th Grade 9:00 am - 1:45 pm

- C. Recommend the Board acknowledge the receipt of the following reports as listed:
 - 1. Enrollment
 - 2. Staff Attendance
 - 3. Nurse’s Report
 - 4. HIB Report -April 2024
 - 5. Facility Manager’s Report
 - 6. Principal’s Report
 - 7. Fire Drills/Crisis Drills

	Date	Time
Fire Drill - Aura		
Fire Drill - Walls		
Secure Drill - Aura		
Secure Drill - Walls		

11. Legislation (Jacqueline Wraight)

- A. Legislative Update

12. Gloucester County School Board Association (Colleen Barbaro)

- A.

13. School Business Administrator's Report

A.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

16. Public Participation (Second) Time Limit: 3 minutes per group or individual not being represented by a group.

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17. Executive Session

A. I make a motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters as listed, not to be made public at this time

**ELK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Resolution Authorizing Executive Session**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Elk Township School District has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of closed session, at approximately_____ p.m. this evening

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Elk Township School District will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

I, Joseph Collins, Board Secretary do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Elk Township School District Board of Education at their meeting held on May 2, 2024.

Joseph Collins, Board Secretary

Start time for Executive Session: _____ p.m.

End time for Executive Session: _____ p.m.

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Third) Time Limit: 3 minutes per group or individual not being represented by a group.

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19. Motion to adjourn at: _____ p. m.