BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

ELKHART LAKE-GLENBEULAH SCHOOL DISTRICT

OCTOBER 26, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah was called to order by the president at 6:02pm on Monday, October 26, 2026.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

- Mike Meeusen
- Sarah Tegen
- Erica Spatz
- Grant Stecker
- Sarah Rudnick
- Amanda Gebert
- Chad Kraus
- District Administrator, Dr. Adam Englebretson

Also in attendance were:

- Kayla Groh-Bardon
- Ryan Faris
- Chris Petrie
- Alicia Schwinn
- Stephanie Bruce
- Maria McNamer
- Sydney Scheibl
- Alex Stumpner
- Sarah Hall

Mrs. Spatz offered a motion to approve the agenda as the official order of business. Mrs. Rudnick seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Mrs. Spatz offered a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2026 Board meeting. Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report and voucher review were presented showing:
As of September 1, 2026 -

Cash balance on 9/1/26	$7,219,805.32
September receipts	$ 241,055.82
Interest received	$ 21,865.20
September disbursements	$ 649,588.04
Cash balance on 9/30/26	$6,833,138.30

Cash balance on 9/1/26 comprised of:

Local Government Investment Pool account #1 (general)	$6,462,731.02
Account #2 (technology)	$ 265,478.39
Account #3 (HVAC)	$ 64,888.85
General fund checking account	$ 40,040.04
Total	$6,833,138.30

Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to approve the monthly financial report and voucher review. Mr. Kraus seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Mrs. Groh-Bardon presented the year-to-date status of revenues and expenses in each account. The budget summary report shows the budgeted revenues and expenses in Funds 10, 27, 39, 49, 50, and 80. Overall, the total District revenues and expenses are comparable to the previous years.

Under donation recognition and acceptance, Dr. Englebretson noted the following:

- ELGAA: $500 – Baseball windscreen
- C.D. Smith: $1,000 – Technology Garage
- Diane and Thomas Cayemberg: $100 – Band
- E-Cycle Event: $958 – National Honor Society
- ElkhartCares: $1,033 – Special Education
- Laura Myers and Dennis Fiedler: $24,000 – Resorters Athletics

Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to accept the donations as presented and thanked the donors for their generosity. Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

GUEST CORRESPONDENCE

Public Comment: None

Written Comment: None

SCHOOL REPORTS

Celebrate Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Schools:
New teachers shared their first impressions of the District and how their first few weeks have gone. New staff in attendance were Stephanie Bruce (Business, Family and Consumer Science), Maria McNamer (ELL, Spanish), Sydney Scheibl (Elementary Special Education) and Alex Stumpner (MS/HS Health and Physical Education).

Data Review:
The Forward Exams are state-required assessments that measure student achievement and growth in grades 3-10 in the areas of English/ Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The principals reviewed Forward data from the 2025-2026 school year.

In Mrs. Schwinn's 4K - 4th grade activities report, she shared that the Academic Support Team met to review i-Ready, aimswebPlus, and Forward Exam data to celebrate student progress, identify areas for growth, and guide targeted instructional support. Using Aimsweb screening results, we identified 19 of 161 students who may benefit from a Personal Reading Plan. Of these students, 6 are already receiving special education support, allowing us to build on existing services and ensure students receive the support they need to grow. She provided a Resilient Resorters Update, including 1) Resilient Resorter Bracelets which are bracelets purchased for all staff to encourage mindfulness and a positive mindset, 2) Resilient Resorter Time where The Kindness Club recorded a read-aloud of "Breathing Makes It Better" to introduce our focus of "Breath as Our Anchor." During Resilient Resorter Time, students partnered across grade levels to create bubble wands and practice how slow, gentle breathing can help calm our bodies and focus our minds and 3) our First Assembly where we discussed attention vs. focus as our Resilient Resorter initiative, launched our "Tiny Things" challenge, reviewed indoor recess expectations, and enjoyed a Minute-to-Win-It game featuring classroom teachers. The winning class earned an extra recess!

Mr. Petrie's grade 5 - 8 activities report stated that Middle school staff completed professional development training on the i-Ready Inform benchmark assessment to effectively analyze student data and improve individual student growth. Fall parent-teacher conferences were a success, with staff hosting 165 individual middle school conferences to discuss student progress. High School National Honor Society is offering after-school tutoring for middle school students. Mrs. Wachter and Mrs. Bunyea will lead Mental Health America's *Roots and Wings* program with 7th graders in January. The program focuses on building emotional awareness, empathy, resilience, peer communication, and belonging. September and October were filled with fun student-centered activities including: Homecoming Activities, Music Mondays, and a trip to the Milwaukee Symphony. Mr. Petrie shared the students who are "leading the Resorter Way" by being kind, responsible and respectful for the month of September.

Mr. Faris' grade 9 - 12 activities report stated that all Juniors take the Practice ACT and all Sophomores and Freshmen take the PreACT on November 12. Staff is currently looking at our high school report card and developing an action plan to address our needs. Homecoming, with the theme Haunted Homecoming, was a successful and great week. Seniors won flag football, freshmen won volleyball and seniors won hall and float decorating. Over 132 students attended the Homecoming dance. Our Veteran's Day program will be held on November 11 at 11:00am with a lunch to follow.

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Planning Review | Update: Dr. Englebretson, Mr. Meeusen and Mr. Stecker reviewed the discussions, progress on the plans, and what steps occur next while facility planning with PRA and Jos. Schmitt Construction at Core team meeting(s). Elementary school discussions are on hold for now as budget estimates are reviewed. Dr. Englebretson will schedule a tour for the Board the night of our November Board meeting.

Third Friday Student Counts, taken on September 18, were reviewed. Counts are lower this year due to one class, Kindergarten. There is only one section of Kindergarten. Open enrollment numbers are up again this year and will continue to grow as the new building opens and our test scores continue to go up.

NEOLA recommends updating ***NEOLA Policy Updates: Volume 35, Number 2 (second reading)*** to remain current with legal language and practices. Policies sent to School Board members. Mrs. Spatz made a motion to approve the updated policy changes as recommended by Neola. Mrs. Rudnick seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Adoption of the 2026 - 2027 school budget: Due to the release dates of DPI information, we now know our final budget numbers and can allocate money to the different funds based on past usage and balances for the upcoming year. The money allocated in the different funds for the year were reviewed. Mrs. Spatz made a motion to approve the school budget for the 2026 - 2027 school year. Mr. Stecker seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Adoption of the 2026-2027 School Tax Levy: Revenue Limit Worksheets for 2026-2027 were shared. There was discussion on how student enrollment, property values, referendums, and the revenue limit determine the tax levy for the district. Mr. Kraus made a motion to approve the school tax levy of $10,250,540 for the 2026-2027 school year. Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Mrs. Rudnick offered a motion to approve the ***staffing hire*** as presented:

- ➢ Colleen Mathisen: Elementary / Middle School Educational Assistant

Mrs. Gebert seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7 ayes.

Mrs. Gebert offered a motion to approve the ***staff resignations*** as presented and thank the staff member for their service to the District:

- ➢ Josh Tegen: Varsity Softball Coach

Mr. Stecker seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 abstain

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Meeusen offered a motion to move into closed session at 6:50pm.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved into closed session at approximately 6:50pm. The following Board members as well as Dr. Englebretson and Mrs. Groh-Bardon were present: Mr. Meeusen, Mrs. Tegen, Mrs. Spatz, Mr. Stecker, Mrs. Rudnick, Mrs. Gebert and Mr. Kraus.

Dr. Englebretson and the board discussed health insurance. No official action was taken.

Mrs. Rudnick made a motion to move back into open session at approximately 6:57pm. Mrs. Tegen seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 ayes.

No action taken in closed session.

Mrs. Rudnick made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:00pm. Mrs. Tegen seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Hassinger
Secretary of the Meeting