

**Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker School**  
**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
**September 16, 2024**  
**(Approved Minutes)**

President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in room 205 of Laker High School. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Hans Eichler, Tom Ziel, Tyler Williams, Joel Fritz, Mary Frances Tait and Student Representative, Abby Rosenthal.

Members Absent: Paul Scaddan and Todd Tate.

Approval of Regular Minutes Tait moved with support from Fritz to approve the minutes dated August 19, 2024 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Fritz reported bills to be paid for September 2024 as: General Fund \$47,597.35; Food Service \$6,689.82; Payroll/Liabilities (Food Service to General Fund Transfer) \$15,381.78. Fritz moved with support from Ziel to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Acceptance of Agenda Tait moved with support from Eichler to accept the agenda as presented with the addition of "Request for Medical Leave" to be addressed under *Personnel*. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation No cards were presented to the Board and no further indication from the public was noted. Ample time was allotted.

Forging New Paths Miklovic took time to acknowledge two staff members who lead with courage and vision by being innovative.

Personnel A resignation letter was received from Jessica Bruce as the Girls Varsity Basketball Coach. Tait moved with second from Eichler to accept Bruce's resignation as Girls Varsity Basketball Coach. Motion passed unanimously. VerBurg announced the internal movement of Jim Glidden to Girls Varsity Basketball and the need to post the JV Girls Basketball Coach position. A request for Medical Leave from Michelle Wilkens was received. Ziel moved with a second from Eichler to approve the Medical Leave for Wilkens. Motion passed unanimously.

L4029 Property Tax Millage Resolution Discussion of the property tax millage resolution lead by CFO, Klosowski led to Fritz's motion that there be levied on the taxable property of the District for the year 2024, at the rate of 18.0000 mils for Non-PRE and 6.0000 mils for Commercial PP for a total of \$4,218,022.19 for operating purposes, the tax to be apportioned among the several fractions of the district. And be it further resolved, that there be levied on the taxable property of the District at the rate of 2.5800 mils for the year 2024 for a total tax of \$2,014,957.70 for the purposes of a debt retirement fund. And be it further resolved that there be levied on the taxable property of the District for the year 2024, at the rate 1.0000 for a total tax of \$780,991.36 for the purposes of a sinking fund. Ziel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Student Enrollment Update VerBurg reported the student count numbers as of September 10, 2024. Comparisons to previous years and the budgeted number used were made.

Legacy Center Use The American Red Cross approached the school to achieve permission to have the option to use the Legacy Center as a disaster relief shelter in the case of a local disaster. Tait moved with second from Fritz to allow the American Red Cross to use the Legacy Center as a local disaster relief shelter. Motion passed unanimously.

Building and Grounds The district has been actively working with some outside entities to conduct analysis of the buildings and grounds needs. They are looking at current and future needs.

Administrator Time Administrators submitted detailed written reports. Each Administrator was given the opportunity to verbally highlight their reports to the Board and Public.

Closed Session #1 Tait moved with second from Eichler to move in to closed session for the purpose of student discipline issue. Roll call yielded: Eichler, yes; Fritz, yes; Williams, yes; Ziel, yes; Tait, yes. The Board moved into closed session at 6:45 P.M. At 7:07 P.M., the Board moved back into open session. Tait moved with second from Fritz to allow student A to return to school with the stipulations previously set. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session #2 Tait moved with second from Eichler to move in to closed session for the purpose of attorney/client communication. Roll Call yielded: Eichler, yes; Fritz, yes; Williams, yes; Ziel, yes; Tait, yes. The Board moved in to closed session at 7:10 P.M. The Board moved in to open session at 7:22 P.M. The minutes from closed session #1 and closed session #2 were read by Tait with a motion to approve, second by Ziel to approve the Closed Session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business before the Board, Tait moved, second by Eichler to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted –

Mary Frances Tait, Board of Education Secretary