

**Cass County School District 097**  
**Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools**  
**April 11, 2018**

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 in the boardroom in the high school at Murdock. Board members Kathy Frahm, Mark Meyer, Jesse Rust and Mark Luetchens were present, members Jeff Backemeyer and Dave Oehlerking were absent. Also present was Superintendent Ryan Knippelmeyer, and administrative team members Tim Allemang, Bruce Friedrich, Heidi Zierott.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting and the subjects to be discussed at the meeting were given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. A current copy of the agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice.

Board President Luetchens called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Rust/Frahm (M/S) to approve board bills, consent agenda, and roll and excuse board members Backemeyer and Oehlerking; motion passed 4-0.

The Board received a report from Mrs. Paulsen regarding the Teammates Mentoring program. The program is doing well and continues to grow; additional volunteer matches are needed.

The Board received reports from Director of Student Services, Elementary Principal/Asst Activities Director, Secondary Principal/Activities Director and Superintendent.

Action Items:

Rust/Frahm(M/S) to approve the .5 FTE teaching contract for Ms. Judi Sigler for the 2018-2019 school year; motion passed 4-0.

Frahm/ Luetchens (M/S) to approve an employment contract with Mrs. Trisha Nichelson for the position of Student Services Coordinator for the 2018-2019 school year with terms as stipulated in the employment contract; motion passed 4-0.

Rust/Meyer (M/S) to approve teaching contracts for the 2018-2019 school year as presented by the superintendent; motion passed 4-0.

Frahm/Meyer (M/S) to approve contracts for non-certified employees for the 2018-2019 school year as presented by the Superintendent; motion passed 4-0.

Luetchens/Rust (M/S) to approve contract for Mr. Allemang for Activities Director for the 2018-2019 school year; motion passed 4-0.

Frahm/Rust (M/S) to approve contract for Mr. Friedrich for Assistant Activities Director for the 2018-2019 school year; motion passed 4-0.

Luetchens/Meyer (M/S) to approve Extra-Duty Assignments for the 2018-2019 school year as presented by the administration; motion passed 4-0.

Rust/Frahm (M/S) to approve addendum to employment contract for Mrs. Rhonda Towle to include Summer Speech Services; motion passed 4-0.

Rust/Luetchens (M/S) to set May 25, 2018 as the final contracted day for certificated staff for the 2017-2018 school year; motion passed 4-0.

Meyer/Frahm (M/S) to approve the Nebraska PowerSchool Consortium Interlocal Agreement for the 2018-2019 school year; motion passed 4-0.

Frahm/Luetchens (M/S) to approve the purchase of a lawn mower from Stutheit Implement as recommended by the Superintendent; motion passed 4-0.

Rust/Meyer (M/S) to approve Board Policies 5422 and 5001 as presented; motion passed 4-0.

Rust/Frahm (M/S) to approve the agreement with DLR Group for Athletic Facility Planning Services as presented; motion passed 4-0.

Discussion items included:

The Board discussed awarding of diplomas at graduation. Kathy Frahm and Jesse Rust will represent the Board in the awarding of diplomas.

The Board discussed the facilities committee meeting from March 20, 2018 with Vanessa Schutte and the DLR Group.

The Board discussed teacher and staff use and fees for the fitness center. The Board recommended that we conduct a survey of our staff to see how many would utilize the fitness center if there were no fees for staff members. The Board discussed not charging fees for staff members on a trial basis and then re-evaluate after six months to a year to see what the use was with our staff members and the condition of the equipment in the fitness center.

Rust/Luetchens (M/S) motion to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0; meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Meyer, Board Secretary