

# Board Meeting Summary: February 16, 2022

## EDGAR SCHOOL DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

**Mission Statement:** The School District of Edgar provides a safe and positive environment and is committed to continuous improvement for all students, staff and community members. Edgar Excellence embodies leadership in: curriculum & instruction, technological integration & innovation, collaboration & co-curriculars. We prepare all of our graduates to be college and career ready.

**Vision:** The Edgar Excellence environment will ensure a rigorous learning experience that equips our students for success in a global society.

**Values:** The School District of Edgar values: Edgar Excellence...Pride and Tradition! Respect & Responsibility, Teamwork, Hard Work & Integrity, Leadership, Critical Thinkers, Acceptance of All

### Staff Presentation:

Mr. Jon Trautman from CLA (formally Schenck) presented the Edgar School District annual financial audit.

Dr. Cari Guden presented information on COVID in the schools. At the time of the presentation our dashboard showed three current positive cases in the district. We will continue our same COVID procedures at this time.

Mrs. Morgan Mueller and Dr. Cari Guden presented information on the upcoming referendum. We will continue to update the community through social media posts, updates on our school website, and mailings through February and March and up until the vote on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Our key messages are

- We heard you: On April 5, the Board of Education is seeking a non-recurring operational referendum
- It provides needed funds for student learning needs and facilities maintenance
- Every vote matters: Please cast an informed vote

### Dr. Guden reported on the following:

1. Second Friday in January Pupil Count :

Date	Starting Count	Less Non-Resident Reductions (OE In)	Plus Resident Additions (OE Out)	TOTAL
2013-14 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in Sept	636	53	40	623
2013-14 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in January	638	55	38	621
2014-15 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in Sept	654	67	33	620
2014-15 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in January	659	69	33	623
2015-16 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in Sept	626	67	43	602
2015-16 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in January	622	64	42	600
2016-17 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in Sept	618	72	42	588
2016-17 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in January	620	74	38	584

2017-18 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in Sept	599	82	45	562
2017-18 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in January	598	81	44	561
2018-19 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in Sept	597	89 (1 is resident Home Schooler)	52	560
2018-19 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in January	594	88	51	557
2019-20 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in Sept	602	99	52	555
2019-20 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in January	600	91	54	563
2020-21 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in Sept	571	71	57	557
2020-21 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in January	568	70	57	555
2021-22 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in Sept	597	71	52	578
2021-22 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in January	610	71	47	586

2. Open Enrollment Dates: February 7-April 29, 2022
3. Fund 21—Gifts/Donations
  - a. Each year we present the summary of Fund 21: Grants and Gifts. In June, the School Board will receive the yearly report.
4. Bidding Out School Insurance
  - a. The School Board asked the district administrator to bid out our school insurance.
5. Social Media Report Card Nov. 2021-Jan. 2022
  - a. Edgar received our Social Media Report Card for Nov. 2021-Jan. 2022. We continue to share the good news with many people in Edgar and throughout the country.
6. Communication
  - a. MCSE January Board Highlights
7. Correspondence
  - a. Thank you from The Gary Brewster Family
  - b. Thank you from The Mary Denk Family

**Mrs. Witt reported the following:**

1. Data
  - a. FASTBridge Grades 4K-5
  - b. AGR Goals
  - c. Attendance/Behavioral Data
2. Preschool Screening
  - a. March 16 and 17 from 7:30am-5:00pm
3. Upcoming Dates
  - a. February Family Fun Night
  - b. Elementary P/T Conferences—February 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-7:30pm
  - c. Staff Inservice – February 25

**Mr. McCarty reported the following:**

1. FASTBridge Testing
2. ACT Testing on March 8<sup>th</sup>
3. Attendance/Behavioral Data
4. MS/HS P/T Conferences—February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30-7:30pm
5. Student Activity Updates

**Board Members**— Mr. Corey Mueller updated the School Board on the CESA 9 Administrator position for 2022-23. Al Betry was hired to replace the current CESA 9 administrator.

**Consent Agenda**

Approved Agenda, Approve Minutes, Financial Statement & Bills for Payment for January 17, 2022—Regular Board Meeting

Personnel

1. Spring Athletic Coaches:
  - a. Mr. McCarty has been working to fill our spring coaching staff. The School Board approved the spring athletic coaches as presented.

Policy

1. Neola Updates: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Volume 31, No. 1): #0100, #0142.1, #0142.5, #0144.5, #0152, #0165.1, #1421, #1460, #2210, #2414, #3121, #3122.01, #3160, #3340, #4121, #4122.01, #4160, #4340, #5113, #5200, #5461, #6108, #6114, #6146, #6152, and #8450
  - a. Neola prepares updates and revisions to the policies throughout the year and then these updates are sent to me twice a year. The School Board approved these policies for 1<sup>st</sup> reading.
2. Policy #5460: Graduation Requirements (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
  - a. When we first started using Neola we did not always take every option that they gave us for all of our policies. For this policy, we need to now add the Alternative Education Diploma information as follows: *The Board authorizes the District Administrator to establish an alternative diploma program for students who meet the requirements of State law but not the additional elective credit requirements established for attainment of a regular high school diploma from the District. An alternative education program is defined as an instructional program, approved by the Board, that utilizes successful alternative or adaptive school structures and teaching techniques and that is incorporated into existing, traditional classrooms, or regularly scheduled curricular programs or that is offered in place of regularly scheduled curricular programs. "Alternative educational program" does not include a private school or a home-based private educational program.* The School Board approved this policy for 1<sup>st</sup> reading.
3. Policy #8510: Wellness (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)
  - a. There were no changes (other than formatting) made since our last meeting. The School Board approved this policy for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.
4. Start College Now Program: Courses for Spring 2022
  - a. There were a few students that submitted their applications after the last Board Meeting. The School Board approved these additional SCN applications.
5. 2022-23 School Calendar
  - a. Administratively, we developed two different options for school calendars for the 2022-23 school year and then the staff members were given a survey asking them for their feedback on choosing one of the two options. Calendar Option #1 was chosen by majority as the calendar to follow. The School Board approved Calendar Option #1.
    1. Calendar Option #1: Very similar to this year's calendar with Spring Break the week of (March 18-26) Last day of school for students is on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and teacher inservice on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    2. Calendar Option #2: NO Spring Break. Calendar Option #2 (Without Spring Break): Here are the differences from option #1:
      - a. Three inservice days at the beginning of the year in August vs. four
      - b. Two inservice days in November and both inservice days vs. one of them being a remote day for grades 6-12
      - c. Added vacation day to the Christmas Break on Monday, Jan. 2nd.
      - d. Added Vacation Day and Inservice Day in March
      - e. Added Easter Break in April (Thursday, Friday and Monday) vs. Easter Break on Friday only
      - f. No Inservice Day in April
      - g. Last day of school on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

6. Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Report

- a. Mrs. Witt presented the AGR report at the meeting on Wednesday. The School Board approved the AGR report as presented.

Finance

1. CESA 9 Services Contract 2022-23

- a. The School Board approved the CESA 9 contract for 2022-23 for the amount of \$42,760.00. This is an increase of \$9,070.00 due to added services we requested; specifically professional development in literacy and UDL.

2. CESA 10 Services Contract 2022-23

- a. The estimated cost for the services for CWETN for 2022-23 is \$14,450.00. This is an increase of \$505.00. The School Board approved the 2022-23 CESA 10 Contract.

3. ESSER III: Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services was presented and is located on our district website under COVID-19. The School Board approved the plan as presented.

4. ESSER III: Budget—The ESSER III Budget was presented. The School Board approved the budget.

**INFORMATION ONLY**

1. MCSE Staff Hire: Ms. Heather Althoff was hired as a para-professional.
2. Policy: Neola Technical Edits Only (Volume 31, No. 1): #2421, #3310, #4310, #5136, #5517.01, #7540.06, #7542, #8120, #8660, and #9700.01

**Next Regular School Board Meeting:  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 6:00pm**