

Board Meeting Summary: January 17, 2024

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:

Ms. Linda Hamann, Library Media Center Director, presented information regarding the library media center. The library continues to be the hub of our district and it is always a busy place. It is great to see the excitement of the students while checking out books, researching, or just enjoying the LMC. Way to go, Linda!

Mrs. Morgan Mueller presented the Quarterly Finance Report. Morgan discussed what is happening in the bookkeeping office. She also discussed where we are in the budget cycle, news from DPI, and news from the state. Thank you for everything you do, Morgan!

Mr. Chris Trawicki gave an update on our Cyber Security Incident Response Plan for the district. He continues to monitor the both physical and electronic information security.

Mrs. Cari Guden gave a presentation on the data collected from the "Why Stay in Edgar" survey given to all staff members in November 2023. We will no longer complete exit interviews of our staff members when they leave. We feel it is too late. We will continue to give this survey and will use the feedback in order to help retain staff in Edgar.

Cari Guden reported on the following:

1. Open Enrollment Dates: Feb. 5-April 30, 2024
2. Edgar High School Fall 2023 Athletic & Co-Curricular Participation
3. Communication
 - a. Board Elections Update
 - b. MCSE December Board Highlights
 - c. Grants and Donations Update
 - d. School and Business Partnerships
 - e. Long Range Plan—Projects

Lisa Witt reported the following:

1. Professional Development
 - a. January 19th – staff inservice– staff signed up to attend three different sectionals hosted at Edgar
 - b. January 22nd– PLC/collaboration/work day
2. Assessments
 - a. FASTBridge Grades 4K-9– January 23-26
3. Upcoming Dates
 - a. January Family Fun Night – Math Fun Night—January 18
 - b. Quarter 2 Ends on January 18, Quarter 3 Begins on January 23, Grades Due January 29 and Report Cards Home January 30
 - c. February Fun Night—Don Tate featuring book SWISH and basketball—February 5
 - d. Random Acts of Kindness Week—February 12-16
 - e. Preschool Screening—March 15

Mr. Wilhem reported the following:

1. Upcoming Inservice Days—January 19 & 22
2. Pre ACT and ACT Test
3. Literacy Coach—January 10
4. Math Coach—January 10
5. MS Math League Competition—January 10
6. FastBridge Screening Grades 6-9
7. B-Sure Mental Health Screener
8. Semester 1/Quarter 2 Ends on January 18 and Grades Due January 25 and Report Cards Home January 26
9. Semester 2/ Quarter 3 Begins on January 23

Mr. Twomey reported the following:

1. Wildcat Wellness
2. January Inservice—Reflect, Release, and Recharge—January 19
3. Mind Your Health Day—February 29
4. Quarter 2 Progress Reports

Student Board Representative: Cael Higgins reported on the following:

1. Student Council hosting Blood Drive on 2/14
2. Some Band students attending UW Whitewater on 1/19
3. Ski Club has 40 members

Board Members: Mr. Mueller discussed the CESA 9 Board meeting and their discussion on the Delegate Assembly resolutions.

Consent Agenda

Approved Agenda, Minutes, Financial Statement & Bills for Payment from December 20 – Regular Board Meeting

Personnel

- a. Teacher Hire for 2024-25
 - a. Given the great success we have had with 4K students attending 5 days a week, we would like to continue to give this opportunity to our incoming 4K parents as well for 2024-25. In order to do this, we will be eliminating our part-time paras at the elementary and hiring a .6 FTE teacher to teach 4K three days a week (Tuesday, Wed, and Thursday) If approved tonight we will begin to search for this new .6 teacher. The School Board approved.
- b. Teacher Resignation
 - a. Mrs. Jackie Imhoff has submitted her letter of resignation at the end of the 2023-24 school year. The School Board approved.

Policy

1. Policy #5113: Open Enrollment Program—determining annual capacity/space for Regular Education and Special Education
 - a. According to DPI Open Enrollment guidelines, school districts should establish the number of Regular and Special Education open enrollment spaces annually in January. In collaboration with MCSE, we prepared three options for our district to evaluate. The School Board approved Option #2 for our space capacity. Our current capacity and projected capacity states there will not be any room to accept Open Enrolled Special Education students for 2024-25. Our current capacity and projected capacity states there will be room to accept Open Enrolled Regular Education students for 2024-25.
- a. Policy #2340: District-Sponsored Trips
 1. Ms. Bobbi Jo Hasz would like to take 3 students to an immersion camp in Bemidji, MN. Ms. Hasz presented information about the camp. The School Board approved.
- b. 2024-25 School Calendar
 1. Administratively, we gave staff members time to share their feedback on drafting a new calendar. We reviewed all of the feedback and tried to utilize as many suggestions as possible and still stay within the DPI required minutes and the contractual number of days for staff. The School Board approved the 2024-25 school calendar.
- c. Act 55 Required Notice Updates

1. I recommend approval of the updated document with the School Report Card information added. The School Board approved.
- d. Dual Credit
1. I shared the different types of Dual Credit courses we have in Edgar and those courses that may be confused as Dual Credit courses. I then presented our current grading practices and other optional grading practices for the Board's review. The School Board tabled this discussion until next meeting.

Finance

- a. ESSER Budgets
 - a. ESSER Funding Timelines:
 - i. ESSER I: Funding expired September 30, 2022
 - ii. ESSER II: Funding expired September 30, 2023
 - iii. ESSER III: Funding expires September 30, 2024
 - b. List Types of Programs Funding Can be Used for:
 - i. preparedness and response to COVID 19
 - ii. outreach and services to special populations
 - iii. addressing long-term closures (planning for, coordinating and implementing activities)
 - iv. education technology
 - v. mental health supports
 - vi. addressing after-school and summer activities
 - vii. continued staff employment
 - viii. purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities
 - ix. mitigate learning loss
 - x. restore and maintain high quality learning environments
 - c. ESSER III Requirements:
 - i. As required, DPI will distribute 90 percent of Wisconsin's ESSER III allocation to LEAs. The plan also includes three required earmarks for activities and interventions that respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups, including each major racial and ethnic group, children from low-income families, children with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, and students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care.

There have been no changes since the last time the ESSER budgets were brought to the Board for approval on November 15, 2023. I recommend approval of the ESSER budgets with no changes. The School Board approved.

**Next Regular School Board Meeting:
Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6:00pm**