

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
April 16, 2025

- A. The meeting was called to order by Corey Mueller at 6:00 p.m.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Corey Mueller.
- C. Roll Call: 4 school board members (Corey Mueller, Alison Reinders, Becca Normington, Pam Stahel), 4 administrators (Cari Guden, Lisa Witt, Mike Wilhelm, Rich Twomey), 2 guests.
- D. Edgar School District Strategic Plan:
The district's Mission, Vision and Values statements were acknowledged by Corey Mueller.
- E. Written notice of the meeting was posted and sent to the media on
 - 1. Friday, April 11, 2025
- F. Recognition of persons wishing to address the Board
 - 1. None.
- G. Staff/Student Presentations
 - 1. Quarterly Finance Report: Morgan Mueller presented an update. Highlights included: Staff report to DPI, quarterly tax and unemployment report. Preparing several items including year-end tax report, annual meeting, budget, salary proposal, health insurance proposal, special education increase from MCSE, transportation increase, Workers compensation. Waiting to hear on mental health grant. We are ending the school year with a balanced budget. Chemistry classroom project has started.
- H. Administrative Reports
 - 1. District Administrator Dr. Cari Guden shared the following:
 - a) March meetings
 - b) Open Enrollment Preliminary Updates: Open enrollment runs through April 30. As of this meeting the district received 6 applications for open enrollment into the district, and 8 students applied for open enrollment out of the district. Many of these are 4k students.
 - c) 2025-26 Employee Handbook Discussion: Cari distributed the Employee Handbook for board members to review and suggest changes for approval in May or June. Handbook goes into effect July 1.
 - d) Standard Student Data Privacy Agreement: Cari shared the Skyward Privacy Agreement. Cari noted the importance of the agreement in light of MCSE's ongoing management of a privacy breach that occurred in 2023.
 - e) Communication
 - 1) MCSE Board highlights: Thank you to Rich Twomey, Andrew Lukasko and Alyssa Narloch for presenting on Edgar School District's special education programming,

featuring adaptive PE and planning for the annual Spring Games hosted at Edgar. Alison Reinders noted that the increase in contract costs for MCSE is due to lower cost demand when they had fewer expenses during COVID; MCSE has been running down a fund balance over the past couple of years; insurance costs are now rising.

- 2) Teacher Appreciation Week is being recognized May 5-9.
- f) Correspondence
 - 1) A thank you note from Mrs. Kris Federwitz was shared with Board members.

2. Administrators

- a) Elementary principal Dr. Lisa Witt reported on:
 - 1) Summer school update: Registration letter went to parents. Swim classes at Marathon will begin earlier than other classes. No class on Fridays, except chess with Mr. Hanson. Fit for Life offers alternative schedule for HS students.
 - 2) Testing:
 - a. BEST screening: March 17-31
 - b. Forward Exam: March 31-April 7
 - c. AimsWebPlus (Act 20 testing): April 7-16. Reading plans: May 14 will be an Elementary Only PD day. Reading plan meetings with parents. Leisure Library will be a summer school class for students with reading plans.
 - 3) Earth Week celebration: April 21-25
 - a. Science Night April 22
 - (i) Wood Wired Wings Assembly will be held with the author during the day
 - (ii) Science Night: The Fire of Stars author night and activity
 - b. Grades 4-5 science projects on display at 5:45
 - 4) Upcoming dates:
 - a. April 7: Quarter 3 report cards sent home with elementary students
 - b. April 11: Human Growth and Development with grades 4-5
 - c. April 24: MCSE track and field day at Edgar. Record-setting participation expected.
 - d. May 6: Elementary spring concert and art show
 - e. May 8: Kris Federwitz retirement celebration
- b) Middle/high school principal Mike Wilhelm reported on
 - 1) Forward testing
 - a. ACT results due soon. Waiting on Pre-ACT results also.
 - 2) BASC/BESS Mental Health Screening for students and staff
 - 3) National History Day regional competition April 4, May 3 state competition in Madison. Edgar had 3 state qualifiers, 1 alternate.
 - 4) Prom, post-Prom April 26
 - 5) Senior interviews: Presentation of portfolios scheduled for this week
 - 6) Community Service Day for high school May 6 – same day as concerts
 - 7) Senior Awards Night May 14
 - 8) Graduation May 23
 - 9) 8th grade promotion June 2

- c) Special education coordinator Rich Twomey reported:
 - 1) State testing updates:
 - a. Dynamic Learning Map (DLM) testing completed for kids with the most significant needs.
 - b. Pre-ACT, ACT completed. Rich noted that he is proud of the team approach to accomplish testing coordination.
 - 2) Plan of Service for 2025-2026
 - a. Planning special education needs for next school year
 - b. Special education teachers know who is on caseloads for next year
 - c. Finalizing paraprofessional assignments for next year
 - d. MCSE updates: Andrew and Alyssa joined Rich in presenting on Edgar's special education programs, including Andrew's adaptive PE program
 - e. MCSE spring games April 24 in Edgar
- 3) Student Board Member report:
 - a) FBLA regionals: 3 students made it to Nationals
 - b) ACT testing
 - c) Spring sports competition has started
 - d) Band and Choir are on their spring trip
 - e) Prom coming up
 - f) State Forensics: Edgar earned gold, silver, bronze
 - g) MS FFA competition
- 4) Board members:
 - a) Board members discussed the recent legislative meeting in Medford. Topics emphasized to legislators by school districts included the importance of improving special education funding, per pupil funding, state aid.
 - b) Green Bandana Program was discussed at the legislative meeting. This is similar to Safe School Ambassadors. However, Edgar is moving to the Raise Your Voice program, which other districts are using. There might be more opportunities for collaboration among school districts.
- I. Consent Agenda:
 - 1) Approval of the agenda, minutes, financial statements, and bills for payment
 - a) A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Alison Reinders, to approve the agenda, financial statements, bills for payment, checks #109551 to #109718 plus direct withdrawals totaling \$1,039,824.37, minutes for the March 19, 2025, regular board meeting and amended minutes for the March 19, 2025, closed session board meeting. The motion carried 4-0.
 - 2) Personnel:
 - a) School Board election results and oath of office.
 - i. Pam Stahel and Megan Wesolowski were re-elected to the School Board.

- ii. Pam Stahel took the oath of office, which was notarized by Morgan Mueller. Megan Wesolowski will take the oath of office at a later date (must be prior to 4th Monday in April).
- b) Staff resignations: None
- c) Staff hires: The following staff hires were proposed for Board approval:
 - i. Nate Grefe – HS Guidance Counselor
 - ii. Courtney Bittner – MS Social Studies
 - iii. Alyssa Drake – HS Consumer Science
 - iv. Jennifer Olmsted – 4th grade teacher
 - v. Lindsey Meyer – HS ELA teacher
 - vi. Cynthia Wasmundt – Part-time custodian
- d) Student Teacher 2025-2026: Keith Kalepp - PreK-12 PE
- e) Student intern for 2025-2026: Hailey Chapel
- f) 2025-2026 teacher compensation
 - i. A one-time \$1,600 increase instead of a \$1,400 increase, for an average increase of 2.90%
- g) 2025-2026 support staff compensation
 - i. A .55 hourly increase was recommended, for an average increase of 2.93%
- h) 2025-2026 teacher contract updates
 - i. Minor updates were made that require signature by the Board president.
- i) Co-curricular coach: Megan Arndt, MS Softball

A motion was made by Alison Reinders, seconded by Pam Stahel, to approve all of the personnel recommendations described above. The motion carried 4-0.

3) Policy

- a) Policy #5411 (second reading): Third Grade Promotion and Retention: At-risk Students – as part of Wis. Act 20, school districts must implement a policy for promoting students from third to fourth grade.
- b) Neola Policy special update: Title IX Feb. 2025 (second reading)
 - i. Policy #2266 (revised): Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities. This policy must be revised by eliminating the first two lines.
 - ii. Policy #2264 (rescind): Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities – this policy must be rescinded.

A motion was made by Corey Mueller, seconded by Becca Normington, to approve the Policy changes described above. The motion carried 4-0.

4) Finance

- a) CESA 10 environmental services contract for 2025-2026. Cost: \$6,172, an increase of \$294.10 from the prior year's contract.
- b) Health insurance rates for 2025-2026: Health insurance rates had a 12.52% increase along with a change in insurance carriers. Security Health Plan was selected as the new health insurance carrier by the cooperative Edgar is part of.

- c) Dental insurance rates for 2025-2026: Dental insurance had a 0% increase in premium.
- d) Life and long-term disability insurance for 2025-2026: No increase.

A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Pam Stahel, to approve the Finance recommendations described above. The motion carried 4-0.

J. Information only

- 1. Volunteer track and field coach: Juan Martinez
- 2. Volunteer softball coach: Cheryl Schreiner

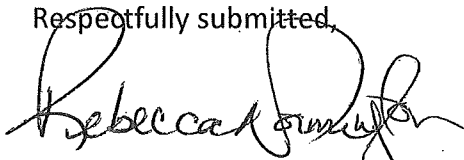
K. Other business

- 1. Next month: Board reorganization, signing of diplomas

L. Recognition of persons wishing to address the board – None

M. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Alison Reinders. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Normington, Clerk