

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
August 16, 2023

- 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, Becca Normington, Megan Wesolowski, Alison Reinders), 3 administrators (Cari Guden, Lisa Witt, Mike Wilhelm), 4 guests.
- D. **Edgar School District Strategic Plan:**
The district's Mission, Vision and Values statements were acknowledged
- E. **Written notice of the meeting was posted and sent to the media on**
Friday, Aug. 11, 2023
- F. **Public Participation:** None
- G. **Staff/Student presentations:** School board members and guests were led on a tour of the new paint booth by Matt Reinders and Greg Streit, who emphasized the importance of the paint booth ventilation for staff and student safety. The paint booth was able to be installed as a result of the recently passed referendum. Reinders and Streit expressed thanks to the community and Board members.
- H. **Administrative Reports:**
 - 1) **District Administrator:**
 - a) Cari Guden shared her July meeting schedule, noting that summer is often more busy than the school year, with preparations for the upcoming school year underway.
 - b) Cari reviewed the 2023-24 staff inservice schedule. This year, ELA curriculum is being implemented. High-quality professional development + worktime are emphasized in the inservice schedule.
 - c) Communication reports for July:
 - 1) Cari shared Marathon County Special Education July Board highlights. Alison Reinders is now on the MCSE Board and commented on the good work MCSE does on behalf of our students, which would be good to highlight in the next referendum communications. The amount of support provided would not be possible for small schools like ours to do on their own.
 - 2) **Administrators**
 - a) **Elementary principal** Lisa Witt reviewed:

- 1) Schedules for 2023-2024
 - (a) New teacher mentor program – Years 1, 2 and 3. New teacher program is to acclimate new teachers. Paired with mentors. Year 2 includes a book study and video series. Year three includes sharing of instructional strategies. CESA is embedded into professional development days. We retained 8 out of the 9 new teachers hired last year.
 - (b) Educator effectiveness – goals/learning objectives, schedule of observation, required tasks
 - (c) Math and Literacy coaching days – literacy training with Amy McGovern from CESA 9. Math coaching with Sara (MS/HS), Eric (Elem)
 - (d) Paraprofessional inservice schedule – once a month, tap into MCSE resources.
 - (e) Elementary Family Fun Night schedule
- 2) SAGE/AGR options: Goal is to get 3 teachers at all grade levels, 18:1 class size, instructional coach, and/or reading/math interventionist/tutor.
- 3) Reading legislation: Assembly Bill 321 added a literacy department at the Department of Public Instruction. Grant dollars will cover up to 50% of instructional materials.
- 4) Notable dates/activities included:
 - (a) July 31-Aug. 4 – ELA Curriculum week
 - (b) Aug. 1 and 15 – Mentor training
 - (c) Aug. 8 Grade 1 and Sped LETRS training – a requirement of Bill 321
 - (d) Aug. 10 – Grade 1 illustrative math training
 - (e) Aug. 10 – Fill a backpack/Fill a need at Edgar
 - (f) Aug. 17 – Grade 6 and 9 orientation (Summer School)
 - (g) Aug. 21-22 – New teacher inservice days
 - (h) Aug. 23-24 and 30-31 – Teacher inservice days
 - (i) Aug. 30 – K-12 open house 3:30-7:30 p.m.
 - (j) Sept. 1 – First day of school
- b) **High school principal** Mike Wilhelm reported:
 - 1) Curriculum week July 31-Aug. 4 in person and online. Getting comfortable with new materials.
 - 2) Continuous improvement meetings August 15 and 16 – great conversations occurred. More information will be shared with the Board in October.
 - 3) Student orientation days for 6th and 9th grades – Aug. 17
 - 4) Fall sports are underway
 - 5) New teacher inservice – Aug. 21-22
 - 6) All teacher inservice – Aug. 23, 24, 30, 31
 - 7) Open house – Aug. 30, 3:30-7:30 p.m.
 - 8) First day of school – Sept. 1
 - 9) Staff/family tailgate – Sept. 8. This will be the first such event since before the pandemic.

- c) **Student board representative:** A new student representative is expected to be selected and would attend the September meeting
 - d) **Board member report:** Corey Mueller attended the last two months of Village Board meetings. Other School Board members are encouraged to attend as they are able to do so.
- I. **Consent Agenda:**
- 1) Approval of prior meeting agendas and minutes, financial statement and bills for payment:
 - a) A motion was made by Megan Wesolowski, seconded by Becca Normington, to approve the agenda, financial statement, checks #104590 - #104662 plus direct withdrawals for \$245,360.56, and minutes for the July 19 regular school board meeting. The motion carried 4-0.
 - 2) **Personnel:**
 - a) Staff resignations and hires: A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to approve the resignation of Megan Koroch (Special Education Coordinator), Daniel Prazuch (HS ELA) and Alisha Simonson (MS Secretary/Aide); and the hiring of Mollie Maurer to fill the MS Secretary/Aide position. The motion carried 4-0.
 - 3) **Policy:**
 - a) 2023-2024 Annual Notice Handbook
 - b) Fall coaches
 - c) Co-curricular advisors
 - d) 2023-2024 coaches handbook (a coaches meeting was held Aug. 14)
 - e) 2023-2024 co-curricular code (no changes)
 - f) Start College Now applications for Fall 2023. NTC credit for college and high school
 - g) ECCP course requests for all 2023 (taught through UW-Stevens Point onsite in Edgar)
 - h) Neola policy updates: First reading of several policies
A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Alison Reinders to approve the policy updates noted above. The motion carried 4-0
 - 4) **Finance**
 - a) Building lease: Edgar Childcare. Changes to the lease agreement include new dates: Sept. 1, 2023-Aug. 31, 2024. The building rent was last increased from \$400 to \$500 per month in December 2018.
 - b) EATS request – an update on liability insurance costs from EMC was discussed, but not included in the Finance vote. Next steps are for EATS to propose a shed design and specs for the school district to review.
 - c) Short-term borrowing: A proposal was received for Edgar School District to join a consortium of schools in short-term borrowing through PMA Securities Municipal Advisory Agreement. This could result in lower interest rates by leverage the borrowing power of multiple school districts in securing short-term

loans. Board members requested additional due diligence on the vendor's reputation and history before making a decision to join the consortium. A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Megan Wesolowski to approve the Edgar Childcare building lease. The motion carried 4-0.

J. **Other business** – None.

K. **Information only:**

1. Technical updates were made on several Neola policies. No action was needed.
2. MCSE hires: Alyssa Narloch was hired as a school psychology intern who will work in Edgar.

L. **Recognition of persons wishing to address the Board:**

1. Public participation - None

M. **Board suggested future agenda items** - None

N. **Motion to adjourn to Executive Session under Wis. Statute Sec. 19.85(1)© and Wis. Statute Sec. 118.125:**

1. Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Corey Mueller to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Minutes of the Executive Session meeting

An executive session of the School Board was called to order by Corey Mueller at 7:50 p.m.

Roll call:

Board members: Corey Mueller, Alison Reinders, Megan Wesolowski, Becca Normington

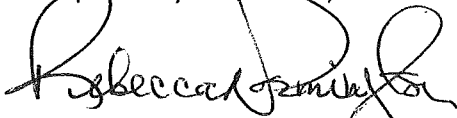
Administrators: Cari Guden, Mike Wilhelm

Guests: None

Agenda:

1. Discussion of an addendum to Principal's contract to include co-athletic director duties. A motion was made by Alison Reinders, seconded by Corey Mueller, to approve the addendum. The motion carried 4-0.
2. Additional discussion: ELA recruitment continues. Special education coordinator interviews are underway.
3. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Corey Mueller, seconded by Alison Reinders. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Normington, Clerk