

Board Meeting Summary: August 20, 2025

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/Student Staff Presentations

The 2025-26 New Teachers were introduced. Welcome to Edgar!

Cari Guden reported on the following:

1. The 2025-26 Staff Inservice Schedule was shared
2. Communication
 - a. The MCSE July Board Highlights were shared
 - b. School Picture Day is on September 17th and 18th—Board Members should try to attend to have an updated picture taken.
 - c. The Staff Tailgate is on September 5th from 5:45-7:00pm
 - d. The September School Board Meeting was changed to Thursday, September 25th at 6:00pm.

Lisa Witt reported the following:

1. Curriculum Updates
 - a. K-12 Math mapped out curriculum August 4-7
 - b. Elective Curriculum is up for review for the 2025-2026 school year
2. Schedules for 2025-2026
 - a. New Teacher Mentor Program – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
 - b. Educator Effectiveness
3. AGR update
 - a. AGR options: 18:1 class size, instructional coach, and/or reading interventionist/tutor
 - b. Kindergarten (36)– 2 sections (small class size) plus Reading interventionist 7:30-1:30
 - c. First grade (26)– 2 sections (small class size)
 - d. Second Grade (39) – 3 sections (small class size)
 - e. Third Grade (40) – 3 sections (small class size)
4. Other grades not in AGR
 - a. 4-Year-Old Kindergarten (31) – two options and two sections: 5 days a week and 3 days a week
 - b. Fourth grade (55) – two sections plus an intern for first semester
 - c. Fifth grade (43) – two sections
5. Important Dates
 - a. August 13– Fill A Backpack/Fill A Need at Edgar
 - b. August 13-14 – District CIP – data retreat
 - c. August 19-20 – New teacher inservice days
 - d. August 21 – Grades 6 and 9 Orientation (Summer School)
 - e. August 25-26-27 - Teacher in-service
 - f. August 27 – K-12 Open House 3:00-6:30
 - g. August 28 – MCSE teacher/para PD day @ Edgar
 - h. September 2 – First Day of School

Mike Wilhelm reported the following:

1. Curriculum Week
 - a. 2 Days of Training with Sonja from the Math Institute
 - b. Math revised their curriculum maps
 - c. SPED Team Collaboration
2. CIP Team Data Dig/Planning for 2025-2026
3. New Teachers Inservice — August 19-20
4. Wildcat Day Orientation 6th and 9th Grades — August 21
5. All Teachers Inservice — August 25-27
6. Open House — August 27 3:00-6:30
7. Fall Sports are in full swing
8. School Beginning
9. Staff Tailgate— September 5

Rich Twomey reported the following:

1. Curriculum Week
2. Important Dates:
 - a. August 13-14 – CIP Data Retreat with CESA 9
 - b. August 19-20 – New Teacher Training w/ Lisa, Mike & Rich
 - c. August 25-27 – Edgar School District in-service
 - d. August 27 is Open House from 3:00-6:30 pm
 - e. August 28 – MCSE Special Education Teacher + Special Education Paraprofessional Collaboration
 - i. Jason Haluska will present on roles and responsibilities
 - ii. Rich/Alyssa will lead a SpEd Team Meeting
 - iii. SpEd Teachers & Paraprofessionals will review IEPs, develop schedules, & plan collaboration for the school year
 - f. September 2nd - First Day of School!

Student Board Representative:

1. No Representative, student will begin in September.

Board Members

1. Corey Mueller gave a report on the CESA 9 Annual Board Meeting.

Consent Agenda

The School Board approved the Agenda, Minutes, Financial Statement & Bills for Payment for the July 23, 2025 – Regular Meeting and Executive Meeting.

Personnel

- a. Support Staff Hires
 1. Mrs. Socha applied for and interviewed for the part-time Accounts Payable/Payroll Asst. Michelle has an accounting background with a great deal of experience in this area. This position will work with Morgan for approximately 10 hours per week. This position will also help our audit to address 'segregation of duties.' The School Board approved Mrs. Socha as part-time Accounts Payable/Payroll Asst.
- b. Staff Hires
 1. Ms. Kelly Kramer applied for the HS Science teacher position. Kelly has 20+ years of teaching experience and will be a great fit to our team. The School Board approved Ms. Kramer as HS Science teacher.

Policy

- a. Neola Updates: 1st Reading: (Volume 34, Number 2): #0100, #0144.5, #0166.1, #1461, #3120.04, #3120.08, #3431, #4124, #4140, #4213, #4431, #5112, #5310.01, #5411, #5505, #5530, #7440.03, #7450, #7455, #7530.02, #8120, #8420, #8500, #8510, #8531, #8550, and #9151. ." The School Board approved for 1st reading.
- b. Policy #5464: Early Graduation
 1. We have a student that has requested to graduate early. The School Board approved the early graduation request.

c. Valedictorian/Salutatorian

1. Information was presented at the July board meeting. The following four options discussed are:
 - i. Stay status quo
 - ii. One Valedictorian and One Salutatorian –keep criteria the same as now (top 2 that go to Academic Excellence Banquet)
 - iii. One Valedictorian and numerous Salutatorian (all 4.0)
 - iv. One Valedictorian and One Salutatorian and a 4.0 GPA Award for all those that attained a 4.0 during their HS career.

The School Board approved option #4: One Valedictorian and One Salutatorian– keep criteria the same as now (top 2 that go to Academic Excellence Banquet) and a 4.0 GPA Award for all those that attained a 4.0 during their HS career. This change will begin with the Class of 2029.

Finance

a. Building Lease

1. I have updated the building lease for the Edgar Childcare. The Edgar Childcare Lease was only changed to reflect the new dates; lease agreement from Sept. 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026. Just a reminder that the daycare building rent was increased in December of 2018. It went from \$400 to \$500. The School Board approved the lease with Edgar Childcare for the upcoming year.

b. MCSE Annual Service Agreement for 2025-26

1. This document is new and was created as fiscal support for the bookkeepers. Signatures are not an official "approval" of the services being provided but rather a more formal articulation and affirmation of our unique arrangement. The School Board approved the MCSE Annual Service Agreement for 2025-26.

c. Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing

1. Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,200,000; Issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Notes; and Participation in the PMA Levy and Aid Anticipation Notes Program. The School Board approved this resolution.

Information Only

1. FMLA Request

- a. A staff member has requested FMLA for additional maternity leave for 7 more weeks (approximately August 25 - Oct. 20, 2025)
- b. A staff member has requested FMLA for a serious health condition in which surgery is needed. Approximately 2 weeks of recovery is needed (Sept. 2-12, 2025)

2. MCSE Paraprofessional Hire—Kendy McAllister was hired as a paraprofessional to work in our Elementary.

3. Policy Technical Corrections: (Volume 34, Number 2): #0168.1, #2266, #2416, #2221, #2431, #3243, #3281, #3419.02, #4281, #4419.02, #5130, #5410, #5500, #6144, #8450.01, #8660, #8710, #8800, and #9150

Next School Board Meeting:

Note the Date Change

Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 6:00pm—Regular Board Meeting