

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
August 21, 2024

- 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: 5 school board members (Corey Mueller, Alison Reinders, Pam Stahel, Becca Normington, Megan Wesolowski), 4 administrators (Cari Guden, Lisa Witt, Mike Wilhelm, Rich Twomey), 1 student board member, 16 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 Friday, Aug. 16, 2024
- F. Recognition of persons wishing to address the Board
 - 1) Public Participation: None
- G. Staff/Student Presentations
 - New teachers and staff members introduced themselves.
- H. Administrative Reports
 - 1) District Administrator Dr. Cari Guden shared the following:
 - a) July meeting schedule.
 - b) 2024-2025 staff in-service schedule
 - 1) New teachers Aug. 21
 - 2) All staff Aug. 26, 27, & 28
 - 3) Curriculum focus for 2025-2026: Math K-12
 - c) Report on bullying and incident reports for 2023-2024
 - d) Playground update
 - e) Communication
 - 1) MCSE board highlights for July
 - 2) Football Alumni Night will be held Friday, Oct. 4, honoring Jerry Sinz's 50th year of football coaching at Edgar High School. Football Alumni will be sponsoring the gate fee for all in attendance.
 - 3) Thank you's from Tammy Anderson and Jamie Koehler families were shared.
 - 2) Building Administrators
 - a) Elementary principal Dr. Lisa Witt reported on:

- 1) ELA Curriculum week took place August 5-9
 - 2) Schedules for 2024-2025
 - New teacher mentoring program & Educator effectiveness
 - The above two agenda items were moved to the September Board meeting
 - 3) AGR Update (18:1 class size, instructional coach and reading interventionist/tutor)
 - Goal is small class size.
 - 4) Important dates
 - Aug. 14 – Fill a Backpack/Fill a Need at Edgar
 - 77 students came in that day, and more will receive a backpack. Anticipate a total of 90-100 backpacks given away.
 - Aug. 14-15 – District CIP data retreat
 - Aug. 21 – New teacher in-service day
 - Aug. 22 – Grades 6 and 9 orientation
 - Aug. 26-28 – Teacher in-service
 - Aug. 28 - K-12 open house
 - Aug. 29 - Illustrative Math training for new teachers
 - Sept. 3 – First day of school
- b) Middle/high school principal Mike Wilhelm reported on
- 1) Curriculum Week
 - ELA created curriculum maps
 - SPED team collaboration
 - 2) CIP Team
 - 3) New teachers
 - 4) Wildcat Day Aug. 22: 6th and 9th graders
 - 5) All teachers: Aug. 26-28
 - 6) Open house: Aug. 28
 - K-12 meet teachers, drop off school supplies
 - 7) Fall sports are in full swing
 - 8) School beginning
 - 9) Staff tailgate: Sept. 20 – Board members are invited
- c) Special education coordinator Rich Twomey reported on:
- Summer Academy key take-aways
 - Collaborative and proactive solutions
 - Nonviolent crisis intervention
 - Co-teaching
 - AI in the classroom: lesson planning, behavior plan frameworks, IEP writing, etc.
 - Curriculum Week: Special ed team assembled for the first time, including new team members. Curriculum mapping for general education and collaboration with special ed
 - Special ed intervention resources for ELA and math

- Collaboration with staff – shout out to Aaron Niemann and Sam Brown for their time meeting with colleagues to understand needs of students
- Leadership in Literacy with CESA 9 - Act 20 requirements, rollout of assessments and beginning of 100-day plan
- Shout out to all special education staff for their time in July and Aug. to provide optimal learning opportunities for students during the 2024-2025 school year.

3) Student board representative report:

- a) Student board representative Mia Stencil, a senior, introduced herself and provided an update on student activities: Fall sports have started, freshman orientation – seniors helped plan the day, homecoming planning is underway, student of the month, character trait of the month (based on pillars)

4) Board member reports:

- a) Corey Mueller shared the CESA 9 annual report and reported on the CESA 9 annual meeting. Many representatives from other districts attended. There are 22 member districts in CESA 9.

I. Consent Agenda:

1) Approval of the agenda, minutes, financial statements, and bills for payment

- a) A motion was made by Alison Reinders, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to approve the agenda, financial statements, bills for payment, checks #108320 to 108413 plus direct withdrawals totaling \$ 463,068.16, and minutes from the July 16, 2024, regular meeting and the July 16, 2024 executive meeting. The motion carried 5-0.

2) Personnel:

- a) Support staff recruitment: interviews for a night time custodian are completed, and an offer to hire has been made. No board action was taken.

3) Policy

- a) Fall coaches: Assistant coaches for fall sports
- b) Co-curricular assignments: A few spots filled; a few remain open
- c) Start College Now applications for fall 2024
 - a) Welding at NTC
- d) Policy #2340 – District-sponsored Trips (Volleyball)

A motion was made by Megan Wesolowski, seconded by Pam Stahel, to approve the Policy recommendations above. The motion carried 5-0.

4) Finance

- a) Building lease with Edgar Daycare. No increase in rent is recommended.
- b) Federal and State Funds Procedural Manual: Added information to comply with financial audit regarding annual reporting.
- c) Resolution authorizing temporary borrowing
 - a) PMA consortium for lower rate, more efficient. Sept. 12 pricing and sale date. Not to exceed \$1.3 million (same as last year). Not to exceed 6% interest rate (likely will be about 5%)

A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Alison Reinders, to approve the Finance recommendations above. The motion carried 5-0.

J. Other business - None

K. Information only

- FMLA request. No long-term sub will be hired.

L. Recognition of persons wishing to address the Board:

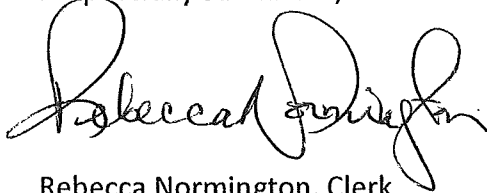
- None

M. Board suggested future agenda items

- Cell phone policy in classrooms

N. Adjourn - A motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Alison Reinders, seconded by Pam Stahel. The motion carried 5-0. The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Normington', written in a cursive style.

Rebecca Normington, Clerk