

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
December 20, 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, Alison Reinders, Pam Stahel, Becca Normington), 4 administrators (Cari Guden, Lisa Witt, Mike Wilhelm, Rich Twomey), 12 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**
Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023
- F. **Recognition of persons wishing to address the Board**
1) **Public Participation:** None
- G. **Staff/Student Presentations**
- 1) Senate and Assembly Representatives Donna Rozar, James Edming and Cory Tomczak presented a proclamation congratulating the 2023 Edgar High School football team and coaches for their state championship and record-setting 14th state championship appearance.
 - 2) Superintendent Cari Guden shared that Edgar Middle School earned recognition in US News & World Report for placing among the top 40% of middle schools in Wisconsin, making it a US News & World Report Best Middle School.
 - 3) Members of the Mental Health Committee presented on the district's efforts to address mental health needs.
 - Committee has been meeting since 2016
 - Includes student and staff needs assessments
 - Multiple resources being used to meet district needs
 - 4) Food Service Director Rebecca Larson provided a Food Service update.
 - 8th annual food drive collected seven overflowing boxes of food for families and 12 additional boxes for Circle of Joy food pantry.
 - 13,395 breakfasts served. Breakfast numbers are down from last year due to free breakfast ending, but Rebecca remains pleased with the volume.
 - 31,000 lunches served. Lunch numbers are up from last year.

- 5) Jon Trautman from CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) Consulting presented the annual financial audit results for the period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.
- The district received an overall clean audit.
 - A few findings for improvement of oversight and segregation of duties were noted in the report.

H. Administrative Reports:

1) District Administrator:

- a) Cari Guden shared her November meeting schedule.
- b) Communication:
- 1) Cari shared Marathon County Special Education Board highlights
 - 2) Cari reviewed the district's social media report card for Aug.-Oct. 2023.

2) Administrators

a) **Elementary principal** Lisa Witt reported on:

- 1) Curriculum update:
 - Implementation of the K-8 ELA curriculum is the focus for the year.
 - (a) In-services will focus on grades 2-3 HD WordWork Training; K-5 WONDERS training; 6-8 EL Open Up training
 - Math Institute came back for a two-day collaboration with K-5 math teachers and two one-day days with 6-12 math teachers to help with illustrative math, modeling lessons, co-teaching and collaboration
 - Reading specialist will be in Edgar for 18 days with regular ed teachers and 12.5 days with special ed teachers.
- 2) Staff in-services will be:
 - Dec. 22 – PLC/collaboration, HD Wordwork training, EL Open Up training
 - Jan. 19 – three one-hour sections for staff to select from for the morning, work time in the afternoon.
 - Jan. 22—ELA PD and Support for K-8 throughout the day and work time to wrap up semester 1 and to begin semester 2
- 3) Other dates to remember
 - 5th graders will have their Wausau School Forest trip Dec. 20-21

b) **High school principal** Mike Wilhelm reported:

- 1) CESA professional development (Amy McGovern) – disciplinary literacy/vocabulary strategies in the classroom
- 2) Master schedule committee meetings are being held to consider possible changes.
- 3) The CIP team discussed a book study, teacher-led professional development on Dec. 22 in-service day focused on student engagement.
- 4) Mike also presented the School Board Student's written report. He noted that lunch lines are long and students do not have enough time to eat.

c) **Special education coordinator** Rich Twomey

- 1) Update on coaching cycles:

- Two coaching cycles are completed – emphasis on behaviors. Rich will continue to be part of collaboration teams with special ed teachers and general education teachers.
 - Current coaching cycle – intellectual disability caseload
- 2) Mr. Mike Thompson will be the long-term sub for Samantha Brown.

3) **Board member report:**

- a. Corey Mueller reported on the most recent CESA 9 meeting: talked about onboarding of new employees. CESA rates for next year will remain flat.

I. Consent Agenda:

1) Approval of prior meeting agendas and minutes, financial statement and bills for payment:

- a) A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Pam Stahel, to approve the agenda, financial statement, bills for payment, checks #105212 - #105409 plus direct withdrawals totaling \$718,840.94, and minutes for the Nov. 15 regular school board meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

2) Personnel:

a) Coaching hires:

- 1) 8th grade girls basketball coach: Betty Urmanski
- 2) Spring coaches

b) FMLA request

A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Alison Reinders, to approve the proposed personnel changes. The motion carried 4-0.

3) Policy

a) Act 143 School Safety report – required to be uploaded to DPI in January.

- 1) Crisis Plan
- 2) Annual school safety lockdown drill – Nov. 28, 2023. Gave teams time to review, talked through what they would do in certain scenarios
- 3) Most recent school safety training – Aug 23 in-service
- 4) Most recent date the school district consulted with local law enforcement: Various times throughout the year.

A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Corey Mueller to approve the School Safety report. Motion carried 4-0.

- b) Dual credit grading was discussed upon request from a district family. The discussion focused on whether quarter grades should be provided for dual credit courses. More information is needed to know the overall effect of any changes. The agenda item will be discussed again at the January meeting. No action was taken.

J. Information only

- a. Marathon County Special Education hired Mike Thompson as a long term substitute teacher in Edgar.

b. Edgar staff long-term sub: Sharon Theobald was hired as a long-term sub for a teacher on maternity leave.

K. **Other business** - None

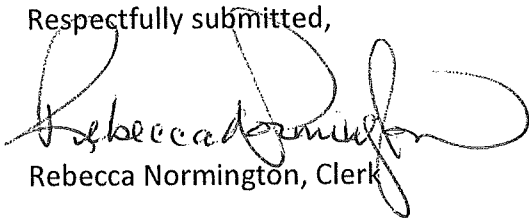
L. **Recognition of persons wishing to address the Board:**

1. Public participation – Corey and Tina Higgins took part in the discussion of dual-credit courses.

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

N. **Adjourn** - A motion to adjourn was made by Becca Normington seconded by Alison Reinders. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Normington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Rebecca Normington, Clerk