

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
February 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Corey Mueller at 6 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Corey Mueller

Roll Call: 5 board members + 1 student representative (Corey Mueller, Gary Lewis, Becca Normington, Megan Wesolowski, Pam Stahel, Carver Higgins) 4 administrators (Cari Guden, Lisa Witt, Tom McCarty, Megan Koroach), 9 guests.

Public Participation: None.

Staff/Student presentations:

- Carver Higgins presented for the first time as the student representative on the School Board. He reviewed various student activities that are sending representatives to higher-level competition, including FFA, FBLA, forensics, wrestling. Middle school and high school students participated in Mind Your Health Day. Solo & Ensemble is coming up, as well as post-season basketball tournaments.

A change in order of the agenda was made to allow requests for district boundary changes to be addressed.

Consent Agenda

- Public School District Reorganization requests were heard by the School Board from three property owners. Marathon School District had already approved all three requests.
 - Wirkus petition: A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to grant the transfer of the territory described in the petition, and approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of an order altering district boundary lines. Motion carried 3-2.
 - Further, a motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, that the reorganization in the petition filed on March 31, 2022, be granted and the order altering school district boundary lines detaching the territory described in said petition from the School District of Marathon City and attaching said territory to the School District of Edgar be approved. Motion carried 3-2.
 - Martin petition: A motion was made by Megan Wesolowski, seconded by Becca Normington, to deny the transfer of the territory described in the petition, and the resolution authorizing the issuance of an order denying the petition be approved. Motion carried 5-0.

- Further, a motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, that the reorganization requested in the petition filed on January 11, 2023, to detach the territory described in said petition from the School District of Edgar and attach it to the School District of Marathon City, be denied, that said petition be dismissed, and the order of the denial be approved. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Kraft petition: A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to deny the transfer of the territory described in the petition, and the resolution authorizing the issuance of an order denying the petition be approved. Motion carried 5-0.
 - Further, a motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Becca Normington, that the reorganization requested in the petition filed on January 27, 2023, to detach the territory described in said petition from the School District of Edgar and attach it to the School District of Marathon City, be denied, that said petition be dismissed, and the order of the denial be approved. Motion carried 5-0.
- Mary Kay from Fisher Bus Company was on hand to share additional information about the proposed electric bus and the grant that will be used to pay for the bus.
 - A grant for \$375,000 will be used to cover the costs of the bus. Fisher is investing additional funding for an extended warranty, charging station and fuel heater for the bus. It will be the only electric bus in the area. The district would not pay for fuel or the charging station for the electric bus. The bus would have wi-fi and will be used for regular routes, not for trips. The bus must be kept for 5 years, and within 2 years a diesel bus must be decommissioned. The timing of the delivery of the bus is to be determined.

Administrative Reports:

- District Administrator: Cari Guden reviewed her January meeting schedule, including new driver's education options. Cari worked with Athens School District and Rosholt School District to submit a joint application for a Department of Energy heating and cooling grant. Cari reviewed the second Friday in January student count report. Medford School District will host a legislative dinner on April 10, inviting school board members from around the area to attend. Open enrollment is underway until April 28. Cari requested to change the March School Board meeting date to March 8, 6 p.m. She reviewed Marathon County Special Education January Board highlights. Cari shared a letter with School Board members from attorney Dietrich advising on the Edgar Area Trail Supporters request to build a storage building on school property. We are waiting for additional guidance from EMC insurance. A thank you from foreign exchange students was shared with Board members.
- Elementary principal: Lisa Witt said Fastbridge assessments were conducted Jan 24-25, and data for grades 4K-5 is being reviewed. She shared an Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) plan that is developed and delivered to the Department of Public Instruction and

shared with the Board of Education at the end of each semester. She also shared attendance and behavioral data for the elementary school. Curriculum update (K-12): ELA textbooks continue to be evaluated. Preschool screening is March 15-16, during which future students are evaluated, speech and developmental needs are identified, registration for 4K is conducted and projections for class sizes are made. A 4K survey will be sent to district residents evaluating the desire for 4- or 5-day/week 4K (vs. current 2-day/3-day schedule). Upcoming dates: summer school planning meeting Feb. 20, family fun night Feb. 21, parent-teacher conferences were scheduled for Feb. 23 (rescheduled due to weather), staff inservice Feb. 24.

- High school principal: Tom McCarty reported that ACT testing will be March 7 for juniors. Pre-ACT will be held for sophomores. Tom shared middle school and high school attendance and behavior data. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Feb. 22. The track team requested an overnight trip to participate in meets in southern Wisconsin.
- Special education update: Megan Koroch reported that special education is fully staffed for the first time all year. She noted special education teachers are participating in professional development. The transition to new software went smoothly. She reported on discussions for transition of Birth to 3 to LEA. Special education coordinator questionnaire results were positive. Concerns were related to staff joining mid-year missing information from earlier in the year. Mental health committee updates – focus on work/life balance, shared healthy tips with school staff, distributed healthy treats to staff.

Board member report:

- Cari Guden and Becca Normington provided reports from their participation in the WASB State Education Convention in Milwaukee January 17-20.

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of prior meeting agendas and minutes, financial statement and bills for payment:
 - A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to approve the agenda and minutes for the Jan. 16, 2023, regular school board meeting, as well as the financial statements and payment of bills. Motion carried 5-0.
- Personnel:
 - A motion was made by Corey Mueller, seconded by Pam Stahel, to approve the proposed spring sports coaching staffs. Motion carried 4-0 (Gary Lewis abstained).
- Policy:
 - A motion was made by Megan Wesolowski, seconded by Pam Stahel, to approve the following policies (Motion carried 5-0):
 - Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Report

- Academic Excellence Scholarship for Class of 2023
- Technical Excellence Scholarship for Class of 2023
- Overnight fieldtrip policy #2340
 - Track fieldtrip

- Finance: Cari presented the following for School Board approval: CESA 9 services contract for 2023-24. An increased cost of services is expected to be covered by grant funding. Cari recommends securing CESA staff support before the grant is approved. CESA 10 services contract for 2023-24, costs are increased over the previous contract. ESSER III funding must be approved every 6 months. No changes were noted. Electric bus grant, along with an updated transportation contract with Fisher Bus with a 5% increase in costs. A motion was made by Megan Wesolowski, seconded by Becca Normington, to approve the finance items as discussed. The motion carried 5-0.

Other business

- Carver noted that band and choir students will be going on a bus trip to NY, Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania over spring break.

Public participation: Guest Alison Reinders asked whether the fire department needs special rescue/fire training related to the electric bus.

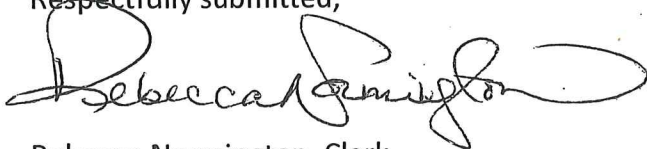
Board suggested future agenda items

- None

Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Becca Normington. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 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