

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DISTRICT LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
February 18, 2026

A. CALL TO ORDER

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Board President Corey Mueller at 6:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 1) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Corey Mueller.

C. ROLL CALL

- 1) Attending the meeting were 5 school board members (Corey Mueller, Pam Stahel, Alison Reinders, Becca Normington, Megan Wesolowski), 4 administrators (Cari Guden, Lisa Witt, Mike Wilhelm, Rich Twomey), 1 student representative (Caius Higgins), 3 additional guests.

D. EDGAR SCHOOL DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

- 1) The district's Mission, Vision, Motto and Values were read by Corey Mueller.
MISSION: We inspire and engage every student to learn, grow, and explore new experiences in a safe and inclusive learning environment.
VISION: Every graduate will be prepared for success and be a responsible citizen.
MOTTO: Inspiring students. Preparing them for life.
VALUES: Excellence. Diversity. Growth. Accountability. Respect.

E. WRITTEN NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN POSTED AND SENT TO THE MEDIA ON

- 1) Friday, Feb. 13, 2026

F. RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- 1) Public Participation: None

G. STAFF/STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Food Service Director Report: Mrs. Rebecca Larson reported that an Administrative Review by DPI was recently completed and went well, with minimal findings. Some corrective actions have been completed and others are underway. All will be completed by March 23, 2026. Mrs. Larson reported that the 2026-2027 commodity order has been placed. The USDA entitlement decreased by \$5,000 due to the number of students eating lunch being lower. Two special meals are coming up: Friday, March 6, Dr. Suess meal and Wednesday, March 25, Easter meal. Administrators enjoy helping serve these special meals.
- 2) Nexus Comprehensive Facility Audit: Paul Hathaway from Nexus, a consulting company with expertise in facility assessments, was on hand to review a Partnership Development Agreement (PDA) and answer board member questions in advance of board action on the proposal to complete a formal facilities assessment and management of any improvements and contracting necessary. The board asked questions and discussed in advance of action taken during the consent agenda later in the meeting.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 1) District Administrator Dr. Cari Guden shared the following:
 - a) January meetings, including a brief recap of her chairmanship of the State Small Schools Committee at the State Education Convention. Dr. Guden reported that she has been able to make connections with other small school leaders through this leadership role.
 - b) Second Friday in January Pupil Count. The district had 562 students for the January count.

- c) Open enrollment runs from Feb. 2 through April 30. Information about open enrollment is posted on the district website and on social media.
- d) Dr. Guden reviewed snow day data with staff, and shared it with the Board. Based on the data, there is no recommendation to change the snow day policy.
- e) Communication
 - 1. Marathon County Special Education (MCSE) January Board Highlights. Dr. Kelly Kapitz is retiring. Interviews for her replacement begin in March.
 - 2. A thank you note from Louise Hornung and family was shared with the board
 - 3. A thank you note from Rebecca Larson and family was shared with the board

2) Administrators

- a) Elementary principal Dr. Lisa Witt reported:
 - 1. Data
 - a. AimswebPlus – 22 students have reading plans
 - b. AGR goals – small class size goal
 - c. Attendance and behavioral data: A CIP goal to improve attendance rates, as bad habits start in kindergarten. Bus behavior is a concern that is being addressed.
 - 2. Literacy Coaching Days: Feb. 18, March 9, March 11, March 18, April 7 will include Amy P. and Amy M. from CESA 9.
 - 3. Edgar Winter Olympic events Feb. 9 – March 2
 - 4. Summer School planning meeting Feb. 17: Summer School dates June 15-July 16. No breakfast or lunch will be served. Registration information will be distributed after spring break.
 - 5. Preschool screening March 13. Only 24 4-year-olds are projected for next year (smaller class size).
- b) High school principal Mr. Mike Wilhelm reported on
 - 1. Pre-ACT and ACT testing March 17, grades 9-11. No 12th graders will be in the building. Goal setting will take place for grades 9-11.
 - 2. ACT prep for juniors with teachers to identify additional study needs.
 - 3. Marathon County Honoring Excellence Students were announced:
 - a. Wade Kohel and Tucker Streit
 - 4. Academic Excellence Scholarship Recipient: Tucker Streit
 - 5. Technical Excellence Scholarship Recipient: Deagon Pilgrim
 - 6. Attendance and behavioral data
 - 7. Important events:
 - a. Feb 19 - MC Reward Trip – Forest Springs
 - b. Feb. 20 - Solo and Ensemble – band and choir, MS and HS
 - c. Feb. 27 – no school
 - d. Marawood Art Fair Feb. 18 at Center for Visual Arts
 - e. Feb. 23 - FFA members serve at Culvers, proceeds to FFA.
 - f. Feb. 28 - Candlelight walk
 - g. March 6 - National History Day regional competition at UWSP
 - h. March 17 – Pre ACT, ACT
 - i. March 27 – End of 3rd quarter
- c) Special education coordinator Mr. Rich Twomey reported on:
 - 1. Celebrations and shoutouts: Recognition of staff members. We have seven new special education students this year.
 - 2. Staffing updates, FMLA, long-term substitute arrangements
 - 3. Upcoming dates and events:
 - a. April 16 – Edgar special education presents to MCSE Board

- b. May 8 – MCSE Track and Field Day – shoutout to Andrew Lukasko for organizing the event.
- 3) Bookkeeper Report – Mrs. Morgan Mueller reported on
 - 1. Notable Revenues and Expenses from the prior month – this is a new report for the board.
 - 2. Projects and reporting from the prior month
 - 3. Budget cycle
 - 4. News at the federal and state levels
- 4) Student board representative report
 - a) Student Board Co-representative Caius Higgins reported on:
 - 1) Sports teams seasons:
 - Boys wrestling has two state qualifiers this year
 - Girls wrestling had seven girls qualify for sectionals, won Conference
 - Boys and girls basketball nearing playoffs
 - 2) Other activities:
 - ACT prep is going well. Students are looking forward to breakfast that day.
 - FBLA regional competition: 11 qualifiers for state leadership, Caius Higgins is running for state office.
 - Fundraiser
 - Solo and Ensemble: Many weeks of preparation, students are excited to go.
 - Maverick Butt and Tucker Streit were named to the All-State football team and have a \$10,000 fundraising goal
 - 3) No problems to report
- 5) Board member reports:
 - a) Becca Normington shared information about a podcast on education. (Freakonomics Ep. 391)
 - b) Corey Mueller reminded board members to watch the CESA 9 video.
 - c) Alison Reinders asked if the FCS remodel is progressing. Construction is set to begin June 8.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval of the agenda, minutes, financial statements and January bills for payment
 - a) Jan. 14, 2026, Special Board Meeting
 - b) Jan. 14, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
 - c) Jan. 14, 2026, Executive Session

A motion was made by Megan Wesolowski, seconded by Alison Reinders, to approve the agenda, financial statements, checks #111192 to #111339 plus direct withdrawals totaling \$809,657.07, and minutes for the Jan. 14, 2026, special board meeting, regular board meeting and executive session. The motion carried 5-0.

- 2) Personnel
 - a) Wrestling coach hire – Harrison Graveen
 - b) Spring coach hires – Brock Handrick and Ean Rau will share coaching duties for JV baseball
 - c) Teacher resignation - Nathan Holtz, 5th grade
 - d) Support staff resignation – Beckie Knetter, PT food service worker
 - e) Athletic Director resignation – Jim Steinke
 - f) Staff hires – none

A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Becca Normington, to approve the personnel changes noted above. The motion carried 5-0.

- 3) Policy

- a) 2026-2027 School District Calendar – staff input was sought. Graduation date must change from Friday to Wednesday due to odd year/even year sectional competition schedule fluctuations made by WIAA. The district wants students to be able to participate in end-of-year competitions (sports and other co-curricular activities) without having to choose between activities and graduation.
- b) Neola Policy first reading (Volume 35, Number 1): #0100, #0142.7, #0144.5, #1210, #1230.01, #1240, #2131.01, #2261.01, #4140, #5112, #5136, #5411, #6320, #7540.02, and #7540.08.
- c) Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Report
- d) Policy #5451.01: Wis. Academic Excellence Scholarship, Class of 2026: Tucker Streit
- e) Policy #5451.02: Technical Excellence Scholarship, Class of 2026: Deagon Pilgrim

A motion was made by Alison Reinders, seconded by Becca Normington, to approve the School District Calendar, Neola Policy first reading, AGR Report and Scholarship policies. The motion carried 5-0.

4) Finance

- a) 2026-2027 CESA 10 Environmental Health and Safety Program Agreement at \$6,481, a fee increase of \$309 over the prior year.
- b) Nexus Comprehensive Facility Audit

A motion was made by Corey Mueller, seconded by Alison Reinders, to approve the finance items noted above. The motion carried 5-0.

J. INFORMATION ONLY

- 1) FMLA Leave (2)
- 2) Policy technical corrections (Vol. 35, No. 1): #0141, #0142.2, #0145, #1213, #2464, #3213, #4120, #4213, #5111.01, #5330, #5461, #5505, #5610, #5780, #6144, #6152, #7440.01, #8410, #8420, #8450.01, #8451, #8462.01, #8660, #9151, and #9800.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) None

L. RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

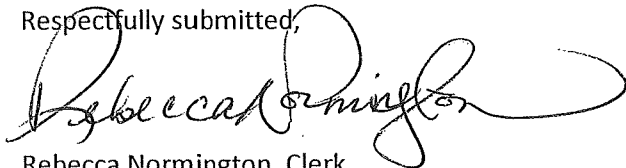
- 1) Public participation – None

M. BOARD SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) None.

N. ADJOURN – A motion to adjourn was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Alison Reinders. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Normington, Clerk