

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
February 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, Megan Wesolowski, Becca Normington), 4 administrators (Cari Guden, Lisa Witt, Mike Wilhelm, Rich Twomey), 4 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, Feb. 16, 2024
- F. **Recognition of persons wishing to address the Board**
1) Public Participation: None
- G. **Staff/Student Presentations**
 - 1) ELL Program Report – Jennifer Olmsted reported that ELL needs are growing in the district. We have ELL students in most elementary grades.
 - 2) Student Board Representative report – Cael Higgins reported that many Edgar students participated in this year's choir and band solo and ensemble day. Mind Your Health Day was held at the middle school and high school. Mr. Hanson has a guest speaker coming on Feb. 29. Upcoming events: Forensics, pops concert, FFA events. Students are looking forward to having Feb. 23 off of school.
- H. **Administrative Reports:**
 - 1) **District Administrator** Dr. Cari Guden shared the following:
 - a) January meeting schedule.
 - b) Second Friday pupil count occurred the Monday after it was scheduled due to a snow day. Cari shared that the student count was down 1 from fall.
 - c) The annual legislative dinner/meeting is scheduled for April 1 in Medford
 - d) Open enrollment is taking place Feb. 5-April 1
 - e) The May 15 Board meeting time was changed to 4 p.m. to allow School Board members and Administrators to attend Senior Awards Night.
 - f) ACT Super Score information was explained by Cari
 - g) Direct Admit Wisconsin information was shared, allowing students to be considered by any of the 10 participating University of Wisconsin colleges without submitting an application. Data will be uploaded from Skyward. Edgar

School District has opted into the program. Students may be accepted to all or some or none of the schools. Students opt into the program. No fee is assessed to the district or to students for participating.

h) **Communication**

- 1) MCSE January Board highlights were noted

2) Building Administrators

a) **Elementary principal** Dr. Lisa Witt introduced Katrina Penney, an administration practicum student who is shadowing Lisa. Lisa reported on:

1. Data
 - (a) Fastbridge grades 4K-5. A meeting was held to dig into the report, discuss changes to make in classrooms
 - (b) Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) goals – collecting data
 - (c) Attendance and behavioral data were reviewed.
2. ACT 20 update regarding literacy: Joint Finance Committee will decide about financial support for curriculum. A screener will be selected by DPI to be implemented by Jan. 2025.
3. Preschool screening is scheduled for March 15. 33-34 students are projected.
4. Upcoming dates
 - (a) Elementary parent-teacher conferences happening today
 - (b) Staff in service: Feb. 23
 - (c) Summer school meeting: Feb. 26
5. Wildcat Wellness flyers have been distributed on social media and sent home with students.

b) **High school principal** Mike Wilhelm

- 1) Pre-ACT testing and ACT test on March 19. Seniors will not be in the building during testing to allow a quieter environment.
- 2) Valedictorians were selected: Teegan Streit and Brett Baumgartner
- 3) Middle school and high school parent-teacher conferences happening today
- 4) Attendance and behavioral data were reviewed.

c) **Special education coordinator** Rich Twomey

- 1) Edgar is hosting MCSE track and field day April 25
- 2) Kindness Day – A group of teachers are collecting for the Warming Center.
- 3) Special recognition: Dr. Kelly Kapitz was named 2023 Special Education Director of the Year.

3) Board member report:

- a. Megan Wesolowski received a complaint that the boys locker room showers are not working properly.

- b. Corey Mueller asked if the district is prepared to deal with a situation similar to one that occurred at a nearby district. Cari and other administrators confirmed that we are prepared for many specific situations.

I. Consent Agenda:

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

- a) A motion was made by Alison Reinders, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to approve the agenda, financial statement, bills for payment, checks #105619 - #105817 plus direct withdrawals totaling \$756,855.37, and minutes for the January 17, 2024, regular school board meeting. The motion carried 5-0.

- 2) Personnel:

- a) Staff hires: Sara Farber was recommended to fill the .4 FTE 4K teacher vacancy; Becky Reissmann was recommended to fill the high school ELA teacher (in response to resignation below)
- b) Staff resignations: Shantel Brown, high school ELA teacher, submitted her resignation to be effective at the end of the current school year. Matt Apfelbeck, daytime custodian, submitted his resignation.
- c) Support staff layoff: two paraprofessional positions were laid off to make salary space for the .4 FTE 4K teacher position.
- d) Co-curricular resignations: Colin Hanson as sixth grade volleyball coach; Kaden Goodwin as middle school baseball coach
- e) Student teacher: Jessica Borchardt will be student teacher in the music department. She is a UW Eau Claire student.

A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Megan Wesolowski to approve the above-noted personnel changes. Motion carried 5-0.

- 3) Policy

- a) The AGR report reviewed by Dr. Witt during her administrative report
- b) Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship Policy #5451.01: Class of 2024. Teegan Streit was named as the recipient, Brett Baumgartner as the alternate.
- c) Technical Excellence Scholarship Policy #5451.02: Class of 2024. Abigail Borchardt was named as the recipient, Jazmin Landwehr as alternate.
- d) Dual credit grading policy was further discussed. Skyward can handle multiple grading processes. Four options were discussed; one of which was selected by board members as the option to proceed with: Dual Credit courses taught by an Edgar teacher will receive a quarter grade; Start College Now and Early College Credit programs taught by college professors will only receive a semester grade.
- e) Overnight Fieldtrip Policy #2340
 - 1) Music department trip in 2025
- f) Start College Now applications for spring 2024. Written Communications class needs to convert to be a Start College Now class.

A motion was made by Megan Wesolowski, seconded by Becca Normington to approve Policies as noted above. Motion carried 5-0.

4) Finance:

- a) CESA 9 services contract for 2024-2025 – Reading support and other services
- b) CESA 10 services contracts for 2024-2025 – Health and safety, technology support services
- c) ESSER III Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

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

J. Information only

- a. An FMLA request was approved by administration.

K. Other business - None

L. Recognition of persons wishing to address the Board:

- 1. Public participation – Corey Higgins thanked the Board for considering grading policy changes, and provided suggestions for improving documentation and communication about grading policies.

M. Board suggested future agenda item

- N. Adjourn -** A motion to adjourn was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Pam Stahel. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Normington, Clerk