

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DISTRICT LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
January 14, 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 (Tucker Streit), 6 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, Jan. 19, 2026

F. RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- 1) Public Participation: None

G. STAFF/STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Nexus Facility Audit: Nexus, a consultant with expertise in facility assessments, reported that they were invited to conduct a no-cost preliminary assessment of Edgar School District's facilities. They presented a preliminary report and a proposal for a complete formal assessment and management of any improvements and contracting necessary. The board asked questions and discussed, but took no action on this item during the meeting.
- 2) FFA Presentation: Mr. Matt Reinders, advisor, along with the Edgar FFA Officer group shared information about the year's many activities and what the students have gained from their experiences in FFA.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 1) District Administrator Dr. Cari Guden shared the following:
 - a) December meetings
 - b) Open enrollment runs from Feb. 2 through April 30. Information about open enrollment is posted on the district website and on social media.
 - c) Edgar HS Fall 2025 Athletic and Co-curricular Participation report from 2007 to present
 1. New activities this year: Wildcat Leadership Club, Raise Your Voice (replaces Safe School Ambassadors), girls wrestling as a separate team from boys.
 - d) Communication

1. Board elections update: There is one candidate for the open school board position: Incumbent Alison Reinders.
 2. Marathon County Special Education (MCSE) December Board Highlights
 3. Grants update: Grants are being used to fund small class sizes (K-3), vocational classroom supplies, reimbursement for staff evaluation program, professional development, closing achievement gaps, teacher recruitment, learning environment improvements, effective use of technology and more.
 4. School and business partnerships: 5 students are in coop programs; 14 students are in Youth Apprenticeships.
 5. Long-range plan: Top priority projects include: safety upgrades (building-wide PA system upgrades, camera and video system upgrades, strobe lights in loud classrooms, fire alarm system with strobe lights), HS FCS flooring, counters, cupboards and electrical refurbishing, parking lot repairs, grade 2 classroom flooring.
- 2) Administrators
- a) Elementary principal Dr. Lisa Witt reported:
 1. January inservice days:
 - a. Friday, Jan. 23: Complete report cards, speaker from Solution Tree
 - b. Monday, Jan. 26: Work Day - data
 2. Assessments
 - a. aimswebPlus (reading and math assessment), grades 4K-5 – Jan. 19-30
 - b. Fastbridge (reading and math assessment), grades 6-8 – Jan. 27-30
 3. Upcoming dates:
 - a. Jan. 22: Family Fun Night: Make It and Take It with Mr. Colin Hanson. Partner with Blake Lehman, Stratford tech ed to make wooden games
 - b. Jan. 22: End of quarter. Q3 begins Jan. 27. Report cards go home Jan. 27
 - c. Jan. 27: Family Literacy Day, Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) books and bakery
 - d. Jan. 29: Celebration assembly
 4. Winter Olympics 2026
 - a. Olympic torch passes from country to country starting Jan. 27
 - b. Opening ceremony Feb. 9
 - c. PE competitions Feb. 10-24
 - d. Special assembly with Olympic Speed Walker Debi Spino
 - e. Olympic bonfire Feb. 20 during PE classes
 - f. Special field trips:
 - o Grade 5: Curling at Wausau Curling Center
 - o Grade 3-4: Ice skating at Greenheck Fieldhouse
 - o Grade 1-2: Sledding at Powers Bluff or Sylvan Hill
 - g. Closing ceremony March 2
 - b) High school principal Mr. Mike Wilhelm reported on
 1. Tech ed and ag site visits
 - a. Staff to tour other school programs for curriculum ideas
 - o DeForest Vet Tech program
 - o Eleva- Strum
 - o Whitehall
 2. Juniors taking practice ACT Jan. 14
 3. Sonja from Math Institute here Jan. 8
 4. Fastbridge Math, ELA Screener Jan. 26-30

5. High School coursebook and planning guide – separating career pathways from coursebook. Making coursebook more user friendly.
 6. Important events:
 - a. Jan. 22: End of second quarter and first semester
 - b. Jan. 23: Teacher inservice:
 - o Work on finalizing grades
 - o PLC Institute
 - c. Jan. 26: Teacher inservice, work day
 - d. Jan. 27: Start of Q3, second semester
- c) Special education coordinator Mr. Rich Twomey reported on:
- a. Open enrollment for special education
 - o Collaboration between MCSE and Edgar Admin to evaluate capacity
 - o Considerations to ensure resident students receive effective programming
 - b. Plan of Service for next year
 - o Preliminary discussions regarding caseload assignments for special education teachers for 2026-2027
 - o Students with disabilities analysis 4K-12th grade
 - o Special ed teacher and staff assignments to meet student needs
 - c. Coaching cycles were facilitated by Mallory Foss (MCSE), Audrey Wittry (MCSE), Rich Twomey with the following staff:
 - o Mandy Schnelle
 - o Jenny Rahn
 - o Sam Brown, Aaron Niemann
 - o Zach Sutton
 - d. Special Education Dept Mtg: Jan 2026
 - o Alyssa Narloch, Rich Twomey provided updates and reminders
 - o Jason Haluska provided updates and guidance
 - o Mallory Foss provided professional development
- 3) Student board representative report
- a) Student Board Representative Tucker Streit reported on:
 - 1) Sports teams seasons: Boys wrestling, girls wrestling, boys basketball, girls basketball
 - 2) Theater performances last week were very good
 - 3) FBLA regional competition
 - 4) Fundraiser: Freezy sale
 - 5) NHS presentations: HS students helped with the chess tournament. High School and Middle School earned trophies.
 - 6) No problems to report
- 4) Board member reports:
- a) Megan Wesolowski reported that she has heard from teachers asking to be able to do remote days instead of snow days. They want to avoid going into summer and did not feel that they had a say in the decision. They are asking to reconsider virtual days vs. snow days. No action was taken by the board.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval of the agenda, minutes, financial statements and December bills for payment
 - a) Dec. 17, 2025, Special Board Meeting
 - b) Dec. 17, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

c) Dec. 17, 2025, Executive Session

A motion was made by Alison Reinders, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to approve the agenda, financial statements, checks #110962 to #111191 plus direct withdrawals totaling \$927,808.94, and minutes for the Dec. 17, 2025, special board meeting and regular board meeting. The motion carried 5-0.

2) Policy

- a) Policy #5113 – Open Enrollment Program – determining annual capacity/space for Regular Education and Special Education. Recommendation from Administration: There is no capacity available for open enrollment in special education unless a sibling is already enrolled at Edgar. No limits for regular education.
- b) 2026-2027 Course Description Handbook – Mr. Wilhelm described changes to the handbook during his Administrative Report. Dr. Guden recommends approval.

A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Pam Stahel, to approve the Open Enrollment capacity recommendations and the 2026-2027 Course Description Handbook. The motion carried 5-0.

J. OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) None

K. RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- 1) Public participation – Members of the Community Advisory who were in attendance asked questions about the Nexus facilities assessment. Evan Lang commented that if significant facilities renovations are needed, hiring a consultant to act as the general contractor and project manager is a good strategy for maintaining project efficiency. Pat Socha noted that an FFA event is being held Feb. 2, where Matt Reinders will receive an award. He also noted that the FFA Alumni has funding available for FFA-related projects and encouraged the school to submit a proposal if such support is needed.

L. BOARD SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Discussion of snow days policy.

M. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH WIS. STAT. 19.85(1)(C) AND (F)

- 1) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and considering financial, medical, social or personal histories of disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations; to wit:
 - Discussion on and possible action on renewal of administrative contract for 2026-2027.

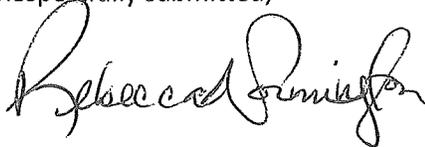
A motion to adjourn to executive session was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Corey Mueller. Roll call vote: Stahel – yes. Reinders – yes. Mueller – yes. Normington – yes, Wesolowski - yes. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting went into executive session at 8:20 p.m.

N. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND ACT ON ITEMS THAT REQUIRE ACTION IN OPEN SESSION, IF NECESSARY.

1) No action was required in open session. The Board did not reconvene.

O. ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebecca Normington".

Rebecca Normington, Clerk