

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
January 17, 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), 3 administrators (Cari Guden, Lisa Witt, Rich Twomey), 5 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, Jan. 12, 2024
- F. **Recognition of persons wishing to address the Board**
1) Public Participation: None
- G. **Staff/Student Presentations**
 - 1) Library Media Center Director Linda Hamann gave an update on LMC activities. The LMC hosted a practicum student in the fall semester. Linda reported on LMC usage volumes, improvements in supporting students who primarily speak Spanish, LMC related events, the LMC's support for ELA curriculum, and evaluating goals for the next 3-year plan.
 - 2) Bookkeeper Morgan Mueller presented the quarterly finance report.
 - 3) District Technology Coordinator Chris Trawick presented the Edgar Incident Response Report. No changes were made since September. Steps are in place in the event of a cyber security attack on the district. Staff training occurred at the beginning of the year.
 - 4) District Administrator Cari Guden presented the results of a Why Stay In Edgar survey completed by staff members - in place of exit surveys when staff leave. 73% of staff completed the survey in November. Top reasons staff stay: They enjoy their work, they enjoy the people they work with. Improvements that could help us retain staff: Pay and benefits, more work time during in-service days, recruitment of more substitute teachers, lighter workloads.
- H. **Administrative Reports:**
 - 1) **District Administrator:**
 - a) Cari Guden shared her December meeting schedule.
 - b) Open enrollment dates are Feb. 5-April 30, 2024

- c) Cari reported fall 2023 co-curricular and athletic participation numbers
- d) Communication:
 - 1) Board elections update: Board Clerk Becca Normington drew the order of school board members who will appear on the Spring ballot.
 - 2) Cari shared Marathon County Special Education December board highlights
 - 3) Cari provided an update on grants and donations.
 - 4) Cari reported on school-business partnerships, including Youth Apprenticeships and cooperatives
 - 5) Cari provided an update on long-range plan projects

2) Building Administrators

- a) **Elementary principal** Lisa Witt reported on:
 - 1. Professional development days: Jan. 19: staff had three sessions to choose from. Amy McGovern will participate. Staff look forward to working with her. Jan. 22: Work day.
 - 2. Assessments
 - (a) FASTbridge testing in 4K-9: Jan 23-26. We are eager to see the improvements with the new ELA curriculum.
 - 3. Upcoming dates:
 - (a) January Family Fun Night: Math Fun Night – Jan. 18
 - (b) Quarter 2 ends Jan. 18; Quarter 3 begins Jan 23. Grades are due Jan. 29; report cards go home Jan. 30
 - (c) February Family Fun Night: Author Don Tate featuring book SWISH and basketball – Feb. 5
 - (d) Random Acts of Kindness Week – Feb. 12-16
 - (e) Preschool screening - March 15
- b) **High school principal** Mike Wilhelm was not present. His report was submitted, and included:
 - 1) Upcoming in-service days Jan. 19 and 22
 - 2) Pre-ACT testing and ACT test
 - 3) Literacy coach – Jan. 10
 - 4) Math coach – Jan. 10
 - 5) MS Math League competition – Jan. 10
 - 6) FastBridge screening grades 6-9
 - 7) B-Sure mental health screener
 - 8) Semester 1/Quarter 2 ends Jan. 18; grades are due Jan. 25. Report cards go home Jan. 26
 - 9) Semester 2/Quarter 3 begins Jan. 23
 - 10) National History Day Regionals will be in Stevens Point on March 8. Several Edgar students qualified.
- c) **Special education coordinator** Rich Twomey
 - 1) Wildcat Wellness – tips and tricks for parents will be shared on social media.

- 2) January in-service – Jan. 19: Reflect, release, recharge tips for mental health/wellness.
 - 3) Mind Your Health Day – Feb. 29: For student mental health
 - 4) Quarter 2 progress reports: IEP goal progress, additional plans if goals are not being met.
- d) **Student Board Representative** Cael Higgins presented a report of student body activities.

3) **Board member report:**

- a. Corey Mueller reported on the most recent CESA 9 meeting: Discussed positions on Delegate Assembly resolutions being proposed at state education convention.

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 Pam Stahel, to approve the agenda, financial statement, bills for payment, checks #105410 - #105618 plus direct withdrawals totaling \$1,003,273.31, and minutes for the Dec. 20 regular school board meeting. The motion carried 5-0.
- 2) Personnel:
 - 1) Teacher hire for 2024-25: 5-day/week 4K is going well. A proposal was made to hire a .6 FTE 4K teaching position to teach three days a week (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays). Two part-time paraprofessionals would be eliminated to afford room in the budget for the part-time teacher.
 - 2) Teacher resignation: High school art teacher Jackie Imhoff submitted her resignation to be effective at the end of the current school year.
- 3) Policy
 - a) Policy #5113: Open enrollment program – determining annual capacity for regular education and special education students. No limits will be set on regular education students enrolling into the district. There will be no capacity available for special education students applying for open enrollment.
 - b) Policy #2340: District-sponsored trips. Bobbi Jo Hasz was available to discuss a proposed Spanish immersion camp for students to attend in Bemidji, Minn. Two students would attend in early March. Fund-raising is underway.
 - c) 2024-2025 school calendar – staff feedback was considered in developing the calendar. The calendar meets the DPI required number of minutes and contractual number of days for staff.
 - d) Act 55 required notice updates
 - 1) Educational opportunities – Added state report card paragraph since fall approval. Must be published by Jan. 31 each year.
 - e) Dual credit grading continued to be discussed, and additional information was discussed. A decision on changing the grading process was tabled until a future meeting.

A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to approve the proposed personnel changes, and policies, excluding dual credit grading policy changes. The motion carried 5-0.

4) Finance:

- a) ESSER budget update: No changes are proposed to the ESSER III budget previously approved by the board.
- ESSER I funding expired Sept. 30, 2022
 - ESSER II funding expired Sept. 30, 2023
 - ESSER III funding expires Sept. 30, 2024

A motion was made by Alison Reinders, seconded by Becca Normington, to approve the remaining ESSER budgets. The motion carried 5-0.

J. Information only

- a. A volunteer coach is helping with girls' basketball at all levels.

K. Other business - None

L. Recognition of persons wishing to address the Board:

1. Public participation – Parent Tina Higgins took part in the additional discussion of dual-credit courses. She thanked the district for considering grading policy changes and provided additional information for consideration.

M. Board suggested future agenda items – None

N. Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Megan Wesolowski, seconded by Pam Stahel. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Normington, Clerk