

Board Meeting Summary: March 17, 2021

EDGAR SCHOOL DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

Mission Statement: The School District of Edgar provides a safe and positive environment and is committed to continuous improvement for all students, staff and community members. Edgar Excellence embodies leadership in: curriculum & instruction, technological integration & innovation, collaboration & co-curriculars. We prepare all of our graduates to be college and career ready.

Vision: The Edgar Excellence environment will ensure a rigorous learning experience that equips our students for success in a global society.

Values: The School District of Edgar values: Edgar Excellence...Pride and Tradition! Respect & Responsibility, Teamwork, Hard Work & Integrity, Leadership, Critical Thinkers, Acceptance of All

Staff/Student Presentations:

Mr. Tom McCarty, Mrs. Lisa Witt, and Dr. Cari Guden presented information on COVID in the schools. At the time of the presentation our dashboard showed zero current positive cases in the district. The district has had 79 total positive cases since Sept. 1, 2020 and only 18 of these 79 were from January 4th to present. Therefore, at this time we are seeing a decrease in cases. We have a few items at the elementary level that we will change for the month of April and then re-evaluate for May. We will allow grade-level cohorts for learning/teaching, for recess time, and for lunch time. (we currently have the grade levels split in half) There will be no changes at the MS/HS level. At the district level, we will continue to “close” the buildings to community and/or non-community people/events; however, we will begin to allow Edgar student groups/activities to use the building. Building use within these groups must follow these guidelines: all groups must stay in grade level cohorts in grades PK-8 (no mixing grade levels), masks are required, social distancing is highly recommended, no food to be made and served while in the building.

Dr. Cari Guden presented information on the upcoming referendum. Our main goal the last few months has been to communicate, communicate, and communicate. We want the community to be informed. We attended 15+ meetings to present information regarding the referendum, we have social media posts twice a week, we sent a backpack flyer home with all students, we continue to use the messaging system to keep the students/parents informed, we created an FAQ to inform the community of questions that we have received, and our district website is updated with information. There will also be a letter to the editor in the Record Review next week and a reminder to vote postcard will be sent to all box holders the week of March 29th.

Dr. Guden reported on the following:

1. Communication
 - a. Notice of April Elections – April 6th
 - b. MCSE February Board Highlights
2. Correspondence
 - a. Thank you from Carl Penno Family
 - b. Thank you from Fischer’s Transportation

Mrs. Witt reported the following:

1. Preschool Screening Update—March 10 & 11
2. Summer School Planning Update
3. Upcoming Dates
 - a. Staff Inservice—March 17
 - b. FORWARD Exam—April 5-9

Mr. McCarty reported the following:

1. ACT Testing
2. Herb Kohl Scholarship Winner
3. Other
 - a. End of Quarter—March 26th
 - b. Senior Class Portfolio Interviews
 - c. Regional National History Day State Competition

- d. FBLA Winners
- e. Cents of Reality cancelled
- f. Prom Update
- g. Spring Play
- h. Graduation Update
- i. Spring sports delayed until April 19th
- j. Regional National History Day
- k. Spring Sports

Board Members— None

Consent Agenda

Personnel

- a. Staff Resignation
 - 1. Mr. Josh Kroening submitted his letter of resignation (two week's notice) as Night Custodian. His last day of work was on Friday, March 12th. The School Board approved Mr. Kroening's resignation.
- b. FMLA Request
 - 1. The School Board approved a teacher's request for 2 weeks of paternity leave under FMLA regulations.
- c. Co-Curricular Advisor
 - 1. I recommended the hiring of Mrs. Tammy Kirsch for Ski Club Advisor. We had 47 students join and partake in Ski Club this winter so Mrs. Higgins needed assistance with supervision and other duties. Mrs. Kirsch has served in this position for the last 5 years. The School Board approved Mrs. Tammy Kirsch as Ski Club Advisor.

Policy

- a. Election Canvassers
 - 1. The Board selected and approved the following three members to be canvassers for the April 6th election: Morgan Mueller, Michelle Socha, and Lisa Nowak.
- b. Neola Updates: 2nd Reading (Volume 30, Number 1: December 2020 Updates: (#0100, 0131.1, 0143.2, 0144.4, 0144.5, 0145, 1211, 1213, 2411, 2416, 2416.01, 2430, 2522, 3112, 3213, 3220, 3531, 4112, 4213, 4531, 5113, 5511, 5517.01, 5540, 5540.01, 5830, 6605, 6610, 7230, 7550, 8405, 8451, 9130, 9700, 9700.01) EDGAR Updates (#6111, 6112, 6114, 6325)
 - 1. The School Board approved these policy updates for the 2nd reading.
- c. Policy # 5460: Graduation Requirements (2nd Reading)
 - 1. The School Board approved this policy update for the 2nd reading.
- d. 2021-22 School Calendar
 - 1. We created a calendar for the 2021-22 school year utilizing some of our COVID experiences from this year. We have learned that full day inservices seem to be more valuable than ½ day inservices. So you will notice we do not have any ½ day inservices scheduled at this time. We also were able to create a week for Spring Break again in this calendar. It is not connected to Easter rather we have received feedback from some staff members to try to build the break when other surrounding districts scheduled their breaks. The School Board approved the 2021-22 school calendar.

**Next Regular School Board Meeting:
Wednesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00pm**