

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER  
March 20, 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:** 4 school board members (Corey Mueller, Alison Reinders, Pam Stahel, Becca Normington), 4 administrators (Cari Guden, Lisa Witt, Mike Wilhelm, Rich Twomey), 1 student representative, 2 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, March 15, 2024
- F. **Recognition of persons wishing to address the Board**  
**1) Public Participation:** None
- G. **Staff/Student Presentations**  
1) Student Board Representative report – Cael Higgins reported on student activities including Missoula Children's Theater, ACT testing, spring break dates, large group choir, prom April 13.
- H. **Administrative Reports:**  
**1) District Administrator** Dr. Cari Guden shared the following:  
a) February meeting schedule.  
b) Communication  
1) Social media report for January show that the district had a growing social media presence.  
2) Cari shared MCSE Feb. board highlights.
  - Marathon County has a bilingual guest teacher for 3 years.
  - A security breach update was provided through Skyward.  
3) District marketing updates from DD Communications: District profile was developed, placed on website, will be distributed at events, job fairs. Other materials developed by DD Communications include a retractable banner, table top signs, Exploring Edgar flyer (created by an intern).  
4) Notice of April elections on April 2. Two board members are on the ballot for reelection.
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- 2) Building Administrators**
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- Elementary principal**
- Dr. Lisa Witt reported on:

- Preschool screening and 4k registration was held March 15. 32 students enrolled, 20 of which opted to attend 5 days/wk; 12 will attend three days/wk.
- Missoula Children's Theater presenting King Arthur's Quest. Auditions held March 18. Performances March 22.
- Summer school will be held 4 days a week June 17-July 18. Online registration is April 8-30.
- Upcoming dates:
  - (a) Human Growth & Development grades 4-5 – April 4
  - (b) Forward exam grades 3-8, 10 – April 8-12
  - (c) New this year: Mead Wildlife Refuge field trips for elementary students as part of science curriculum.

**b) High school principal Mike Wilhelm**

- 1) Pre-ACT testing and ACT testing on March 19. Seniors were not in the building during testing to allow a quieter environment.
- 2) End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is March 22. Start of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is April 1.
- 3) Forward testing is April 8-12
- 4) Prom/post-prom April 13
- 5) Harrison Graveen and Lucas Stahnke qualified to compete at the state wrestling tournament.
- 6) Aubrey Behling qualified for state FFA
- 7) Seven students advanced to the state forensics competition in Madison in April
- 8) Five students were National History Day State qualifiers, 2 students were chosen as alternates. One student received special recognition for their project.
- 9) Overnight trip: Track, April 26-27
- 10) Congratulations to Herb Kohl student excellence scholarship recipient: Cael Higgins. He is the third Higgins sibling to receive the scholarship.

**c) Special education coordinator Rich Twomey shared the following:**

- 1) State testing updates: Steps have been taken to ensure all students with IEPs are ready for state testing. IEP teams determined what accommodations are necessary. Accommodations reported to DPI. Teams met to develop testing schedules.
- 2) Mind Your Health Day recap: Thank you to Marisa Doll and Jamie Koehler for their work on this event. Motivational speaker Terrance Talley was extremely well received. Incredible student and staff engagement. Student rotations: active student participation.

**3) Board member report:**

- a) Corey Mueller acknowledged the work of staff to bring in excellent speakers. He has noticed that speaker topics and references are used in student projects such as National History Day.

**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 #105818 - #106023 plus direct withdrawals totaling \$962,091.72, and minutes for the Feb. 21, 2024, regular school board meeting. The motion carried 4-0.
- 2) Personnel:
  - a) Teacher retirement: Mrs. Louise Hornung submitted her letter of retirement as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Her last day will be May 31, after teaching at Edgar for 21 years.
  - b) Support staff hire: Interviews were held for daytime custodian. Patrick Heidmann was offered the position.
  - c) Coach hire – MS baseball: Mr. John Peterlik and Mr. Mark Schroeder applied to split the position as co-coaches.
  - d) Co-curricular hire – MS FFA, Missoula Children’s Theater: Ms. Megan Lassa has continued working with MS FFA students. Mrs. Michelle Socha will be working as Missoula Director, Mrs. Amanda Albrecht and Mrs. Kellyn Ertl will assist as Missoula tech co-directors.

A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Pam Stahel, to approve the above-noted personnel changes. The motion carried 4-0.

- 3) Policy
  - a) Election canvassers: The Board clerk must select three people to be canvassers for the April 2 election. The following people have performed as canvassers in past elections and have agreed to be canvassers for the upcoming election: Morgan Mueller, Michelle Socha, Lisa Nowak.
  - b) Overnight Fieldtrip Policy #2340
    - 1) Track team participating in a track meet April 26 in Greenfield and at Palmyra-Eagle on April 27, requiring an overnight stay.
  - c) ACP/E4E Plan. School districts are required to provide academic and career planning services to pupils in grades 6-12 in the school district. The purpose of ACP services is to assist pupils with planning and preparing for opportunities after graduation from high school, including post-secondary education and training that leads to careers. Edgar uses Academic and Career Planning, and will formalize that process to meet DPI guidelines.
  - d) Neola updates: Several policies were reviewed for first reading.
  - e) Policy #8760 was recommended for deletion as the district eliminated student insurance as of June 2020. The policy is no longer needed.

A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Becca Normington, to approve the policies presented. The motion carried 4-0.

**J. Information only**

- a. MCSE hired a long-term sub for special education
- b. Technical edits were made to several Neola policies.

**K. Other business - None**

**L. Recognition of persons wishing to address the Board:**

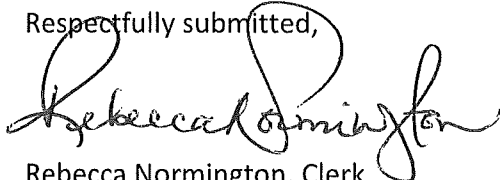
- 1. None.

**M. Board suggested future agenda items**

- a. April 17 meeting – Signing of diplomas
- b. May 15 meeting – Board reorganization. Meeting will begin at 4 p.m.

**N. Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Alison Reinders, seconded by Pam Stahel. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Normington, Clerk