

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
May 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Corey Mueller at 4:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Corey Mueller

Roll Call: 5 school board members + 1 student representative (Corey Mueller, Pam Stahel, Becca Normington, Megan Wesolowski, Alison Reinders, Carver Higgins) 4 administrators (Cari Guden, Lisa Witt, Tom McCarty, Megan Koroch).

Board reorganization:

Cari Guden led the Board reorganization proceedings until a president was selected.

- President: A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Becca Normington for Corey Mueller to remain as School Board president. Motion carried. Corey led the remainder of the proceedings.
- Vice president: A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, for Pam Stahel to be vice president. Motion carried.
- Treasurer: A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, for Alison Reinders to be Treasurer. Motion carried.
- Clerk: Corey Mueller nominated Becca Normington as clerk, seconded by Megan Wesolowski. Motion carried.

Public Participation:

- Two teachers voiced concern over the decision to make June 5 a make-up inservice day following an April 17 snow day.
- A teacher expressed concern over policy language limiting reimbursable expenses to \$500 for students who qualify for national competitions.

Staff/Student presentations:

- 1) Rebecca Larson provided a food service update. Universal free school breakfast ends June 1. The kitchen is making changes to comply with new governmental nutrition requirements. Lower participation in school meals is anticipated for next school year due to the elimination of free school breakfast. There is more than \$108,000 in Fund 50 that is only able to be spent on food service. A plan must be submitted for how the money will be spent.
- 2) Rob Rauen provided a building and maintenance update. This summer several projects will be underway. Middle school gym roofing; paint booth installation; clearing, organizing storage areas; summer maintenance including waxing floors, cleaning classrooms.

Consent Agenda items:

- 1) Finance:
 - a) Property insurance rates for 2023-24: EMC Insurance agent Don Spindler was on hand to provide information and respond to questions on property and casualty coverage, and offer recommendations on how to keep rates down. The greatest factors affecting premiums is fire protection and safety risks, and workers compensation injury prevention. He recommended increasing coverage for replacing buildings, increasing auto coverage, increasing the linebacker deductible, increasing the overall deductible on the policy. Increased deductibles reduce the premium rate. Cost increases were due to rate increases and additional coverage.
 - A motion was made by Megan Wesolowski, seconded by Becca Normington, to approve the proposed property and casualty insurance rates.
 - b) EATS request for shed on school property: Don Spindler also answered questions about the insurance impact of having Edgar Area Trail Supporters build a storage shed on school property. He will check on the option of insuring a building donated to the school.
 - No decision was made regarding the storage shed.

(NOTE: Discussion of additional Consent Agenda items continued below Administrative Reports)

Administrative Reports:

- 1) District Administrator:
 - a) Cari Guden shared her April meeting schedule.
 - b) She reviewed communication reports for April:
 - i) Marathon County Special Education board highlights
 - ii) Social media client survey results (sharing as much good news as possible).
 - iii) Cari shared life and long-term disability rates for 2023-2024, which did not increase due to a two-year rate guarantee.
 - iv) Cari proposed that the regular Board meeting (6:00 p.m.) special Board meeting and budget hearing (7:00 p.m.), as well as the annual Board meeting (7:30 p.m.) be held on June 28 at the times noted in parentheses.

- 2) Administrators
 - a) Elementary principal Lisa Witt reported:
 - i) Summer school has more than 390 students enrolled. Summer school will be held for 18 days, with no afternoon classes. Neighboring school families have asked to attend but cannot unless they attend local daycare.
 - ii) Lisa provided an end-of-year testing update. Fastbridge testing was held for 4k-5th graders in May. Teachers are holding data meetings for reading and math following testing. BEST (behavioral, social) assessments were conducted.
 - iii) K-12 ELA curriculum update: Many meetings are taking place with representatives of companies to determine which programs would be adopted. Elementary 4K-5th grades are adopting WONDERS; MS/HS are adopting EL Open Up. July 31-Aug 4 will be curriculum mapping week with professional development and onboarding training with the selected resources.

- iv) Achievement gap reduction (AGR) for 2023-2024 includes a strategy to keep class sizes small (18:1) or provide one-to-one tutoring or literacy coaching
 - Early childhood TBD
 - 4K: 2 sections with one teacher, two part-time aides: 16 students M-F; 5 students M-W-F
 - Kindergarten: 2.5 sections (40 students: 20/20), 2.5 teachers.
 - Grade 1: 3 sections (37 students: 12/12/13), 3 teachers
 - Grade 2: 3 sections (50 students: 16/17/17), 3 teachers
 - Grade 3: 3 sections (44 students: 14/15/15), 3 teachers
 - Grade 4: 2 sections (27 students: 13/14), 2 teachers
 - Grade 5: 2 sections (37 students: 18/19), 2 teachers
- v) Lisa presented upcoming important dates:
 - a) May 24: Track & Field for grade 3-5; Family Fun Night at Melody Gardens
 - b) May 26: May celebration assembly
 - c) May 31: Retirement party
 - d) June 1: Elementary end-of-year celebration assembly, students meet their new teachers, CAT Carnival
- b) High school principal Tom McCarty reported that
 1. Matt Reinders organized a mock accident the week of Prom. Thank you to the many people who helped: fire fighters, EMS, police, funeral home. Tom reported that the event was impactful for the students. Police talked about distracted driving being as dangerous as drunk or impaired driving.
 2. High school students participated in a half-day community service day on April 27. Students helped with storm clean-up, making blankets, cooking meals, staining park benches and more.
 3. Senior awards celebration tonight: \$84,000 in local scholarships are being presented.
 4. Upcoming dates include:
 - (a) May 26: Graduation
 - (b) May 31: 8th grade promotion
 - (c) June 1: Middle school class trips, last day of school
- b) Special education update: Megan Koroch reported that
 1. This year's spring games were successful. She shared pictures from the event.
 2. She reported on MCSE Spring Awards: Special Education New Teacher of the Year and Paraprofessional of the Year.
 3. She provided a mental health committee update
- d) Student Report: Carver Higgins reported on high school spring sports in playoffs. The FCCLA trip to the Mall of America was held. Students expressed gratitude for the mock accident that was held – it was eye opening. Carver called for continued attention to the parking lot situation. He also reported that the girls locker room needs attention: showers not useable, feminine products are not available.

Board member report:

- None

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of prior meeting agendas and minutes, financial statement and bills for payment:
 - a) A motion was made by Megan Wesolowski, seconded by Becca Normington, to approve the agenda and minutes for the April 19, 2023, regular school board meeting, as well as the financial statements and payment of bills. Motion carried 5-0.
- 2) Personnel:
 - a) A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to approve the Annual Organization Structure as follows (the motion carried 5-0):
 - Official depository: Nicolet National Bank
 - Official newspaper for publication: Record Review
 - Date, time and place of regular meetings: Third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the LMC.
 - Legal advisor: Weld Riley, S.C.
 - WASB Correspondent: Corey Mueller
 - CESA Convention delegate: Corey Mueller
 - MCSE Board member: Alison Reinders. Meetings held third Thursday of the month, noon-3 p.m.
 - b) Staff resignations: staff resignations of Huss, Snapp, Skahaug.
 - c) Coach resignation: Huss
 - d) Staff hires: Interviews are continuing. It is difficult to field qualified, licensed candidates.
 - e) Support staff hires: Custodian
 - f) Student teacher: Math, first semester 2023-24
 - g) Intergovernmental Agreement Resolution: Continuing the contract with Marathon School District for Edgar School District to hire a shared art teacher.
 - h) Intergovernmental 66.0301 Contract: for a shared art teaching position
 - i) Varsity coaches for 2023-2024 sports seasons.
 - A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to approve the personnel changes noted in items **b-i** above). The motion carried.
- 3) Policy: A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Alison Reinders, to approve the policy items noted below:
 - a) 2022-23 School Calendar: Cari will research how comp time policy can be adjusted in the future
 - b) 2023-24 School Calendar
 - c) 2023-24 Employee Handbook

Information only:

1. MCSE School psychologist: MCSE is unable to hire at this time due to lack of qualified candidates. We will continue with a ½ time school psychologist as we look at other options.

Public participation: None

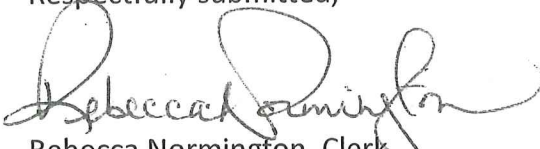
Board suggested future agenda items

1. Discussion of comp day, personal days.

Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Pam Stahel to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss administrative evaluations, contracts, student pre-expulsions. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Normington, Clerk