

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
October 25, 2023

- 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, Becca Normington, Megan Wesolowski), 4 administrators (Cari Guden, Lisa Witt, Mike Wilhelm, Rich Twomey), 22 guests, 1 student representative (Cael Higgins).
- 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, October 20, 2023
- F. **Public Participation:** None
- G. **Staff/Student presentations:**
 - 1) Student presentation: Cael Higgins was selected as this year's student representative on the school board
 - 2) Curriculum presentation: Lisa Witt and elementary school curriculum team representatives reviewed the newly implemented ELA curriculum by grade level. The first week of August was devoted to professional development related to the new curriculum, recreating prep work. Teachers reported challenges in getting used to teaching the new material. They are using the many tools to support variations in student learning needs. They are pleased that students are engaged with the new curriculum. In-service days during the year will support additional educator learning. A new ELA curriculum will be implemented at the HS level next school year.
 - 3) CIP team presentation: MS/HS and elementary school CIP team members reviewed their Continuous Improvement Plans for 2023-2024, including Priority Statements, Overall Goals, Subgoals (high quality instruction, school culture and climate, strategic use of data). CIP team members noted that the primary changes over the prior year's CIP were updated new actions. They noted that CESA was helpful in developing the CIP.
 - 4) Facilities director presentation: Rob Rauen provided an update on the paint booth that was installed over the summer. The purpose of the paint booth is to improve student and staff safety. He said the paint booth is used almost daily and air quality is noticeably better. The all-purpose room roofing project will be completed soon. Timing of landscaping and sidewalk repairs outside the high school will depend on

the timing of the village street repairs next year. This work is a major part of the school's budget. Until then, work will be prioritized to update classrooms on the West end of the high school building.

H. Administrative Reports:

1) District Administrator:

- a) Cari Guden shared her September meeting schedule.
- b) Cari reviewed summer school and third Friday in September pupil counts. Summer school count was slightly lower than the previous year. The September count was 588. 73 students open enrolled into the district; 62 open enrolled out.
- c) Communication:
 - 1) September Marathon County Special Education Board highlights
 - 2) Marathon County Health and Vision screening report was shared. It was noted that we appreciate the service. Not all schools participate in it.

2) Administrators

- a) **Elementary principal** Lisa Witt reported on:
 - 1) Big Buddy program: 40 juniors and seniors are signed up to participate starting next week. The program is held on Fridays in the cafeteria.
 - 2) Parent-Teacher conferences were Oct. 18-19. The goal is 100% participation.
 - 3) FASTBridge screener, including the data tracking form, conversations. B.E.S.T screening is next week.
 - 4) Upcoming dates/activities:
 - (a) Halloween movie fest
 - (b) Quarter 1 ends Nov. 3; Quarter 2 begins Nov. 6. Report cards will go home Nov. 13
 - (c) Veteran's Day celebration with local veterans visiting classrooms, followed by a lunch, on Nov. 10
- b) **High school principal** Mike Wilhelm reported:
 - 1) Marawood leadership Day Oct 4. Edgar selected six students to attend. The students learned and brought back ideas to put into action in Edgar.
 - 2) ACT testing day at Edgar Oct 17
 - 3) Parent-teacher conferences Oct 18-19. Many parents check grades online, resulting in lower PT conference attendance
 - 4) Common professional development day Oct. 20 at Marathon had good feedback.
 - 5) PSAT test for juniors: Oct 24
 - 6) BASC/BESS screeners coming soon
 - 7) End of Quarter 1 will be Nov. 3. Report cards to follow soon after
 - 8) Veteran's Day program Nov. 10
 - 9) Fall play "Into the Woods" Nov. 9-12. There will be 4 performances. Dinner theater will be offered before the Friday and Saturday evening shows and the Sunday afternoon show. Mike noted that students are putting in a ton of time preparing.

- c) **Special education coordinator** Rich Twomey
 - 1) Rich will provide Special Education Instructional Coaching rather than traditional educator effectiveness. This will be held over 6 weeks. Participants can choose the topics to focus on. This will result in more collaborative action steps rather than an evaluation of educators. It has been well received so far.
 - 2) Edgar School District Procedural Compliance Audit is reviewing IEP and Evaluations. IEPs are pulled at random by DPI. Overall we are doing a good job but a few items will need corrective action, such as whether what we are saying in an IEP is actually happening.
- d) **Board member report:** Board members attended the WASB regional meeting. Overall there was a good turnout. Board members heard legislative reports. The pre-meeting presentation topic was on open records requirements. The CESA meeting last week covered Board Development. There are more career interests in the trades industry.

I. 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 Pam Stahel, to approve the agenda, financial statement, checks #104811 - #105018 plus direct withdrawals totaling \$924,335.21, and minutes for the Sept. 13 regular school board meeting and the Sept. 27 special school board meeting. The motion carried 5-0.

2) Personnel:

- a) Staff hire: Chloe Miland as third grade teacher starting Dec. 22
- b) FMLA request
- c) Co-curricular hires: Yessa, Schilling – basketball; Streit – Student Council advisor
- d) CTE Field Experience Student – Shawn Steinke

A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Becca Normington, to approve the personnel changes noted above. The motion carried 5-0.

3) Finance

- a) Finalize the 2023-2024 district budget. Morgan Mueller presented the Revenue Limit Worksheet and other budget details. A motion was made by Megan Wesolowski, seconded by Alison Reinders to approve the 2023-24 budget as presented at \$10,012,512.38. Motion carried 5-0.
- b) Set tax levy: A motion was made by Alison Reinders, seconded by Pam Stahel to set the tax levy of .00624014 which equates to \$6.24 per thousand of value. Motion carried 5-0.

J. Other business – the next Board meeting will be held Nov. 15

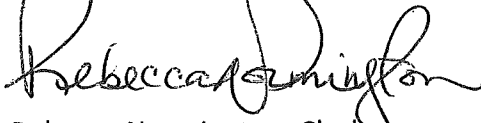
K. Recognition of persons wishing to address the Board:

- 1. Public participation – Mrs. Kristine Hafferman offered positive feedback about the new ELA curriculum and new staff members. She also said the joint in-service at Marathon was excellent.

L. Board suggested future agenda items - None

M. Motion to adjourn - A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Pam Stahel, to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Normington, Clerk