

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER  
October 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Corey Mueller

**Roll Call:** 5 board members (Corey Mueller, Gary Lewis, Pam Stahel, Becca Normington, Megan Wesolowski) 3 administrators (Cari Guden, Lisa Witt, Tom McCarty), 23 guests (school staff and members of the public)

**Public Participation:** David Huss III, the school's eSports advisor spoke asked for the School Board's support of Fortnite and Valorant as games played by eSports club members. Kristine Hafferman commended school administration, custodians and teachers for their work to organize the combined school inservice held earlier in the week. She heard many positive comments from other schools. Edgar hosted 308 people from other districts at the inservice.

**Staff/Student presentations:**

- Administrators and several teachers presented updated Science and Social Studies curriculum updates.
  - Over the past year science and social studies curricula were evaluated. Teachers determined what they wanted to change. They mapped out curricula in August and shared the updates with their colleagues.
  - Updated curricula are on the school website for staff and parents to view.
- Administrators and several teachers presented the school's Continuous Improvement Plan.
  - Edgar School District implemented Continuous Improvement in 2016 with 6 objectives. In 2019 a change was made to focus on 5 pillars/goals.
  - 2022-2023 CIP Goals:
    - Elementary School:** During the 2022-23 school year, based on FastBridge data, each grad will see 20% of students targeted as some or high-risk will make typical or aggressive growth in both ELA and Math.
      - Goals will be accomplished through high-quality instruction actions and strategic use of data
      - FastBridge is a K-8 reading and math screening tool. Parents will receive letters explaining math concepts being taught. Parents will receive FastBridge data for their student/s.
    - MS:** By continuing to develop instructional design around a framework of Universal Design and professional development, we will increase student achievement as reflected by 80% of students below the 70<sup>th</sup> percentile making growth on FastBridge Test during 2022-22 school year.

HS: By continuing to develop instructional design around a framework of Universal Design and professional development, we will increase student achievement as reflected by 80% of students, an increase from 72%, meeting the academic college and career benchmarks as defined by our Redefining Ready Criteria during the 2022-23 school year.

- MS and HS goals will be achieved through specific high-quality instruction actions (new and continuing), strategic use of data (new and continuing actions), school culture and climate (new and continuing actions)
- Tom McCarty reviewed the 2022 Report Cards for Middle School and High School. The Report Cards, implemented in 2021, measure students' college and career readiness, and indicate areas of focus for improvement.
- Cari Guden reported that Edgar School District tied its state and local report cards together by including a link to the local report card in the school district's state report card introductory paragraph.
- It was noted that CESA 9 helps with Continuous Improvement Planning. Their assistance is highly valued and appreciated by staff and administration.
- Rob Rauen presented a facilities update and gave School Board members a tour of classrooms that were remodeled over the summer. Repairs and updates that had been postponed were possible with the passing of the referendum last April. Cari Guden noted that the Village of Edgar will be reconstructing Birch Street in 2023, rather than 2024, which could delay additional classroom remodeling as priority may be shifted to complete landscaping to drain water away from school entryways and reduce slipping hazards.

#### **Administrative Reports:**

- District Administrator: Cari Guden reviewed her September meeting schedule. She reported on Summer School and Third Friday student counts. Fewer FTE students were counted for summer school due to no summer school being held on Fridays. She reported on open enrollments coming into and leaving the district. Enrollment is higher in Edgar School District than the prior school year. Guden shared MCSE September Board highlights and handed out an article "Take Away their Cellphones" for Board members to read.
- Elementary principal: Lisa Witt reported that the Big Buddy program has returned for the first time since before COVID. 51 high school students signed up to be Big Buddies, which was more than the number of elementary school students in the program. Big Buddies serve as role models for younger students. Big Buddy activities are held in the cafeteria. Witt reported on new-teacher meetings, a 3-year mentorship program for all teachers who are new to the district. We have 8 new teachers, and have retained all of our year-three teachers. Witt meets with special education and regular education paraprofessionals once a month. Parent Teacher Conferences were held Oct. 19-20. Fourth graders led their PT conferences. FastBridge screening tests for 4k-8<sup>th</sup> grade are

being conducted for math and ELA. Upcoming dates include a Halloween movie festival, and Q1 report cards go home on Nov. 8

- High school principal: Tom McCarty reported that BASC/BESS mental health screenings are being conducted next week. We had good attendance for Parent/Teacher conferences on Oct 19-20. End of Q1 is Nov. 2. McCarty conducted additional research and brought recommendations on how students could be involved with School Board meetings, in follow-up to the September School Board meeting. He shared that the fall play "The Creeps" would be performed October 28-30. Several fall sports/athletes are in playoffs and one cross-country athlete, Morgan Schnelle, advanced to the State meet. In eSports: 5 students participate each day. McCarty noted that the Board approved eSports as a club 3 years ago when game selection was limited. Additional games are now available, and student engagement in the eSports club depends on the games available. eSports is offering an additional co-curricular activity to students who are not in other activities. A Walk in Their Shoes program was held October 25, and a Veterans Day program will be held on Nov. 8.
- Cari Guden reported for Morgan Koroach (Special Education Coordinator) on special education numbers.

#### **Board member report:**

- Corey Mueller, Pam Stahel and Cari Guden attended the WASB Regional meeting on October 25. Public participation in School Board meetings, School Board member roles and public comment forums were a focus of the workshop. Open meetings law and Roberts Rules of Order procedures were discussed. Other topics included improving advocacy with legislators, especially educating new legislators.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

- Approval of prior meeting agendas and minutes, financial statement and bills for payment:
  - Gary Lewis requested additional detail be added to the minutes to reflect the interest rate for short-term borrowing.
  - A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Gary Lewis, to approve the agenda and amended minutes for the September 14 regular meeting and the minutes of the September 14 executive board meeting, as well as the financial statements and payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel: One co-curricular resignation and one co-curricular hire were presented to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Megan Wesolowski, seconded by Pam Stahel, to approve both. The motion passed unanimously.
- Finance: Cari Guden noted that the October School Board meeting was moved to October 26 (today) to allow approval of the school district's finalized budget. Morgan Mueller presented the 2022-23 budget, Revenue Limit Worksheet with State Aid, and Tax Levy proposal. A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Megan Wesolowski to approve the 2022-2023 budget as presented at \$9,635,496.67 and tax levy of .00873371, which equates to a lower-than-anticipated mil rate of \$8.73. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Policy:**

- A motion was made by Megan, seconded by Pam Stahel, to approve the first reading of Neola updated policies. The motion carried unanimously.
- Colin Hanson proposed making October 25 Clinton 12 Day at Edgar School District. A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to make October 25 Clinton 12 Day at Edgar School District. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other business**

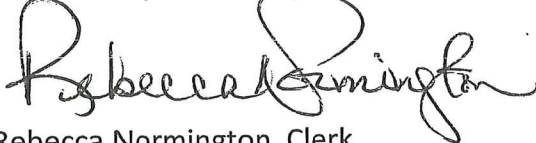
- The next Board meeting will be November 16. Gary Lewis will lead the meeting in Corey Mueller's absence.

**Public participation: None**

**Adjournment:**

- A motion to adjourn was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Gary Lewis. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Normington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Rebecca Normington, Clerk