

Board Meeting Summary: October 28, 2020

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 Presentations:

4K-12 grade teachers presented information regarding the Math Curriculum process. Many great gains have been made throughout this two year process.

CIP Team members presented the Elementary and MS/HS Continuous Improvements Plans for 2020-21. Nice job leadership team!

Mr. Rob Rauen, Maintenance Director, presented information regarding Buildings and Grounds projects from the summer and beginning of the school year. Mr. Rauen also explained the cleaning procedure used in regards to COVID-19.

Lisa Witt, Tom McCarty, and Cari Guden gave an update on COVID-19 and how it has impacted the first quarter of the school year. The following items were discussed: classroom and instruction, schedules, lunch, transportation, staffing, technology, building and facilities, contact tracing procedures, and the Edgar Dashboard.

Guden reported on the following:

1. Summer School and Third Friday Pupil Count
 - a. Lisa Witt compiled the Summer School data. The following data was reported to DPI:

| Summer | Total Days of Instruction | Number of Resident Participants | Total Resident Pupil Minutes | Total FTE |
|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 2013 | 36 | 507 | 2,810,522 | 58 |
| 2014 | 55 | 507 | 3,290,890 | 66 |
| 2015 | 51 | 513 | 3,064,440 | 63 |
| 2016 | 30 | 505 | 2,398,335 | 49 |
| 2017 | 47 | 467 | 2,391,792 | 49 |
| 2018 | 40 | 440 | 2,087,322 | 43 |
| 2019 | 34 | 446 | 2,987,590 | 61 |
| 2020 | 29 | 446 | 1,557,819 | 32 |

b. Cari Guden compiled the Pupil Count data. The following data was reported to DPI:

| School Year | Starting Count | Less Non-Resident Reductions (OE In) | Plus Resident Additions (OE Out) | TOTAL |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| 2012-13 | 648 | 59 | 37 | 626 |
| 2013-14 | 636 | 53 | 40 | 623 |
| 2014-15 | 654 | 67 | 32 | 619 |
| 2015-16 | 626 | 67 | 43 | 602 |
| 2016-17 | 618 | 72 | 42 | 588 |
| 2017-18 | 599 | 82 | 45 | 562 |
| 2018-19 | 597 | 89 (1 is resident Home Schooler) | 52 | 560 |
| 2019-20 | 602 | 99 | 52 | 555 |
| 2020-21 | 571 | 71 | 57 | 557 |

2. Social Media Report Card—July-Sept 2020

- a. Edgar received our Social Media Report Card for July-September 2020. We continue to share the good news with many people in Edgar and throughout the country.

3. Communication

- a. MCSE September Board Highlights
- b. WASB Level 1 Recognition—congratulations to Mrs. Suzanne Wolf for receiving Level 1 Recognition
- c. Thank you from Barb Lacke

Lisa Witt reported the following:

- 1. New Teacher Meetings
- 2. Para Meetings
- 3. Family Fun Nights
- 4. Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 5. Upcoming Dates
 - a. Quarter 1 ends November 3rd, Quarter 2 begins November 4th and report cards go home November 9th
 - b. Staff Inservice—November 20th

Mr. McCarty reported the following:

- 1. Virtual P/T conferences – October 14th and 15th
- 2. Spring 2020 ACT Scores
- 3. End of quarter 1 – November 3rd

Board Members—Nothing to report.

Consent Agenda

Personnel

- a. Co-Curricular Hires
 - 1. I recommended approval for the winter coaches as listed. The School Board approved the coaching list for the winter sports.
- b. Support Staff Resignation
 - 1. Mr. Ben Lepak has submitted his letter of resignation as of October 1, 2020. I recommended approval. The School Board approved Mr. Lepak’s resignation.

Finance

- a. Finalize 2020-21 District Budget
 - a. Board Approval of Budget 2020-21. The School Board approved the 2020-21 Budget.
- b. Review Revenue Limit and State Aid
 - a. The “Revenue Worksheet” was presented. We are able to tax the difference between the Total Revenue Limit and the State Aid which equals \$1,444,017. Given that information you will see that I am requesting that we levy to our maximum.
- c. Set Tax Levy
 - a. The “Tax Levy History” was presented. The total levy decreased -1.8% and the Equalized Value increased 3.0% with a mil rate decrease of -4.7%. Several items contribute to this:
 1. Enrollment has decreased
 2. Equalized value has increased
 3. Transfer of Service decreased (\$28,610 to \$15,686)
 4. Revenue limit authority has decreased
 5. Fund 39 payments have increased
 6. Referendum levy increased due to decreasing Federal Government subsidies
 7. Referendum levy increase \$200,000 purposely to mitigate the mill rate
 8. State Aid increased (\$293,249)—this is one of the main reasons for the mill rate decrease
 - a. 2016-17 Equalized Aid = \$4,881,319.00
 - b. 2017-18 Equalized Aid = \$4,702,806.00
 - c. 2018-19 Equalized Aid = \$4,639,781.00
 - d. 2019-20 Equalized Aid = \$4,526,381.00
 - e. 2020-21 Equalized Aid = \$4,819,630.00

The School Board approved the tax levy of 0.01030259 which equates to \$10.30 per thousand of value (example: on a home valued at \$100,000 the school tax would be \$1030.00 for the year)

**Next School Board Meeting:
Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:00pm—Regular Board Meeting**