

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DISTRICT LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
October 29, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Vice President Pam Stahel at 6:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 1) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pam Stahel.

C. ROLL CALL

- 1) Attending the meeting were 4 school board members (Pam Stahel, Alison Reinders, Becca Normington, Megan Wesolowski), 4 administrators (Cari Guden, Lisa Witt, Mike Wilhelm, Rich Twomey), 24 guests, 1 student representative.

D. EDGAR SCHOOL DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

- 1) The district's Mission, Vision and Values statements were acknowledged by Pam Stahel.

E. WRITTEN NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN POSTED AND SENT TO THE MEDIA ON

- 1) Friday, Oct. 24, 2025

F. RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- 1) Public Participation: None

G. STAFF/STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

- 1) IT update: Mr. Chris Trawicki, IT Director, gave an update on two recent internet outages, the number of Chromebooks and iPads issued to students for learning, and computer replacement rotation. A new phone system was installed over the summer. Grant funding is being sought for an update to the bells and paging system, and camera updates are under consideration. Mr. Trawicki presented the cyber incident response plan, noting that there were no changes from last year's plan.
- 2) Math curriculum presentation: Illustrative Math will continue to be used. It emphasizes thinking and understanding math skills, rather than memorization. Several staff who were involved with evaluating and updating math curriculum shared information with the Board about the updated K-12 math curriculum map.
- 3) Continuous Improvement Plan team presentation: Mr. Mike Wilhelm and staff members presented high school continuous improvement plans. Dr. Lisa Witt and staff members presented the Elementary School CIP. Absenteeism is a factor in improving student growth and achievement. There will be increased focus on engaging parents to reduce chronic absenteeism.
- 4) Mental Health Committee presentation: Mental Health Committee members have been meeting monthly since 2016 to improve student and staff mental health. Complete annual needs assessment to develop goals. Mental health goals are connected to CIP. Evaluation for mental health risks: Universal screenings take place in spring and fall (screening tools: BASC/BESS, BEST). School-based counseling services are available through two outside agencies, and counseling sessions are covered

by families' health insurance. New supports for students and staff have been the result of survey responses.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 1) District Administrator Dr. Cari Guden shared the following:
 - a) September meeting schedule
 - b) Pupil counts, summer school and third Friday in Sept. Summer School enrollment (385) was the same as the prior year, with FTEs (33) slightly lower due to fewer days of instruction. Third Friday in Sept. count (560) was the same as the prior year.
 - c) Communication
 - 1) MCSE September Board Highlights were noted. Alison Reinders noted that the MCSE Annual Financial Report highlights the cost of providing special education services.
 - 2) WASB Regional Meeting is set for Nov. 4. All Edgar School Board members are registered to attend. In addition, Corey Mueller, Pam Stahel, Alison Reinders and Dr. Cari Guden are registered for the pre-meeting educational session.
 - 3) January School Board meeting date will be changed to Jan. 14 to allow Dr. Guden to chair the Small Schools Committee at the WASB/WASDA Convention Jan. 21-23, 2026.
- 2) Administrators
 - a) Elementary principal Dr. Lisa Witt reported on:
 - 1) Big Buddy program: Hoping for 25-30 high school students to participate. Will be held 9-9:30 on Thursdays. This program is one advantage of having all K-12 students in one building.
 - 1) Parent/Teacher Conferences: 96% participation rate. Elementary teachers are reaching out to parents who were unable to attend to achieve 100% engagement.
 - 2) Aimswebplus screener: Updated norms/criteria and focus of staff on Act 20 resulted in fewer students requiring reading plans.
 - 3) Upcoming dates:
 - a. Nov. 3: Pastries and Parents for National Family Literacy Day
 - b. Nov. 4: Quarter ends; Nov. 5: Quarter 2 begins; Nov. 11: Report cards sent home
 - c. Nov. 11: Veteran's Day celebration with local veterans in each elementary classroom, luncheon
 - d. Nov. 10-14: World Kindness Week celebration
 - e. Nov. 24: Family Fun Night – One Book, One School Movie Night. All classes, all teachers participated in reading Charlotte's Web.
 - b) High school principal Mr. Mike Wilhelm reported on
 - 1) Oct. 1: Marawood Leadership Day: 6 Edgar HS students attended. Topics focused on collaboration, communication, empathy, goal setting and action planning.
 - 2) Oct. 16: ACT testing. 30 students participated.
 - 3) Parent-Teacher Conferences Oct. 15-16
 - 4) UnCommon Professional Development at Edgar, Oct. 17
 - 5) PSAT test for Juniors: 10 students participated, Oct. 22
 - 6) BASC/BESS screening for grades 7, 9, 11 in October
 - 7) End of first quarter: Nov. 4
 - 8) Inservice days: Half day for students Nov. 7, allowing teachers to complete grading in afternoon. Nov. 10 PD with CESA 9 and CIP Team.
 - 9) Veterans Day program Nov. 11 – Band/Choir perform

- 10) Challenge Day for 10th and 11th graders. Anti-bullying messages, students learn acceptance and respect for themselves and others. Coordinated by High School Guidance Counselor Mr. Nate Grefe. Funded by Marathon County Mental Health Collaborative.
 - 11) Freshman field trip to NTC
 - 12) Seniors had soft skills learning from Mark Lacke and Rhonda Myzyska, worked on portfolios
 - 13) Dec. 3 – Cyber-bullying assembly with Brittney Bird
- c) Special education coordinator Mr. Rich Twomey reported on:
- 1) Special education coaching cycles
 - a. Facilitated by Rich Twomey, Mallory Foss (MCSE)
 - b. 4-week cycles
 - 2) Parent-Teacher Conferences Oct 15-16: Special ed staff did an excellent job connecting with families. Some IEP meetings held during this time.
 - 3) UnCommon PD Day Oct. 17
 - a. Keynote: Josh Varner – Students with Trauma presentation was impactful
 - b. Paraprofessionals attended CESA 9 PD
 - c. Special ed teachers and staff engaged in networking, collaboration, work time.
- 3) Student board representative report
- a) Tucker Streit reported on student activities:
 - 1) Sports teams are headed into post-season competition:
 - a. Football is 10-0, undefeated Conference Champs
 - b. Cross-country: Boys and girls runners achieved personal record times. Dillan Sondelski qualified for State meet in Wisconsin Rapids.
 - c. Volleyball had an excellent season, competed in post-season
 - d. Challenge Day was well received
 - e. FFA at National Convention in Indiana
 - f. National Honor Society induction ceremony was held this month
- 4) Board member reports: None

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approval of the agenda, minutes, financial statements and bills for payment
 - a) Sept. 25, 2025, regular board meeting
 - b) Sept. 25, 2025, closed session (with revisions to the adjournment process noted during discussion)

A motion was made by Megan Wesolowski, seconded by Alison Reinders, to approve the agenda, financial statements, checks #110444 to #110643 plus direct withdrawals totaling \$840,198.32, and minutes for the Sept. 25 regular board meeting and closed session (with noted revisions). The motion carried 4-0.

- 2) Policy
 - a) Policy #5464: Early Graduation (2nd reading).
 - b) Policy #2522: Library Media Centers (2nd reading).

A motion was made by Alison Reinders, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to approve the Policy items above. The motion carried 4-0.

3) Finance

- a) Set Tax Levy and Finalize 2025-2026 District Budget: District Bookkeeper Morgan Mueller reviewed the 2025-26 Revenue Limit Worksheet outlining a proposal for the final budget and levy amounts.

A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to set the tax levy rate at \$6.21. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to approve the 2025-2026 district budget in the amount of \$10,176,078.00. The motion carried 4-0.

J. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

K. RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- 1) Public participation – None.

L. BOARD SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) None

M. ADJOURN

- 1) A motion to adjourn was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Megan Wesolowski. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Normington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Rebecca Normington, Clerk