

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
September 14, 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), 16 guests

Public Participation: None

Staff/Student presentations:

- Class of 2023 president and Student Council member Amber Skrzypcak presented on homecoming week activities. She also asked the School Board to consider including student representation on the School Board so the board can hear what is going on in school from a student's perspective. This suggestion came from Amber's attendance at Badger Girls State over the summer.
- Matt Reinders, agriculture teacher and school therapy dog owner, gave an update on how having a therapy dog in school has been helpful to students. A therapy dog is intended to provide affection and comfort to help students get through the day more easily. Benefits of a therapy dog are physical, social and cognitive. Archie provides emotional support for students and has not been a distraction. A therapy dog is different than a service dog that cannot be pet when on duty.
- New staff members for 2022-2023 introduced themselves.

Administrative Reports:

- District Administrator: Cari Guden reported a great start to the school year. She reported that August was very busy getting ready for the school year. She presented the social media report card for May-July 2022. She presented Marathon County Special Education meeting highlights. Guden said the next School Board meeting will be held on October 26, and the WASB Fall Regional Meeting will be October 25.
- Elementary principal: Lisa Witt reported the calmest start to the school year in a long time. The open house had good flow. She reported on the curriculum focus for the year will be K-12 ELA.
 - Meet monthly to lay the groundwork for summer planning, look at new resources.
 - Partnering with CESA reading specialist Amy McGovern
 - Will map out curriculum July 31-August 4

- Witt also reported on upcoming events: Picture day, Family Fun Night, Pastries with Parents, teacher inservice days, vision and hearing screening, parent/teacher conferences
- High school principal: Tom McCarty also mentioned that the year started smoothly due to experienced and new staff. He reported that an experiment to hold an open house for all grades 6-12 resulted in higher-than expected attendance, given that there were conflicting events held the same day. Current and upcoming events included homecoming, the fall play "Meet the Creeps" just before Halloween, club trips coming back, fall sports, hall of fame induction, FastBridge testing.

Board member report:

- Corey Mueller discussed the CESA 9 Annual Meeting. CESA 9 is adding staff. They develop 3-5 new services each year.

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of prior meeting agendas and minutes, financial statement and bills for payment:
 - A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to approve the agenda and minutes for the August 17 regular meeting and the August 30 special meeting, as well as the financial statements and payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel: Most winter sports coaches were recommended by Cari Guden, with a note that some positions have yet to be filled.
 - A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Pam Stahel, to approve the hiring of the recommended winter sports coaches. Motion carried unanimously.
- Policy:
 - A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Pam Stahel, to approve the requested overnight fieldtrips and the updated Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan. The motion carried unanimously.
 - Field trips approved included:
 - Cross country: Sept 30-Oct 1
 - National FFA convention: Oct. 25-29
 - Halftime conference: Jan 13-14
 - Band/Choir trip: March 18-23
 - 212/Edge Conference March 24-25
 - Canada fishing trip June 2-9
 - State FFA convention June 12-15

Finance

- A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Pam Stahel, to approve the proposed short-term borrowing resolution authorizing temporary borrowing in an amount not to exceed \$1.6 million at an interest rate of 3.86295%, and to further

approve the low bid from Northland Security for such borrowing. The motion passed unanimously.

Other business

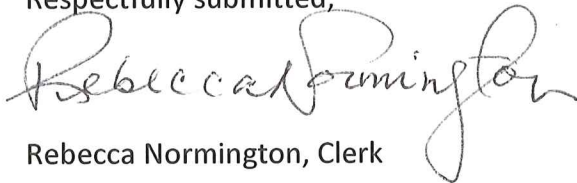
- The board discussed the proposal to include student representation on the School Board. Tom McCarty and Cari Guden will conduct research to learn more about how this could work, and will bring a proposal to the board for consideration.

Public participation: None

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to adjourn to Executive Session under Wis Statute Sec 19.85(1)(f). Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Normington". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Rebecca Normington, Clerk