

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
September 13, 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), 11 guests.
- 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, Sept. 8, 2023
- F. **Public Participation:** None
- G. **Staff/Student presentations:**
 - 1) New staff members were present to introduce themselves.
 - 2) Chris Trawicki provided an IT update. There were no major outages during the first weeks of school. The district supports 600 Chromebooks (2nd-12th grade), 190 iPads (elementary school) and 150 other computers in the school. Summer updates included added network storage and backups to local and cloud storage. In the upcoming year equipment will be replaced on a routine cadence to ensure we remain up to date and the budget is consistent. Chris presented an updated IT Incident Response Plan, which includes a staff training schedule and updated administrator names.
 - 3) Colin Hanson introduced upcoming events for A Walk In Their Shoes, including a sneak preview of the documentary Baseball Behind Barbed Wire Fences, which included footage from a previous Walk in Their Shoes presentation.
- H. **Administrative Reports:**
 - 1) **District Administrator:**
 - a) Cari Guden shared her August meeting schedule.
 - b) Communication:
 - 1) CESA 9 annual report: CESA 9 is amazing. They provide programs and support for our staff. They are willing to do anything to help us.
 - 2) August Marathon County Special Education Board highlights

- 3) October Board meeting: The school board must adopt an original budget and set the levy amounts on or before Nov. 1. Aid is not announced until Oct. 15. The October Edgar School Board meeting will be held October 25.
- 4) The WASB fall regional meeting will be Oct. 3. It will include dinner and a meeting. A pre-meeting session will be presented on retention of public records.
- 5) The district's social media report card for May-July 2023. Instagram and Facebook followers continue to grow.

2) Administrators

a) Elementary principal Lisa Witt discussed:

- 1) 2023-2024 school year open house had nearly 100% participation. A transportation table was set out with information for parents.
- 2) Universal Screening Schedule and Plan 2023-2024
- 3) Curriculum focus:
 - (1) K-12 staff participated in ELA rollout (regular and special education)
 - (a) Elementary school is adopting WONDERS
 - (b) Middle School is using EL Open Up
 - (2) All professional development is embedded into inservice days.
 - (a) Literacy coaching days: Amy McGovern (CESA) and Audrey Wittry from MCSE and CESA for special education focus
 - (3) The ELA curriculum was mapped out Aug. 5-9
- 4) Notable dates/activities included:
 - (a) Sept 12-13 picture day
 - (b) Sept 12 Family Fun Night – Prismatic Laser Show. Was among the best attended
 - (c) Sept 22 Pastries with Parents
 - (d) Sept 29 September celebration assembly: Wildcat Way theme
 - (e) Oct 9-10 Vision and hearing screening
 - (f) Oct 18-19 Parent-teacher conferences
 - (g) Oct 20 Teacher inservice (CESA sponsored) – at Marathon

b) High school principal Mike Wilhelm reported:

- 1) Open house was well attended
- 2) First day of school (Sept 1) went well
- 3) Staff/families tailgate (Sept. 8) was well attended, good for bonding.
- 4) Homecoming week is next week – movie theme. Adding a parade and puzzles this year, and skits are returning.
- 5) Guest speaker arranged by Colin Hanson: Henry Kanemoto – Sept. 19. Baseball historian, documentarian.
- 6) Homecoming assembly Sept 22
- 7) Hall of Fame ceremony Sept 22
- 8) CIP team meeting Sept 21
- 9) Walk in Their Shoes guest speakers: Kerry Yo Nakagawa, Yuriko Gamo Sept 25
- 10) Marawood leadership Day Oct 4

- 11) ACT testing day at Edgar Oct 17
- 12) Parent-teacher conferences Oct 18-19
- c) Special education coordinator – Rich Twomey introduced himself, discussed his background and his philosophy during new staff introductions. He taught special education for 11 years and was a district special education instructional coach for 1 year. He received his bachelor’s degree from UWSP and his master’s degree from Viterbo University. He is completing his director of special education and pupil services license (anticipated Sp 2024). He is excited to be at Edgar.
- d) **Student board representative:** None
- e) **Board member report:** No new updates from attending Village Board meetings. No other updates.

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 Alison Reinders, to approve the agenda, financial statement, checks #104663 - #104807 plus direct withdrawals for \$474,995.78, and minutes for the August 16 regular school board meeting and the August 24 special school board meeting. The motion carried 5-0.
- 2) **Personnel:**
 - a) Staff resignations and hires: A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to approve the following personnel changes: resignation of Samantha Brown as co-head softball coach; an FMLA request; MS/HS forensics advisor hires (Amber Gulden, Kris Federwitz); winter coaching hires; spring head coach hire (Kevin Brown, softball); Shantel Brown as HS ELA teacher; and an LMC practicum student for first semester. The motion carried 5-0.
- 3) **Policy:**
 - a) Overnight field trip approval
 - b) Neola policy updates: Second reading of several policies
A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Alison Reinders to approve the policy updates noted above. The motion carried 5-0
- 4) **Finance**
 - a) Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative (WISC) resolution authorizing Edgar School District to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement relating to the Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative and authorizing participation in the investment programs of the funds.
 - b) Short-term borrowing resolution: Short-term loans have been more difficult to come by in recent years. Higher interest rates; fewer banks willing to lend. PMA went out to borrow for several schools. Edgar School District’s portion was \$1.3 million. 3.7% interest rate (compared to last year’s 3.9%). The total net interest will be \$48,309.44 (compared the prior year’s interest of ~\$61,000). The cost to participate in PMA is \$1625. The arrangement results in an overall win for the district. This resolution authorizes temporary borrowing in the amount of

1,3000,000; issuance of tax and revenue anticipation promissory notes; and participation in the PMA Levy and Aid Anticipation Notes Program. The district will receive the funds by Oct. 5 and will be paid back by Sept. 24, 2024.

A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Pam Stahel to approve the WISC resolution and the short -term borrowing resolution. A roll-call vote was taken. 5 yeas; 0 nay. The motion carried.

J. Other business – None.

K. Recognition of persons wishing to address the Board:

1. Public participation - None

L. **Motion to adjourn to Executive Session under Wis. Statute Sec. 19.85(a)(f) and Wis. Statute Sec. 118.125:**

1. Student expulsion information

2. Student pre-expulsion information

A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Alison Reinders to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Minutes of the Executive Session meeting

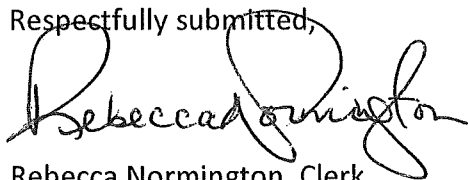
An executive session of the School Board was called to order by Corey Mueller at 7:18 p.m.

1. Student expulsion information was discussed.

2. Student pre-expulsion information was discussed.

A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Corey Muller to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Normington, Clerk