

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DISTRICT LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
September 25, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Corey Mueller at 6:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 1) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Corey Mueller.

C. ROLL CALL

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

D. EDGAR SCHOOL DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

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

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

- 1) Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025

F. RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- 1) Public Participation: None

G. STAFF/STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Facilities update presentation: Mr. Rob Rauen provided an update on remodeling and other facilities upgrades that occurred over the summer. School Board members and meeting attendees took a tour to see the updated Chemistry classroom and updated gym floor.
- 2) A Walk in Their Shoes presentation: Mr. Colin Hanson provided an update on this year's A Walk in Their Shoes theme. This is the 19th year of A Walk in Their Shoes.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 1) District Administrator Dr. Cari Guden shared the following:
 - a) August meeting schedule
 - b) Communication
 - 1) The district requested short-term borrowing of \$1.2 million at 2.64% (\$31,000) interest for the 2025-2026 school year. This is lower than the prior year's \$1.3 million in short-term borrowing. The interest rate is also lower than the prior year's interest rate (\$36,000). Dr. Guden reported that participation in PMA has been beneficial for the district, resulting in lower interest rates and greater administrative efficiency.

- 2) Dr. Guden presented the CESA 9 Annual Report for 2024-2025. The report includes photos of Edgar students. CESA 9 has been helpful and responsive to the district's needs, and is a good partner.
- 3) Parent information on school safety: The district is changing to the "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP), which is what most other area districts are using. Administrators attended training in June. Training included a parent component.
- 4) The social media report card for May-July 2025 highlights the positive power of social media as it promotes school activities.
- 5) Marathon County Special Education August Board highlights.
- 6) Medical Advisor agreement: Renewal of existing agreement.
- 7) Bullying data incident report for 2024-2025. Edgar High School reported 15 total incidents, 1 bullying incident. Edgar Middle School reported 18 total incidents, 1 bullying incident. Edgar Elementary had 0 total incidents, 0 bullying incidents.
- 8) Middle School Band has been selected by the Wisconsin Concert Band Association to perform at the 2026 WCBA state convention at the UW-Eau Claire on Jan. 16. It is an honor for the band to be invited to play at this event.
- 9) The October Board meeting will be held Oct. 29.
- 10) WASB Fall Regional Meeting is Tues., Nov. 4. Board members were asked whether they will attend.
- 11) The WASB/WASDA Joint Convention is Jan. 21-23, 2026. Dr. Guden is leading the statewide small school committee this year.

2) Administrators

a) Elementary principal Dr. Lisa Witt reported on:

- 1) Universal Screening dates and screening tools for 2025-2026
- 2) Elementary: Dr. Witt shared information about student and family activities
 - a. Special events for 2025-2026
 - b. Family Fun Night schedule for 2025-2026
- 2) Parent meetings were held Sept. 8 to allow parents to get to know what to expect at each grade level and ask questions. About 60% of parents typically attend.
- 3) Important dates:
 - a. Sept. 8-19: Spirit clothing sale
 - b. Sept. 24: Mindfulness residency with Louise Hornung. Each grade level, 45 minutes each.
 - c. Sept. 30: Celebration Assembly
 - d. Oct. 1,2,3,8,9,10: Mead Wildlife Refuge fieldtrips, grades K-5. This is the third year every grade is participating in this fieldtrip series.
 - e. Oct. 14: Family Fun Night at Mead Wildlife Refuge (Owl Prowl)
 - f. Oct. 15-16: Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - g. Oct. 16: Elementary Teacher Inservice Day
 - h. Oct. 17: Teacher Inservice Day (CESA Joint Inservice)

b) High school principal Mr. Mike Wilhelm reported on

- 1) First days of school – great start to the year
 - 2) Staff tailgate
 - 3) Field trip
 - a. Sept. 18: Wisconsin Education Fair, UWSP-Marathon County. All juniors and interested seniors attended.
 - 4) Hall of Fame Induction
 - a. Ryan Bargender
 - 5) Homecoming theme: Through the Decades. Activities are being organized by grade-level advisors Mr. Greg Streit, Mr. Matt Reinders and Mr. Nathan Dahl.
 - 6) Oct. 1: Marawood Conference Leadership Day in Abbotsford
 - 7) Oct. 15: Upcoming ACT testing. Offered to students in grades 9-12. 35 students are taking the test this fall.
 - 8) Oct. 27: NEW Challenge Day. Opportunity for students to learn acceptance and respect. An organization is coming in to facilitate the event for multiple area schools. High School Guidance Counselor Mr. Nate Grefe is coordinating the event. The event is funded by Marathon County Mental Health Collaborative, where Dr. Cari Guden is a board member.
- c) Special education coordinator Mr. Rich Twomey reported on:
- 1) Highlights:
 - a. Special Education professional staff: All special education staff were retained from last year. They are building on existing knowledge and expanding with new caseloads. They are building on relationships with students, staff, administration and families.
 - b. Strong collaboration for new special education enrollments: We welcomed new special education students who moved into the district in August and September. Shoutout to Edgar and MCSE teams for working together to ensure students receive what they need to be successful. We are looking to hire additional staff to support students' needs.
 - 2) Important dates:
 - a. MCSE school psychologists and special ed coordinators will attend these professional development days:
 - o Oct. 1: DPI State Superintendent Conference – Special Education emphasis
 - o Oct. 2: Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services (WCASS) Conference.
 - b. Edgar School District events:
 - o Oct. 15 & 16: Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - o Oct. 16: Elementary Inservice
 - o Oct. 17: Teacher Inservice
- 3) Student board representative report
- a) Tucker Streit was introduced as the new student representative on the school board.
 - b) Tucker reported on fall student activities:
 - 1) Fall sports are underway

- 2) This week's homecoming activities kicked off Sunday with the Blast from the Past theme. Activities include dress up days, homecoming court selected, the parade was moved due to ongoing road construction, Hall of Fame assembly, dance on Saturday.

4) Board member reports:

- a) Reminder to school board members to watch the professional development videos for discussion prior to the November board meeting.
- b) Corey Mueller will not be at the October board meeting.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

1) Approval of the agenda, minutes, financial statements and bills for payment

- a) Aug. 20, 2025, regular meeting
- b) Aug. 20, 2025, executive session
- c) Aug. 25, 2025, special meeting
- d) Sept. 3, 2025, special meeting

A motion was made by Megan Wesolowski, seconded by Becca Normington, to approve the agenda, financial statements, checks #110341 to #110443 plus direct withdrawals totaling \$476,108.68, and minutes for the Aug. 20 regular board meeting and executive session, as well as the Aug. 25 and Sept. 3 special meetings. The motion carried 4-0.

2) Personnel:

- a) Staff hires: Trevor Bunkleman was hired as a full-time nighttime custodian. He will begin Nov. 10.
- b) Winter coaching hires: Assistant, JV and middle school coaches for winter sports: Boys basketball – Chris Trawicki, Mitch Skurzewski, Keith Baumgartner, Mark Schroeder, Jon Streit; Girls basketball: Devin Cyzan, Brandon Kaiser, Holly Nowak, Brad Hornung; Wrestling: Connor Handrick, Aaron Niemann, Mitch Mueller.

A motion was made by Alison Reinders, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to approve personnel changes listed above. The motion carried 4-0.

3) Policy

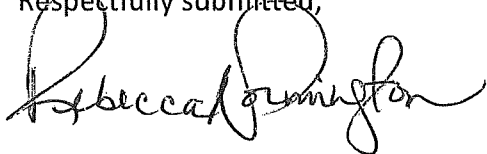
- a) Policy #2340: District-sponsored Trips. The following overnight trips were requested: FFA Convention, FFA Canada fishing trip, Cross Country meet in Wisconsin Dells/Kalahari, FBLA Fall Leadership, FBLA State Convention, 5th Grade School Forest + HS Juniors and Seniors to assist.
- b) Policy #5464: Early Graduation (1st reading). Updates made to match Edgar's process.
- c) Policy 2522: Library Media Centers (1st reading).
- d) Neola updates: Second reading (Vol. 34, No. 2) of these policies: #0100, #0144.5, #0166.1, #1461, #3120.04, #3431, #4124, #4140, #4213, #4431, #5112, #5310.01, #5411, #5505, #5530, #7440.03, #7450, #7455, #7530.02, #8120, #8420, #8500, #8510, #8531, #8550, #9151.

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

- J. OTHER BUSINESS – The October meeting agenda will be focused on the approval of the annual budget and other items.
- K. RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
- 1) Public participation – None.
- L. BOARD SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- 1) None
- M. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH WIS. STATUTE SEC. 19.85(1)(f), for purposes of considering financial, medical, spcial or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies, which, if discussed in pubic, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations, to wit:
- 1) Discussion of Administration's 2025/2026 staffing decisions, including references to former employees.
- A motion to adjourn to Closed Session was made by Corey Mueller, seconded by Alison Reinders. A roll call vote was taken: Reinders – Yes; Mueller – Yes; Normington – Yes; Wesolowski – Yes. The motion carried 4-0. The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
- N. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND ACT ON ITEMS THAT REQUIRE ACTION IN OPEN SESSION, IF NECESSARY
- 1) No action was required in open session.

O. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Normington", written in a cursive style.

Rebecca Normington, Clerk