

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGAR
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
December 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Corey Mueller 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), 5 guests

Public Participation: None.

Staff/Student presentations:

- Food Service Director update – Cari Guden provided an update on behalf of Rebecca Larson. Six boxes of food were donated as a result of a food drive to Circle of Joy. Breakfast numbers are up compared to last year; lunch numbers are down slightly from last year. Prices for fruits and vegetables are high. It is harder to get good quality fresh fruits. Food service is returning to pre-COVID standards.
- IT Director presentation – Chris Trawicki provided a technology update. All students in 5th-12th grades have Chromebooks. Younger students use iPads. Laptops and Chromebooks are on a cycle to be replaced every four years. Chris addressed the school board’s questions about the district’s cyber security plan from the prior meeting. He distributed an Edgar Incident Response Plan and answered questions posed by school board members.
- Presentation of district/school report card: Cari Guden presented the district’s state and local report cards, which are posted on the district website. On the state report card, the **district scored 69**, which means the district “meets expectations.” The report card is used for continuous improvement planning. Lisa Witt presented the **elementary school report card: 66.2 – meets expectations**. A larger percentage of elementary students have an IEP compared to the state average. Math has been a priority for the school, which helped raise the score for that measure. Tom McCarty presented the middle school and high school report cards. **Middle school: 78.9– exceeds expectations**. He reported that demographics are a factor in achievement and growth, and that we are seeing the fruits of a more rigorous focus on math. The next focus area will be ELA. **High school: 59.1– meets expectations**. We have work to do to improve this score. The local report card will provide more “onetime” data. The state report card is a three-year rolling average, which does not allow time to incorporate changes that would influence current students as they move through grade levels. Edgar is the first in the state to include a link to the local report card in its state report card introductory paragraph.

Administrative Reports:

- District Administrator: Cari Guden reviewed her November meeting schedule. She spent time observing teachers in classrooms. Cari proposed a change in date to the January school board meeting due to Cari and Becca attending the State Education Convention over the scheduled meeting date. The meeting will be moved from January 18 to Monday, January 16, at 5:30 p.m. (date and time change). Cari reviewed MCSE Board meeting highlights. She presented the Edgar School District social media report card for August-October, and passed a thank you note from the Hoesly family among board members.
 - Morgan Mueller presented on Nicolet Bank's recommendation to move funds to a money market account that would offer a higher interest rate. She also reported that the district's payroll account has been reaching the ACH limit of \$115,000; Morgan will increase the ACH limit to \$125,000. No school board action was required for these changes.
- Elementary principal: Lisa Witt reported on the K-12 curriculum plan to focus on ELA. The curriculum team is reviewing new textbooks and materials. We do not have a math coach or reading coach; using Math Institute. A staff inservice is scheduled for Dec. 22. Other notable dates included: holiday concerts on Dec. 8; an annual food drive and coin drive were held Dec. 5-9; 5th graders field trip to Wausau School Forest Dec. 20-21; 4K concerts on Dec. 15 and 16; Family Fun Night (holiday BINGO) on Dec. 15.
- High school principal: Tom McCarty reported on November's Kindness Month activities that demonstrate what kindness looks like, the impact on others. Speaker Mike McGowan presented on leadership choices and kindness. He worked with students to create a peer-to-peer inclusion practice. The business class is opening a small business "Wildcat Den," which will involve two small carts of products and an online store. This is considered one of the positive effects of getting the referendum passed. Student life update: Winter athletics are underway. The school is creating opportunities to hand leadership over to students through FFA, FCCLA participating in the Marshfield Rotary light show, and the National Honor Society coin drive. An Edgar student is a finalist for Miss Holstein; she will be interviewed to see if she qualifies.
 - A discussion of having a student representative on the school board will be held at the January school board meeting.
 - Corey Mueller asked about holding school forest activities in the Edgar School Forest. Lisa will gather information about current School Forest activities to share with the school board.
- Mrs. Koroch reported on Edgar Special Education updates: Personal development with MCSE has begun with specific areas and grade levels. We have been short-handed on paraprofessionals. A new teacher started and we are hiring additional paraprofessionals. CESA 9 has been supporting special education teachers with curriculum and answering questions. An Edgar Student's art is being used on greeting cards.

Board member report:

- Becca Normington led a discussion of the school board's position on proposed resolutions to be voted on during the upcoming WASB convention.
- Corey Mueller reported on attendance and discussion at the WASB regional meeting

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of prior meeting agendas and minutes, financial statement and bills for payment:
 - A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to approve the agenda and minutes for the Nov. 16, 2022, regular school board meeting, as well as the financial statements and payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel: Makenna Guden was presented as a candidate for the girls JV2 basketball coach position. Spring play for board approval: 35 students expressed interest in participating in the spring play. Student teachers for approval: Jaclyn Gajewski is presented as a student teacher for 3rd grade (3rd Quarter) and for 4K (4th quarter). FMLA requests were submitted. A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to approve these requests. The motion passed unanimously.
- Policy:
 - The school board reviewed Act 143 School Safety procedures:
 - Crisis plan
 - An annual school safety lockdown drill was conducted Dec. 12
 - The most recent school safety training was conducted Fall 2022 (Safe School Course)
 - The most recent date the district consulted with local police: various dates throughout the year.
 - Early college credit program courses for Spring 2022 were presented to the board
 - Start College Now program courses for Spring 2022 were presented to the school board
 - A motion was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Gary Lewis, to approve the school safety activities, early college credit programs and Start College Now programs. The motion carried unanimously.
- Finance: Tech education accepted air quality/paint booth bids. Bidders participated in a mandatory walk-through of the facility in October. Bids were due by Dec. 6. The recommendation is to accept the lowest bid from Complete Control, in the amount of \$229,745. Board members questioned the price. The project has been on hold for years; prices have gone up in that time. Making room in the budget for this project could delay other projects such as classroom remodeling. Work would begin June 5, 2023 (first day of summer break). Would be operational by the start of the 2023-24 school year. A motion was made by Pam Stahel, seconded by Megan Wesolowski, to accept the proposed lowest bid. The motion carried unanimously.

Information only:

School board members were informed about MCSE resignations and hires. 1.5 positions remain open.

Other business

- None

Public participation: None

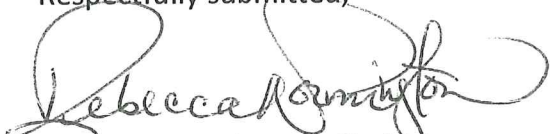
Board suggested future agenda items

- Student representation on the school board - January
- Outcome of resolutions at the WASB convention - Feb
- EATS building – After more information is gathered.

Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn was made by Becca Normington, seconded by Pam Stahel. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Normington, Clerk