

UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the August 24, 2026 School Board Meeting
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS
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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on August 24, 2026 in the Eden Prairie District Administrative Offices, 8100 School Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

CONVENE: 6:00 PM

Call to Order - School Board Roll Call

Steve Bartz, Ann Bradsher, Aaron Casper, Debjyoti Dwivedy, Abby Libsack, Kim Ross, Jody Ward-Rannow

Director Debjyoti Dwivedy participating remotely

Not Present: Vice-Chair Abby Libsack, Clerk Steve Bartz

Agenda Review and Approval - Motion by A. Casper, Seconded by A. Bradsher to approve tonight's agenda for Monday, August 24 as presented – Passed Unanimously (5-0)

Approval of Previous Minutes – Motion by A. Casper, Seconded by A. Bradsher that we approve the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the School Board Regular Meeting from June 22, 2026, and the Brief Board Meeting held on July 27, 2026 – Passed Unanimously (5-0)

Board Education & Required Reporting

Clerk Steve Bartz joined the meeting at 6:09 PM

- A. Morris Leatherman Survey
- B. Flight Plan 2035 - Facilities Report to the Superintendent

Announcements

- Let's start our most recent recognition of Excellent Eagles: Last month, we announced the Eden Prairie Schools Hall of Fame Class of 2026! We're so excited to recognize eleven individuals, an exceptional group whose accomplishments and stories span decades of rich Eden Prairie history. They are remarkable alumni, inspiring staff members and impactful community leaders who have extraordinary achievements and notable contributions both inside and outside of the district. We look forward to celebrating them at the second annual Eagle Excellence Showcase, an event held in partnership with the Foundation for Eden Prairie Schools, on October 3rd! Tickets are available now on our website at edenpr.org/halloffame.
- We're excited to share that for the second year in a row, Eden Prairie Schools has been awarded a PBIS District Recognition for our dedicated work to implement Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports across our schools! On top of that, all six of our in-person elementary schools — Cedar Ridge, Eagle Heights, Eden Lake, Forest Hills, Oak Point and Prairie View — have been named Sustaining Exemplar Schools for their PBIS work. We're proud to be recognized for fostering our "safe, kind and responsible" framework to promote positive student behavior.
- Eagles have been busy this summer, including soon-to-be 12th grader Isabel Merriman, who performed with the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies in New Zealand and Australia! Isabel plays viola with their top ensemble, and spent almost two weeks performing around the two countries, including in a performance at the iconic Sydney Opera House. Isabel also plays with the EPHS Concert Orchestra and is excited to inspire her fellow musicians to continue their strong dedication to music. Well done, Isabel! Speaking of taking our talents to new places: McKinley Ulfers, a rising 10th-grader at EPHS, and Maya Chang, a rising 8th-grader at CMS, are the winners of the SouthWest Transit 2026 Community Design Contest! Their winning works of art have become "moving masterpieces" — keep your eye out for their designs on SouthWest Transit buses around town. Our students are literally driving our community's creativity forward!
- Next up: for the fifth consecutive year, Eagle Heights has been named one of Minnesota's Best! They've earned Gold for Best Immersion School and Silver for Best Elementary School. This recognition is truly community-driven, based on over a million votes statewide. My sincere thanks to the students, families and staff who make Eagle Heights such a special place to learn, grow and belong. **Congratulations** — or as they would say at Eagle Heights, ¡Felicidades!
- Another **congratulations** goes out to our EP Track & Field stars who raced to All-America honors at the Nike Outdoor Nationals in Oregon this summer! The 4-by-100 and 4-by-200 relay team—made up of recent grad Amelia Black, rising 12th graders Audrina Vanier and Laena Moten, and rising 11th grader Julia Ziesel—earned first-team honors. We also want to celebrate rising 12th grader Kade O'Curran, who competed in the 110 meter hurdles, and rising 11th grader Layla

Welch. She accomplished a historic "first" for our program by becoming our inaugural wheelchair racer and earning All-America status in her first season. Track team, you've all set the pace for excellence, and we couldn't be prouder!

- Finally: This summer, 32 Eden Prairie High School students gained a head start on their professional futures in our first-ever Business Training Bootcamp, held in partnership with the University of St. Thomas! Throughout the six-day immersive program at the Valley View Campus, students traded their classrooms for a "board room" experience, collaborating with industry experts to tackle complex business challenges and pitch their own actionable plans. We are incredibly proud of these future entrepreneurs and grateful to the University of St. Thomas team for helping launch this impactful program.

Board Work

Required Board Action

1. Naming of Valley View Garage Space - **Motion by** K. Ross, **Seconded by** A. Bradsher that the new workshop at the Valley View Campus be formally named the Eden Prairie Schools Community Workshop – Passed Unanimously (6-0)

Policy Monitoring

1. EL 2.1 Emergency Superintendent Succession

To protect the Board from sudden loss of Superintendent services, the Superintendent shall not permit there to be fewer than two other staff members sufficiently familiar with Board and Superintendent issues and processes who would be able to take over with reasonable proficiency as an interim successor.

OI Motion by A. Bradsher, **Seconded by** K. Ross that the operational interpretation of EL 2.1 Emergency Superintendent Succession is reasonable – Passed Unanimously

Evidence Motion by A. Bradsher, **Seconded by** A. Casper that the board accept the superintendents assertion of compliance on EL 2.1 – Passed Unanimously

2. EL 2.2 Treatment of Students

The Superintendent shall not cause or allow an educational environment that is unsafe, unwelcoming, inequitable, disrespectful, unnecessarily intrusive, or that otherwise inhibits the effective learning needs of each student.

OI Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded by** A. Bradsher that the operational interpretation for EL 2.2 for Treatment of Students is reasonable. **Friendly Amendment by** D. Dwivedy is we consider the parent policy 2.2 and all the child policies 2.2.1 till 2.2.10.

Amended OI Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded by** S. Bartz to include the following language that the operational interpretation for EL 2.2.1 through 2.2.10 are reasonable – Passed Unanimously

OI Motion by K. Ross, **Seconded by** A. Bradsher that the operational interpretation for EL 2.2, Treatment of Students is reasonable – Passed Unanimously

Evidence Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded by** K. Ross that the board does accept the superintendents assertion of compliance for executive limitations 2.2.1 through 2.2.10 – Passed Unanimously

Evidence Motion by K. Ross, **Seconded by** S. Bartz to accept the superintendents assertion of compliance with EL 2.2 – Treatment of Students - Passed Unanimously

Treatment of Students

- a. EL 2.2.1 - Allow student to be unprotected against violence or harassment.
 - b. EL 2.2.3 - Unfairly or inequitably identify and address student behavior violations.
 - c. EL 2.2.4 - Hire paid personnel without first completing an appropriate background check.
 - d. EL 2.2.5 - Allow any volunteer unsupervised time with students without first completing an appropriate background check.
 - e. EL 2.2.6 - Neglect to assure an equitable system for access to academic programming.
 - f. EL 2.2.7 - Allow students to be uninformed of their protections under this policy.
 - g. EL 2.2.8 - Neglect to assure that all allegations of student maltreatment are handled in a timely manner.
 - h. EL 2.2.9 - Neglect to provide adequate minimum eating times and access to school meals for students.
 - i. EL 2.2.10 - Neglect to provide adequate minimum time and access to recess for elementary students.
3. EL 2.7 Asset Protection

The Superintendent shall not cause or allow district assets to be unprotected, inadequately maintained, inappropriately used, or unnecessarily risked.

OI Motion by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded by** A. Casper that the OI is reasonable for the child policies 2.7.1 through 2.7.12, and the parent policy 2.7 – Passed Unanimously

Evidence Motion by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded by** K. Ross, that we accept the assertion of compliance of the superintendents of the child policies 2.7.1 through 2.7.12 and the parent policy 2.7 – Passed Unanimously

- a. 2.7.1 - Develop a facilities construction renovation and maintenance plan that is not part of a comprehensive rolling ten-year plan.
 - b. 2.7.2 - Fail to insure against theft and casualty losses at 100 percent of replacement value and against liability losses to School Board members, staff, and the organization itself in an amount greater than the average for comparable organizations.
 - c. 2.7.3 - Subject facilities and equipment to improper wear and tear or insufficient maintenance.
 - d. 2.7.4 - Allow external guests or user groups access to the facilities or assets without procedures in place to protect district concerns.
 - e. 2.7.5 - Unnecessarily expose the organization, its School Board, or its staff to claims of liability.
 - f. 2.7.6 - Endanger the organization's public image, its credibility, or its ability to accomplish ends.
 - g. 2.7.7 - Allow uninsured personnel access to material amounts of funds.
 - h. 2.7.8 - Receive, process, or disburse funds under controls that are insufficient to meet the School Board-appointed auditor's standards.
 - i. 2.7.9 - Compromise the independence of the School Board's audit or other external monitoring or advice.
 - j. 2.7.10 - Substantially change the principal educational purpose of a school by closing, repurposing, consolidating, combining or creating new or choice destination schools without School Board approval.
 - k. 2.7.11- Allow anyone other than the School Board to name facilities, schools, classrooms, or spaces within the district.
 - l. 2.7.12 - Eliminate any non-state-required programs that would adversely affect our reputation and/or diminish the value of our broad-based educational opportunities without School Board approval.
4. Record of Board Self-Evaluation
1. 2025-26 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends
- Motion by K. Ross, Seconded by A. Casper** to accept the Record of Board Policy Monitoring for our Ends policies as presented – Passed Unanimously

Superintendent Consent Agenda

Management items the Board would not act upon in Policy Governance, but require Board approval from outside entities.

Motion by A. Casper, Seconded by S. Bartz that we accept the superintendents consent agenda as presented – Passed Unanimously

Board Action on Committee Reports & Minutes

Motion by K. Ross, Seconded by A. Casper to accept the Community Linkage Committee meeting minutes for August 12th as presented – Passed Unanimously

Board Work Plan

Motion by A. Casper, Seconded by A. Bradsher that we accept the Work Plan Changes as presented – Passed Unanimously

Eden Prairie School Board 2026-27 Work Plan (Proposed) Changes

August 24, 2026



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Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, September 14, 2026 - <i>Workshop</i>	Add: Brief Business Meeting on September 14, 2026
Monday, September 28, 2026	Remove: Financial Update
Monday, October 12 - <i>Joint Meeting w/ City of Eden Prairie & City Council</i>	Move: Move Ends Policy Monitoring from September 28 to October 26, 2026
Monday, October 26, 2026	
Monday, November 9, 2026 - <i>Workshop</i>	
Monday, November 23, 2026	
Monday, December 14, 2026	
Placeholder – General Board Work	
Placeholder – Policy Review	

Adjournment

Motion by A. Casper, Seconded by A. Bradsher to adjourn meeting at **8:00 PM** – Passed Unanimously

Steve Bartz – Board Clerk