

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS  
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2023  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

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A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on December 11, 2023, in the Eden Prairie District Administrative Offices, 8100 School Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

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**1. Convene: 6:00 PM (Roll Call)**

*Present:* Steven Bartz, Aaron Casper, Kim Ross, Charles "CJ" Strehl, Dennis Stubbs; Board Clerk, Abby Libsak and Board Member, Debjyoti "DD" Dwivedy joined meeting remotely

*Present:* Superintendent Josh Swanson

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Agenda Review and Approval – Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve the agenda for the Monday, December 11, 2023 meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools – Passed Unanimously.

**4. Approval of Previous Minutes – Revised – Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs to accept the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the School Board Regular Business Meetings on November 27, 2023 as presented – Passed Unanimously

**5. Truth in Taxation Hearing**

A. Pay 2024 Presentation

**6. Public Comment - Truth in Taxation**

**7. Spotlight on Success**

A. Eden Lake Elementary - 5th Grade Leadership Yearbook Team

**8. Public Comment (1)** – Pool Lobby at EHSI as Classroom/Security

**9. Announcements**

- Last month, I had the pleasure of celebrating some exceptional students at Eden Prairie High School's National Scholar Recognition Breakfast. Congratulations to our nine National Merit Semifinalists, our 14 National Merit Commended students, and our 65 AP Scholars with Distinction. Earning one of these titles is no small task, and we are inspired by the hard work and determination of these students, their families, and the teachers and staff who have helped them along the way. Way to go, Eagles!
- The All-Metro football defensive team, featuring the area's fiercest players, has been announced! For their outstanding performance on our field, EPHS 12th graders Mo Saine, Dominic Heim, Terae Dunn, and Dennis Rahouski who were selected for this honor. **Congratulations** to these Eagles, who make up 10% of the total All-Metro team!
- This year's diaper drive was a huge success thanks to our generous community. [The Early Childhood PTO collected over 10,000 diapers and 9,500 wipes](#) to distribute to local families at PROP!
- **Congratulations** to EPHS 12th grader Ryan Donohue has scored the second most goals in the history of the Eden Prairie boys soccer team. This impressive record earned him a shout out in Sun Sailor as one of the best players EP boys soccer has ever seen. Great job, Ryan!
- We celebrated National Special Education Day on December 2, in honor of the day when the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act became federal law. We believe each person in our community has intrinsic value, and we are proud to create inclusive learning spaces in which all students can thrive. Thank you to our dedicated staff members who support special education services!
- **MSBA Certificates honoring Charles "CJ" Strehl and Steve Bartz** for completing the MSBA Leadership Development Program by successfully attending Leadership Workshop Series, Phase I, II, III, and IV.

**10. Board Education & Required Reporting**

A. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Audited Financial Presentation Information

- 1) FY 2022-23 Executive Summary - Annual Financial Audit
- 2) Audited Financial Presentation
- 3) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (See Appendix "A")
- 4) Management Report (See Appendix "A")
- 5) Special Purpose Audit Reports (See Appendix "A")

11. **Board Work**

A. Decision Preparation

B. Required Board Action

1) Approval of Final Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Levy

**Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz approve a final levy for taxes payable in 2024 in the amount of \$60,375,139.33; **Amendment** by C. Strehl, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to reduce Tech Levy to \$60,075,139.33 (\$300,000 .00 reduction) – **Amendment** Failed 2-5: Yes=2 (CS, DD); No=5 (AC, KR, DS, SB, AL); **Original Motion** Passed 6-1; Yes=6 (AC, DD, KR, DS, SB, AL); No=1 (CS)

a. Executive Summary of Pay 2024 Levy

b. Levy Presentation

c. Pay 24 Final Levy Comparison

**Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by C. Strehl to recess at 8:01 PM – Passed Unanimously; Resumed at 8:16 PM

2) 2023-2024 School Board Mid-Year Treasurer's Report – **Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs to approve the Mid-Year Treasurers Report as presented – Passed Unanimously

C. Policy Monitoring

1) EL 2.5 Financial Planning and Budgeting – **OI Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by A. Casper, move that the OI's in EL 2.5 and all the child policies are reasonable, and the **Evidence** supports that they are in compliance – Passed Unanimously

2) EL 2.0 Global Executive Constraint – **OI Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by S. Bartz, having found all the child policies to have reasonable interpretation and to be in compliance, move that the OI in EL 2.0 is reasonable, and that the **Evidence** presented for all its child policies supports that it is in compliance – Passed Unanimously

D. Record of Board Self-Evaluation

1) 2022-23 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Process (GP's) & Board-Management Delegation (BMD's) (*No Updates*)

2) 2022-2023 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Executive Limitation (EL's) – **Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Casper to move that the Board is in compliance with Board Monitoring Policy for GP's & Board-Monitoring Process of our Executive Limitations (EL's); **Friendly Amendment**, move that the Board is in compliance with our Policy Monitoring of our Executive Limitations – Passed Unanimously

3) 2022-23 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends (1.1 - 1.6) - (*No Updates*)

12. **Superintendent Consent** – **Motion** by D. Stubbs, **Seconded** by K. Ross, move to accept the Consent Agenda – Passed Unanimously

A. Monthly Reports

1) Resolution of Acceptance of Donations

2) Human Resources Report

3) Business Services Reports

a. Board Business

B. Radon Testing Results

13. **Superintendent's Incidental Information Report** – Acknowledgement that Jason Mutzenberger's last day with the District will be at the end of December 2023; additional comments by the Board.

14. **Board Action on Committee Reports & Minutes**

A. Board Development Committee – *Updates to Board*

B. Community Linkage Committee

1) 12/9/23 CLC Minutes – **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve minutes as presented – Passed Unanimously

2) Measuring What Matters (MWM) Graduation Rates 2023 - *DRAFT*

3) Measuring What Matters (MWM) Reading 2022-2023 - *DRAFT*

C. Negotiations Committee

D. Policy Committee

15. **Other Board Updates (AMSD, BRIGHTWORKS, ISD 287, MSHSL)**

- A. AMSD – *Updates to Board*
- B. BrightWorks – *No Updates*
- C. ISD 287 – *Updates to Board*
- D. MSHSL – *Updates to Board*

16. **Board Work Plan**

- A. Work Plan Change Document – *No changes*
- B. 2023-24 Board Annual Work Plan

17. **Closed Session: Review of FY 2022-23 Superintendent Annual Review (Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3)**

**Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs to move into Closed Session at 9:20 PM – Passed Unanimously

**Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by K. Ross to move out of Closed Session and the resume regular Business Meeting at 10:26 PM – Passed Unanimously

18. **Adjournment – Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by C. Strehl to adjourn meeting at 10:29 PM – Passed Unanimously

19. **Appendix "A" - Fiscal Year 2022-23 Audited Financial Presentation Information (Item #10)**

- A. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
- B. Management Report
- C. Special Purpose Audit Reports

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Abby Libsack – Board Clerk