

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2024
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on February 26, 2024, in the Eden Prairie District Administrative Offices, 8100 School Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

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

School Board Members:

Present: Steve Bartz, Aaron Casper, Debjyoti "DD" Dwivedy (*arrived at 6:06 p.m.*), Kim Ross, Charles "CJ" Strehl, Dennis Stubbs;

Not Present: Board Clerk Abby Libsack

Present: Superintendent Josh Swanson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Review and Approval – Motion by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs to approve the agenda for the Monday, February 26, 2024, meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools – Passed 5-0

4. Approval of Previous Minutes – Motion by K. Ross, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs to approve the Minutes of the Regular Business Meetings on January 22, 2024, and **Amend** the February 12, 2024, Workshop Notes to reflect that, “the Director not in attendance on January 22, 2024, publicly apologized for his lack of advance notice and lapse in judgement regarding his absence from the January 22, 2024 Board Meeting” – Passed 4-1; Yes-4 (AC, KR, SB, DS); No-1 (CS)

5. Spotlight on Success

A. Eden Prairie Online - *Personalizing learning through hybrid education - unique ways that local EPS students are benefiting from taking a mix of online courses through EPO and in-person courses at CMS/EPHS*

B. Prairie View Elementary - *Discovery Group Business Start-up: Snack Shack*

6. Public Comment – (2); Experience at EPHS; More movement breaks and longer recess for K-2 and lunch concerns

7. Announcements

- First up is a big point of pride: Education Minnesota has recognized the excellence of seven of our educators with nominations for the prestigious [Minnesota Teacher of the Year](#) award. Please join me in **congratulating** Kelly Thierfelder, Katie Horstmann, Suzanne Nieson, Maya Booker, Kristen Strauss, Kathy Smith, and Rachel Spessard for their dedication to creating supportive learning environments where our students can thrive. We're grateful for their outstanding contributions to our students and wish them all the best as they continue in the selection process! Community!
- Spring 2023 ACT results are in, and I'm proud to share that EPHS has eight students who achieved perfect scores, placing them in the top 0.25% nationwide! **Congratulations** to EPHS 12th graders Sasha Allen, Rohil Garg, Neha Karri, Madeline Kaufman, Nikhil Kori, Kate Ropchak, Siona Kaura, and Lisa Thayil for their remarkable accomplishment. These scores are a testament to their hard work and dedication as well as the support of their teachers and families. Fantastic work, Eagles!
- Last year, EPHS 12th grader Yash Dagade was named a finalist in the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair, and this year he's back with another innovative wind energy solution. SkyWindFarm, an improved wind energy solution Yash developed in collaboration with the University of Minnesota, has earned him a spot among the top 300 scholars in the nation in the [Regeneron Science Talent Search](#). **Congratulations**, Yash!
- The Incredibots are a team of talented fifth graders in the Mosaic program at Prairie View and Eden Lake. After impressing the judges in all four categories at the regional [First Lego League](#) tournament, they

represented Eden Prairie Schools at the State Championship on Feb. 18. We're so proud of these young Eagles' creativity and innovation in robotics!

- If you were watching WCCO last Sunday morning, you might have seen some familiar faces on the news: In pursuit of her [Girl Scout Gold Award](#), EPHS 10th grader Grace Proper designed a service project to help fourth graders practice creative writing *and* help shelter pets find homes. After collecting 30 animal profiles from the Animal Humane Society, Grace collaborated with Prairie View fourth graders to write heartfelt letters from the animals asking to be adopted. Those letters were hung on the animals' cages at the Humane Society, and we continue to hear about adoptions every day! Kudos to Grace and Ms. Oakes' class at Prairie View for making a difference in their community.
- And last but not least, a group of CMS Science Bowl students have used their engineering skills to make the world a brighter place! Through dedication and perseverance, Leisha Mekala, Pranavi Peri, Siyona Singh and Swara Sujith, Navaneeth Uditya, Aziyah Presley-Sackman and Eli Pudenz have built a standalone solar electric system that will bring reliable electricity to a community in East Africa. We're very proud of their commitment to making a global impact. Way to go, Eagles!

8. Board Education & Required Reporting

A. Ends 1.3 Update

Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to recess at 7:43 PM – Passed 6-0; Resumed meeting at 7:58 PM

9. Board Work

A. Decision Preparation

B. Required Board Action

C. 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) 2022-23 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends & Executive Limitations (EL's) - (*No Updates*)

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

10. **Superintendent Consent Agenda – Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs to approve the Consent Agenda as Presented – Passed 6-0

A. Approval of FY 2024-25 School Calendar

B. Approval of Preliminary FY 2025-26 Calendar

C. American Indian Education Report

D. Date Correction for Designated Polling Places

E. Monthly Reports

1) Resolution of Acceptance of Donations

2) Human Resources Report

3) Business Services Reports

a. Board Business

b. Financial Report - Monthly Revenue/Expenditure Report

F. Approve Bids - Eden Prairie High School Remodel - Phase 1

G. Approval of Agreement with the Eden Prairie Education Association (EPEA)

11. Board Action on Committee Reports & Minutes

A. Negotiations Committee – Statement read by Chair Casper

B. Board Development Committee

C. Community Linkage Committee

1) CLC Minutes from February 8, 2024 Meeting – **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz, to accept minutes as presented – Passed 6-0

2) Measuring What Matters Documents (MWM) – **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve the Measuring What Matters documents (Third Grade Reading Metrics: 2022-23 School Year and Graduation Rates 2023) as presented, – Passed 6-0

D. Policy Committee

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

- A. AMSD – Update to the Board
- B. ISD 287 – Update to the Board
- C. BRIGHTWORKS – No Updates
- D. MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League) – Update to the Board

13. **Board Work Plan**

14. Work Plan Changes Document – **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by K. Ross to add the following changes noted in red to the Work Plan – Passed 6-0

Eden Prairie School Board
2023–24 WORK PLAN CHANGES
“Proposed” Changes – February 26, 2024

Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, March 11, 2024 – Workshop	- ADD: - <i>Discuss Screen Time/Face-to-Face Risks</i> - <i>Discuss Board Workshop Training /Retreat (slotted on the Work Plan)</i>
Monday, March 25, 2024	
Monday, April 8, 2024 – Workshop	
Monday, April 22, 2024	
Monday, May 13, 2024	
Tuesday, May 28, 2024	
Monday, June 10, 2024 – Workshop	
Monday, June 24, 2024	
Placeholder – General Board Work	
Placeholder – Policy Review	

A. School Board Annual Work Plan FY 2023-24 (Jan-Jun)

15. **Adjournment: Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM – Passed 6-0

Vice Chair – Steve Bartz