

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MAY 24, 2021
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on May 24, 2021 in the Eden Prairie District Administrative Offices, 8100 School Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

1. Convene: 6:00 PM

School Board Members:

Present: Aaron Casper, Debjyoti "DD" Dwivedy, Beth Fletcher, Kim Ross, Adam Seidel, Veronica Stoltz, Charles "C.J." Strehl

Present: Superintendent Josh Swanson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Review and Approval – MOTION by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by V. Stoltz to approval of the agenda for the Monday, May 24, 2021 meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools; **AMENDMENT** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by B. Fletcher, to add to the agenda to continue the discussion of the interim board vacancy (Board Development Committee Report, 8D, under Board Business); Yes: 1 (KR), No: 6 (AC, DD, BF, AS, VS, CS); Motion failed 1-6; **Original MOTION** Passed Unanimously 7-0.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes and Workshop Notes – MOTION by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by K. Ross to Approve the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the April 26, 2021 School Board Regular Business Meetings and the May 10, 2021 Workshop Notes – Passed Unanimously

5. Public Comment (10)

J. Prince – Consistency with School Board

F. Pagan-Umar – School Board Appointment

G. Haynes – School Board Appointment

D. Ortiz-Hedges – General Comment

M. Voorhees – Francesca Pagan Appointment to the Board

K. Simons – Vacant Seat on Board

J. Behrends – Appointment of Francesca Pagan-Umar to interim Board Position

C. Bomben – General Comments

D. Martin – Appointment of Francesca Pagan-Umar to fill position vacated by V. Stoltz

One MN Together – School Board

6. Announcements - Superintendent Swanson

- Eden Prairie High School announced Term 3 [A Honor Roll](#) and [B Honor Roll](#).
- EPHS is honored to have nine students with a perfect ACT score of 36. Congratulations! They are: Fergus Xu, Sriyan Reddy, Matthew Pihowich, Benjamin Pankratz, Rishi Natraj, Jacob Dorson, Ashton Diermeier, Sreya Patri, Samir Sarma
- Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for National Tournaments of Speech and Debate this year. They have made EPHS proud! National Qualifiers (alphabetical order):
 - Akhil Perla = NCFL (Debate)
 - Akshitha Ginuga = NSDA (Speech)
 - Amel Yusuf = NCFL (Speech)
 - Amoligha Timma = NCFL (Speech)
 - Anisha Singhatwadia = NIETOC, NCFL, NSDA (Speech)
 - Darren Tanubrata = NCFL (Debate)
 - Dhruvi Mehta = NIETOC (Speech)
 - Iesh Gujral = NIETOC, NCFL, NSDA, ETOC (Speech)
 - Keerthana Ramanathan = NIETOC, NSDA (Speech)
 - Lalitha Gunturi = NCFL (Debate)
 - Madeline Frantz = NCFL (Debate)
 - Mohit Agarwal = NIETOC, NCFL, UKTOC (Both)

- Nikhill Andrew = NIETOC, NCFL (Speech)
- Nitya Potti = NIETOC, NCFL (Speech)
- Rylee Brazil = NIETOC (Speech)
- Shruthi Kundoor = NCFL (Debate)
- Siona Kaura = NCFL (Debate)
- Srijani Datta = NCFL (Debate)
- Sudeeksha Nooka = NCFL (Speech)
- Tavishi Chakraborty = NCFL (Debate)
- Vedanth Jonnalagadda = NCFL (Debate)
- Zach Kirkeby = NCFL (Debate)
- Oak Point Elementary recently received \$2000 in funding to support the sustainability of their PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) implementation! Congrats!
- Several students participated in the 2021 Eden Prairie Virtual Science Fair. Congratulations to all the students for their dedication toward the science fair!

Students in grades K-8th Grade won the following awards:

- Kindergarten: Eva Snow (1st)
- 1st Grade: Alexandra Guiney (1st); Manan Shah (2nd)
- 2nd Grade: Hadley Hayes (1st); Shrihari Nagapan (2nd)
- 3rd Grade: Rose Reigstad (1st); Sananda Ayyappan (2nd)
- 4th Grade: Om Gautam (1st); Yesh Gautam (2nd)
- 5th Grade: William Archambault (1st); Eliahna Silva (2nd)
- 6th Grade: Evan Lair (1st)
- 7th Grade: Devanshu Shah (1st); Rohana Mudireddy (2nd)
- 8th Grade: Emily Oberleitner (1st)

Special Awards will be given to the following students:

- Girls in STEM award: Divija Ravindher (1st grade); Rohana Mudireddy (7th grade)
- Emerging Scientist award: Caden Bickett (2nd grade)
- Green award: Ashwin Konduru (5th grade)
- Proton award - Elena Hayes (2nd grade)
- Future Chemist award: Jamison Kirby (2nd grade)
- Inspiring Excellence award: William Archambault (5th grade)
- Botany Brains award: Eliot Morehead (3rd grade)
- Microscope award: Emily Oberleitner (8th grade)
- Future Architect award: Arnesh Maiti (7th grade)
- Young Minds award: Hadley Hayes (2nd grade)
- H2O award: Sanada Ayyappan (3rd grade)
- Congrats to EP Senior Alex Deng on qualifying for the Olympic trials in the 100M Breaststroke in June. Good luck, Alex!
- EP Online student Shiladitya Pal ended the school year with earning over \$226,000 from a web-based Stock Market Game. This free game uses fake money to teach students how to gain a fundamental understanding of investing, develop positive money habits and prepare for the future. Pal received 2nd place in the state of Minnesota and was honored on May 20 for his achievements.
- CMS has participated in National History Day for the last six years and this year, we sent 30 students and their projects to the State competition in April. The event is sponsored and hosted by the Minnesota History Center.
 - Former CMS student, Sasha Allen, competed in the Individual Documentary category taking first place in the Senior Division. She will also be presenting at Nationals for her third appearance in a row. We are inspired by our student's achievements!
 - Those placing first or second in state then qualify for the National History Day contest. The following are students from the Advanced Social Studies classes at CMS, taught by 7th grade teacher Karen Nelson and 8th grade teacher Patti Cwodzinski.

First Place and National Qualifier

- Nico Allen – Individual Website
- Cecelia Erickson – Individual Documentary

Second Place and National Qualifier

- Shaunya Kumar, Saanvi Kaki and Claire Lee – Group Documentary
- Rouda Hassan and Melody Li – Group Website

Third Place

- Sedona McFarlane – Individual Performance

Honorable Mentions

- Gwen Glasrud – Individual Exhibit
- Emily Oberleitner, Alisha Shah and Isha Shah – Group Exhibit
- Spandan Datta, Dakshesh Cheepuru and Shaurya Gumma – Group Documentary
- Annika Rice, Kotonno Kazama and Lilia Roberts – Group Documentary
- Sadie Nistler – Individual Website
- Banji Olofinboba – Individual Website
- Amuktha Pothamsetti – Individual Website
- Rithikaa Vigneshawaran and Samhitha Arevalli – Group Website
- Jaya Agrawal and Allison Schuessler – Group Website

- The Presidential Volunteer Service Awards have been given to 25 students, with two of the awardees qualifying for more than one award. The awardees collectively volunteered for 4,000 hours. We are inspired by their work to improve our community and beyond! Please celebrate these student's accomplishments: Presidential Award Recipients.

- 1 Abirami Rajasekran
- 2 Adelyn Raney
- 3 Alexandra Allen
- 4 Anirudh Vadrevu
- 5 Anna Maristela
- 6 Calista Swensen
- 7 Chloe Russo
- 8 Daniel Georgoff
- 9 Gabriel Riegert
- 10 Gabrielle Peta
- 11 Harini Senthilkumar
- 12 Iesh Gujral
- 13 Iesh Gujral
- 14 Jake Heimkes
- 15 Leo Johnson
- 16 Maggie Lobsinger
- 17 Maggie O'Connell
- 18 Mannal Sadiq
- 19 Mary Margaret Mellen
- 20 Mary Margaret Mellen
- 21 Nicolette Johnson
- 22 Pooja Muruganandan
- 23 Sarthak Agrawal
- 24 Shreya Nagarale
- 25 Srijani Datta
- 26 Summer Stephens
- 27 Thai Lyod

- A. Service Acknowledgement – Acknowledgement of V. Stoltz for time served
 - 7. **Spotlight on Success** – Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion (EHSI) Online
 - 8. **Board Work**
 - A. Decision Preparation
 - 1) Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Budget - *First Reading*
 - a. Executive Summary
 - b. Budget Report FY 2021-2022
 - c. Presentation
 - 2) FY 2021-22 EP School Meal Prices
 - a. Executive Summary
 - 3) Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Preliminary School Calendar (*First Reading*)
 - B. Required Board Action
 - 1) Approval of the FY 2021-22 School Board Work Plan – **MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve as presented.
 - 2) Approval of the FY 2021-22 School Board Budget – **MOTION** by A. Casper, **Seconded** D. Dwivedy to approve budget as presented; **AMENDMENT** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by A. Casper that the Budget report be updated to include the purpose, topic, and contact business information for the consultants listed on report – Passed Unanimously; **Original MOTION** and **AMENDEMNT** – Passed Unanimously
 - 3) Hennepin County School Recycling Grant
 - a. Executive Summary
 - b. Recycling Grant Resolution
 - MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by B. Fletcher to approve Resolution as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - C. Record of Board Self-Evaluation
 - 1) 2019-20 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Policies (*No Updates*)
 - 2) 2020-21 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Policies (*No Updates*)
 - 3) 2019-20 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends & Executive Limitations (EL's) (*No Updates*)
 - 9. **Superintendent Consent Agenda** – **MOTION** by A. Seidel, **Seconded** by V. Stoltz to approve the Consent Agenda as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - A. Bid Acceptance: Oak Point Secure Entrance and Office Relocation
 - 1) Executive Summary
 - B. 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
 - 10. **Superintendent's Incidental Information Report**
 - A. Calendar Development Process
 - B. Other Superintendent Updates
- MOTION** by A. Seidel, **Seconded** by A. Casper to recess for five minutes at 8:13 PM – Passed Unanimously
Meeting Resumed at 8:19 PM
11. **Board Action on Committee Reports & Minutes**
 - A. Board Development Committee
 - 1) BDC Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2021 – **MOTION** by C. Strehl, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy to approve as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - 2) EPSB Developing Culturally Proficient Leadership – **MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - 3) Resolution of the Eden Prairie School Board on the Appointment to Fill the Interim Board Vacancy
 - MOTION** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by V. Stoltz to approve resolution as presented below:

WHEREAS board member Veronica Stoltz submitted her resignation from the Eden Prairie School Board on April 7, 2021, effective as of midnight Monday, May 24, 2021; and
WHEREAS this vacancy will remain for over 5 months until the certification of the results of special election to fill the vacancy which will be held no later than the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November following the vacancy; and
WHEREAS Minnesota State Statute Section 123B.09, subdivision 5b, paragraph (a) states that any vacancy on the board “must be filled by board appointment at a regular or special meeting.” (This statute can be viewed at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/123B.09>); and
WHEREAS a general election to fill 3 open seats on the Eden Prairie School Board was held on November 3, 2020, and Francesca Pagan-Umar received the 4th highest number of votes.
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Eden Prairie School Board:

1. Appoints Francesca Pagan-Umar to fill the interim vacancy on the board until such time as the results of the special election have been certified.
2. Acknowledges that per Minnesota State Statute Section 123B.09, subdivision 5b, this appointment shall be effective 30 days following the adoption of this resolution.
3. Stipulates that per Minnesota State Statute Section 123B.09, subdivision 5b, paragraph (b), if a valid petition to reject the appointee is filed with the school district clerk within 30 days of this appointment, it will be rendered ineffective.

Adopted by the Eden Prairie School Board this day of May 24, 2021.

AMENDMENT by V. Stoltz, **Seconded** by B. Fletcher to suggest that the Board appoint someone in the interim to fill the vacancy presented by Board Member V. Stoltz moving out of the District – Chair Seidel ruled **AMENDMENT** out of order. Original **MOTION** Failed: 2 to 5; Yes: (2) KR, VS; No: (5) AC, AS, BF, CS, DD

- 4) **MOTION** by A. Seidel, **Seconded** by B. Fletcher to change the Agenda Setting Meeting name to Agenda Preparation Meeting and that all Board Policies/documents be changed and/or corrected accordingly – Passed Unanimously

B. Community Linkage Committee

- 1) CLC Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2021 - **MOTION** by K. Ross, **Seconded** B. Fletcher to approve as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - a. **MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by B. Fletcher that the Community Linkage Community event be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; there will be presentations regarding Policy Governance and the District (by the Superintendent), the rest of the details be referred to the Committee; **AMENDMENT** by A. Seidel, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy that all the other items be aligned with the document presented – Passed Unanimously. Original **MOTION** – Passed Unanimously.

C. Negotiations Committee

D. Policy Committee

- 1) PC Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2021 – **MOTION** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by B. Fletcher to approve as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - a. **MOTION** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by A. Seidel to renumber the Ends Policy 1.0, no language added or deleted – Passed Unanimously
 1. Current Ends Policy 1.1.1 be renumbered to Ends Policy 1.2
 2. Current Ends Policy 1.1.2 be renumbered to Ends Policy 1.3
 3. Current Ends Policy 1.1.3 be renumbered to Ends Policy 1.4
 4. Current Ends Policy 1.2 be renumbered to Ends 1.5
 5. Current Ends Policy 1.3 be renumbered to Ends 1.6

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

- A. AMSD (Association of Metropolitan Schools) - Veronica Stoltz, Aaron Casper & Kim Ross (Board Updated)
- B. ISD 287 (Intermediate School District 287) - Adam Seidel (Board Updated)
- C. ECSU (Metropolitan Educational Cooperative Service Unit) - Veronica Stoltz (N/A)

13. **Board Work Plan**

- A. Work Plan Changes Document – **MOTION** D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** B. Fletcher to approve changes as presented – Passed Unanimously

Eden Prairie School Board
2020–21 WORK PLAN CHANGES
“Proposed” Changes for the
May 24, 2021

Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, June 14, 2021 – Workshop	- Add: - <i>Interim Candidate Appointment Process - Discussion</i>
Wednesday, June 16, 2021	- Add: - <i>Board Listening Session at 6:30 PM - PAC</i>
Monday, June 28, 2021	- Add: - <i>Morris Leatherman Presentation</i> - <i>Interim Candidate Appointment Process – Approval</i> - <i>EL 2.9.1 – 2nd Reading</i>
Placeholder – General Board Work	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Board Listening Session Discussion• Board Development Committee (BDC) – Bring forth, in the Minutes, the discussion on scheduling new Candidate Sessions	
Placeholder – Policy Review	

B. School Board Annual Work Plan FY 2020-21

14. **Closed Session: 8:30 PM** - *Negotiation Strategy - Pursuant to MN Statue 13D.03, Subd.1*

MOTION by A. Seidel, **Seconded** by B. Fletcher to move into Closed Session at 10:56 PM. – Passed Unanimously

MOTION by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by B. Fletcher to move out of Closed Session and resume regular Business Meeting at 12:06 AM, Tuesday, May 25, 2021 – Passed Unanimously

15. **Adjournment – MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by B. Fletcher to adjourn the Monday, May 24, 2021 meeting of the Eden Prairie School Board at 12:09 AM Tuesday, May 25, 2021 – Passed Unanimously

Debjyoti Dwivedy – Board Clerk