

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2025
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on February 24, 2025, in the Eden Prairie District Administrative Offices, 8100 School Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

1. Convene: 6:00 PM: Roll Call – Call to Order

Present: Steve Bartz, Ann Bradsher, Aaron Casper, Abby Libsack, Kim Ross, Charles "CJ" Strehl,
Jody Ward-Rannow

Present: Superintendent Josh Swanson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Review and Approval – Motion by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by C. Strehl, to approve the agenda as presented with items under the Consent Agenda, 10 A, B and F.1 pulled for further discussion by J. Ward-Rannow – Passed unanimously

4. Approval of Previous Minutes – Motion by K. Ross, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approve the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the School Board Regular Business Meetings for January 27, 2025, and the Board Workshop Notes for February 10, 2025 – Passed unanimously

5. Spotlight on Success

- a. Eden Prairie High School (EPHS) - *Captains Council through Student Activities at EPHS*
- b. Prairie View Elementary - *"Dream Job" / Discovery Group*

6. Public Comment – N/A

7. Announcements

- Fourteen Eden Prairie Schools educators have been nominated for the [2025 Minnesota Teacher of the Year Award](#)! This honor recognizes excellence in teaching PreK through grade 12, Early Childhood Family Education, and Adult Basic Education. With fourteen nominees, we are at the very top of the state. Congratulations to our outstanding nominees: Shelby Anderson, Lieann Campbell, Laura Eid, Kayla Fahey, Rossigna Goytizolo-Blodgett, Beatriz Hauth, Lauren Koller, Kristen Mantel, Michael Okwabi, Araceli Pastrana, Michelle Rada, Marcela Roos, Rachel Spessard, and Linda Wallenberg. A selection panel will review candidates' application materials before naming the 61st Minnesota Teacher of the Year at a banquet on May 4th. **Congratulations** and good luck to these excellent educators!
- Dr. Quennel Cooper, principal of Prairie View Elementary, was honored with a [2025 Division Leadership Award](#) from the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association. As one of just 13 principals statewide to receive this recognition, Dr. Cooper was celebrated for his transformational leadership, dedication to students and staff, and commitment to advancing education in Minnesota. It was an exciting MESPA conference for our principals, since Dr. Mitch Hegland was also named the National Outstanding Assistant Principal from Minnesota. (And, if you're keeping track, this is the second year in a row that an Eden Prairie Schools AP has earned that title!) **Congratulations** to both Dr. Cooper and Dr. Hegland.
- This month, we have recognized many dedicated professionals who make a difference in Eden Prairie Schools every day. From school counselors guiding student success, to Juvenile Liaison Officers ensuring student safety, to bus drivers navigating each commute with care, we are grateful for their hard work and commitment to our Eagles!
- Last week, our Core Planning Team — including families, students, staff, and community members — visited many district buildings to review progress on our strategic plan! It was a really fantastic day, and team members saw all sorts of elements of our strategic plan in action. Presentations covered topics including our Standard Response Protocol, EP Online programming, Building Thinking Classrooms, future visioning at our Valley View building, the 4Cs, and student voice. I'm so grateful for the investment of that whole team in helping us achieve our mission.

- **Congratulations** to EPHS 12th grader Emily Oberleitner for earning gold in the high school AI showcase at the World Artificial Intelligence Competition for Youth! Emily was recognized for her innovative "[Pain Calculator](#)" program, which uses AI to assess pain levels in mice through facial expressions and body posture. This is a project she developed while assisting at the University of Minnesota's Neuroscience Laboratory. Competing against participants from over 50 countries, she was the only American to place in her category. Way to go, Emily!
- **Congratulations** – the Eden Prairie High School Math Team is headed to the state tournament after an outstanding performance at their final regular-season competition earlier this month. Three Eagles earned top 10 placements: Jingyi Ling finished first, Jessica Cao finished second, and Sankalp Agrawal placed eighth. Way to go, and good luck at state!
- Our district has once again been nominated for the Star Tribune's Minnesota's Best Schools, recognizing the dedication of our teachers, staff, and students! You can show your support by casting your votes in the Education category for EP Online, Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion, Central Middle School, Eden Prairie High School, and the district, and encourage friends and family to vote before the contest closes at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12. The URL is VoteMNBEST.com!
- Spring may not feel close yet, but it's on the way! While we wait, you can come check out the [Eden Prairie Chamber of Commerce's Everything Spring Expo from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, at Grace Church](#). This free, family-friendly event features vendors, expert insights for spring projects, food trucks, and (and this is particularly exciting) even baby goats! Members of our district team will be there to share information about enrollment and summer programming, so be sure to stop by the Eden Prairie Schools booth to grab some fun spring swag and say hello.

8. **Board Education & Required Reporting**

- a. Ends 1.2 & 1.3

9. **Board Work**

- a. Decision Preparation
- b. Required Board Action
- c. Record of Board Self-Evaluation - *No Updates*
 - i. 2023-24 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Board-Management Delegation (BMD's) (*No Updates*)
 - ii. 2023-24 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Process (GP's) (*No Updates*)
 - iii. 2023-24 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Executive Limitations (EL's) - (*No Updates*)
 - iv. 2023-24 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends 1.1 - Ends 1.6 (*No Updates*)

Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to recess at 9:11 PM: meeting resumed at 9:25 PM

10. **Superintendent Consent Agenda – Motion** by A. Libsack, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve the Consent Agenda with items 10A, 10B, and 10F.i pulled for further discussion – Passed – Passed unanimously

presented

- a. ~~Approval of FY 2025-26 School Calendar~~
- b. ~~Approval of Preliminary FY 2026-27 Calendar~~
- c. American Indian Education Report
- d. Monthly Reports
 - i. Resolution of Acceptance of Donations
 - ii. Human Resources Report
 - iii. Business Services Reports
 - 1. Board Business
 - 2. Financial Report - Monthly Revenue/Expenditure Report
- e. Executive Summary - Bids for Valley View Construction
- f. District Policy Update - Memo to the Board (*See Appendix "A" for Details of Individual Policies*)
 - i. ~~District Policy 522 – TITLE IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process~~
 - ii. District Policy 524 - Internet & Electronic Resources Acceptable Use & Safety Policy

11. FY 2025-26 School Calendar & Preliminary FY 2026-27 Calendar

Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approve the FY 2025-26 School Calendar and the Preliminary FY 2026-27 Calendar as presented – Passed 6-1: Yes (6) – AC,SB,KR,AB, CJ,AL; No(1), JW-R

12. District Policy 522 - TITLE IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process

Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve District Policy 522 as presented – Passed 5-2; Yes (5): AC,SB,KR,AB,AL; No (2): CJ,JW-R

13. Board Action on Committee Reports & Minutes

- a. Negotiations Committee
- b. Board Development Committee
- c. Community Linkage Committee

Motion by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Libsack to approve the CLC Meeting Minutes from 2/20/25 & CLC - Draft for April 2025 Inspiring News as presented – Passed unanimously

- d. Policy Committee

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

- a. AMSD (Association of Metropolitan Schools) - *Abby Libsack*
- b. ISD 287 (Intermediate School District 287) - *Kim Ross*
- c. BRIGHTWORKS - *Ann Bradsher*
- d. MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League) - *Ann Bradsher*
- e. Other Update – Meeting with Legislators – *Aaron Casper/CJ Strehl*

15. Closed Session: Safety & Security Update (Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3(d))

Amendment Motion by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by K. Ross to pull item Item #15, Closed Session, and place at a future meeting – Passed unanimously

16. Board Work Plan

- a. Work Plan Changes Document – **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approve document with changes noted on Work Plan – Passed unanimously
- b.

2024–2025 WORK PLAN CHANGES
Proposed” Changes – February 24, 2025

Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, February 24, 2025	- MOVE: <i>Closed Session – Safety & Security Update (Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3(d) – Move to 3/24/2025</i>
Monday, March 10, 2025 – Workshop	- Add: <i>CLC Annual Plan Conversation</i>
Monday, March 24, 2025	- ADD: <i>Closed Session – Safety & Security Update (Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3(d)</i> - DELETE: <i>Closed Session – Negotiation Strategy (Minnesota Statute 13D.03, Subdivision 1), move to 5/27/2025</i>
Monday, April 14, 2025 – Workshop	
Monday, April 28, 2025	- DELETE: <i>Closed Session – Negotiation Strategy (Minnesota Statute 13D.03, Subdivision 1) – Move to 5/27/2025</i>
Monday, May 12, 2025 – Workshop	
Tuesday , May 27, 2025	- ADD/Combine: <i>Negotiation Strategy Closed Sessions from 3/24/2025 and 4/28/2025 - (Minnesota Statute 13D.03, Subdivision 1)</i>

Monday, June 9, 2025 – Workshop	
Monday, June 23, 2025	
Placeholder – General Board Work	
Placeholder – Policy Review	

c. School Board Annual Work Plan FY 2024-25 (Jan-Jun)

17. **Adjournment: Motion** by A. Libsack, **Seconded** by A. Brasher, to adjourn at 10:24 PM – Passed unanimously

18. **Appendix "A" (Reference Item 10,F)**

- a. District Policy 522
- b. District Policy 524



Abby Libsack – Board Clerk