

UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the March 23, 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 March 23, 2026, 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, Ann Bradsher, Aaron Casper, Debjyoti "DD" Dwivedy, Abby Libsack, Kim Ross, Jody Ward-Rannow

Not Present: Debjyoti Dwivedy; Director Debjyoti Dwivedy will participate remotely

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Review and Approval

Approval of the agenda for the Monday, March 23, 2026, meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools.

Motion by K. Ross, **Seconded** by S. Bartz for acceptance of tonight's agenda – Passed 6-0

Approval of Previous Minutes

Approval of the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the School Board Regular Business Meetings for February 23, 2026, and Board Workshop Minutes for March 9, 2026.

Motion by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by K. Ross – Passed 6-0

A. February 23, 2026 UNOFFICIAL Minutes

B. March 9, 2025 Workshop Notes

4. Spotlight on Success

A. Community Education Youth/Adult Programs - *Eagle Express Summer SPARK Program (Stories Promoting Adventure, Reading and Knowledge)*

Member D. Dwivedy arrived at 6:18 PM

B. Little Eagles/ECSE - *Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Outreach*

5. Public Comment - Artificial Intelligence (1)

6. Announcements

- I'm excited to kick off this evening with some great news about our students at the national level: First, all 10 of our National Merit Semifinalists have been named Finalists! These incredible 12th graders will now be considered for scholarships, including college-sponsored, corporate-sponsored and National Merit scholarships.

Congratulations to Jessica Cao, Gwendolyn Glasrud, Kotono Kazama, Jingyi Ling, Vivian Nguyen, Eshaan Salunke, Devanshu Shah, Syon Shetty, Ojas Sonbarse and Alexander Wycoff!

- We are also proud of our 10 outstanding 12th graders who have been named candidates for the 2026 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students! Recognized for their academic achievement, leadership, service and character, this year's candidates are Aiden Boudreau, Jia Chenclani, Ian Gong, Shivashish Khanna, Paili Rice, and National Merit Finalists Jingyi Ling, Devanshu Shah, Alexander Wycoff, Jessica Cao and Kotono Kazama. More than 5,000 students were selected from nearly 3.6 million graduating seniors nationwide. Wow! We are incredibly proud of these Eagles and look forward to cheering them on to the next stage of the selection process!

- Last month, two groups of EPHS computer science students demonstrated their skills in award-winning appearances at tech competitions! Saatvik Kundoor, Sahil Parasharami and Shravanth Timma won third place in the novice division of CodeQuest, a national coding competition hosted by Lockheed Martin. Then, the Eden Prairie Watchtower cybersecurity team won first place at the Minnesota High School Cyber Challenge, hosted by HTC. **Congratulations** to Will Archambault, Brooke-Lynn Byfield, Adi Frederick, Ty Godfrey, Caleb Manchi, Krishay Panchal, Noah Pauly and Crosby Wilker. We love seeing joyful learning meeting real-world challenges!

- Speaking of Eagles winning awards, last month, 11th grader Aarav Pancholi was recognized for placing in the top 20 of BestPrep's 2026 Student Spotlight Competition! More than 200 projects were submitted on financial freedom and literacy, putting Aarav in the top 10%. Well done!

- In March, 11 CMS students qualified for the state History Day competition after a fantastic showing of exhibits, performances and websites at the 2026 Metro Junior West History Day Contest! **Congratulations** to seventh

graders Dhanvin Gunuganti, Erasmus Abrahams, Asher Rilen, Enryque Mejia, Rithvik Sunkara, Aarav Khichadia, Andrew Naimola, Atharv Wani, Juliette Schauer, Elinor Kornis and Luna Holt!

- And we're still not done recognizing student award winners! Recently, Eden Lake fifth graders Samantha Anderson, Maddie Quinn and Alice Bittencourt won first place in the Virtual Elementary category of the ZOOMS STEM Design Challenge hosted by the Minnesota Zoo! These innovative Eagles designed a squid toy for sea lions that would provide enrichment and exercise while decreasing boredom. Shoutout to other teams across the district who won awards with their designs too, including groups from Cedar Ridge, Forest Hills, Prairie View, and a second team at Eden Lake!
- Kudos to five 10th-grade Eagles who recently received awards after taking the National German Exam at EPHS! Grayson Harding, Judah Kaila, Jack Schauer, Azalea Westie and Karl Moe all showcased their interpretive language skills on the test, demonstrating how well they understand written and spoken German. Great work, scholars!
- **Congratulations** to the EPHS Chess Team, who wrapped up another outstanding season by finishing as the runner-up at the Minnesota State Scholastic Championship this month! Plus, shoutout to 10th grader Joshini Sudhakar, who finished fourth among individual players and has been invited to a playoff to determine who will represent Minnesota at the National Denker Tournament of High School State Champions! 10th grader Orion Sirny and 11th grader Atharva Nandan also won individual awards. Go, Eagles!
- Last month, the South Suburban Jets won the CI State Championship at the State Adapted Floor Hockey Tournament! This team, made up of students from several neighboring districts, includes our very own 10th grader Isaiah Urena! We were wowed by their outstanding performance and the way they represented our community with teamwork and determination.
- We also have to give a huge **congratulations** to Eden Prairie Schools alum Jackson LaCombe for being named to the U.S. Men's Hockey Team at the 2026 Winter Olympics and earning a gold medal!
- This month, we also celebrated National Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day and National School Social Work Week! From keeping our buildings and grounds in top shape year-round to supporting student wellbeing and connecting families with resources and helping remove barriers to learning, these teams work hard to ensure our schools are safe, welcoming places to learn each day. Join me in thanking these teams for their expertise and dedication!

7. Board Work

A. Decision Preparation

- 1) Executive Summary - Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Capital Budget
 - a. FY 2026-27 Capital Outlay - *First Reading*

B. Required Board Action

- 1) Executive Summary — FY 2026-27 Budget Assumptions
 - a. FY 2026-27 Budget Assumptions — Final
Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to accept the FY 2026-27 Budget Assumptions as presented – Passed Unanimously
- 2) Unity Advisory Council - Rebranding Common Ground
Motion by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Libsack to go ahead with the rebranding of the Collab to officially call it the Common Ground – Passed Unanimously

C. Record of Board Self-Evaluation

- 1) 2024-25 Record of Board Policy Monitoring Board-Management Delegation (BMD's) - *No Updates*
- 2) 2024-2025 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Process (GP's) - *No Updates*
- 3) 2024-25 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Executive Limitations (EL's) - *No Updates*
- 4) 2024-25 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends 1.1 - 1.6
Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by K. Ross that we accept the 2024-25 record of Board Policy Monitoring for Ends policy 1.1 and 1.6 – Passed Unanimously

8. Superintendent Consent Agenda

Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by A. Bradsher that we accept the Superintendents Consent Agenda as presented – Passed Unanimously

A. Monthly Reports

- 1) Resolution of Acceptance of Donations
- 2) Human Resources Report
 - a. 2026-27 Health Insurance Bid

- 3) Business Services Reports
 - a. Board Business
 - b. Financial Report — Monthly Revenue/Expenditure Report
- B. Release Probationary Teachers
- C. Achievement & Integration Plan
 - 1) Achievement & Integration Budget
- D. Accept Bids - Oak Point Elementary and Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion Playground Site Improvements
- E. Accept Bids - Eden Prairie High School Culinary Arts, FACS Remodel and Central Middle School Restroom Remodel
- F. Reject Bids - Eden Prairie High School Plaza and Parking Lot Renovation
- G. Accept Bids — Transportation Services
- H. FY 2024-25 Federal Single Audit Report
 - 1) Executive Summary
- 9. **Board Education & Required Reporting**
 - A. Flight Plan 2035 Facilities Update
 - B. Assessment 101
 - C. American Indian Education Report
- Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by A. Libsack to take a **Recess** for five minutes at 8:07 PM – Passed Unanimously
- 10. **Superintendent's Incidental Information Report**
 - A. Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- 11. **Board Action on Committee Reports & Minutes**
 - A. Board Development Committee
 - B. Community Linkage Committee
 - 1) Final: July 2026 Community Magazine Joint Message
 - Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** A. Bradsher that we accept the Final July 2026 Community Magazine Joint Message as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - C. Negotiations Committee
 - D. Policy Committee
 - 1) Policy Committee Minutes for 3/2/2026 Meeting
 - Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by J. Ward-Rannow to accept the Policy Committee Minutes for our March 2nd meeting as presented – Passed Unanimously
- 12. **Other Board Updates (BRIGHTWORKS, MSHSL, ISD 287, AMSD)**
 - A. BRIGHTWORKS - *Ann Bradsher*
 - B. MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League) - *Ann Bradsher*
 - C. ISD 287 (Intermediate School District) - *Kim Ross*
 - D. AMSD (Association of Metropolitan Schools) - *Abby Libsack*
- 13. **Board Work Plan**
 - A. Work Plan Changes Document
 - Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by A. Libsack that we accept and approve the adding the Policy Discussion to the April 13th 20226 Workshop and the AIPAC response to the April 27th Business Meeting – Passed Unanimously

Eden Prairie School Board 2025-26 Work Plan (Proposed) Changes

Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, April 13, 2026 – Workshop	Add: Policy Discussion
Monday, April 27, 2026	
Monday, May 11, 2026 – Workshop	
Tuesday, May 26, 2026	
Monday, June 8, 2026 – Workshop	
Monday, June 22, 2026	
Placeholder – General Board Work	
– Negotiations Committee Process for Superintendent Contract	
Placeholder – Policy Review	

B. School Board Annual Work Plan Jan - Jun 2026 **(Information)**

14. Adjournment

Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz that we adjourn at 8:46 PM – Passed Unanimously

Steve Bartz– Board Clerk