

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS**  
**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2024**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

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A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on December 9, 2024, 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 – Call to Order**

*Present:* Steve Bartz, Aaron Casper, Debjyoti "DD" Dwivedy (left meeting at 7:41 PM), Abby Libsack, Kim Ross, Charles "CJ" Strehl, Dennis Stubbs

*Present:* Superintendent Josh Swanson

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Agenda Review and Approval – Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approve the agenda for the Monday, December 09, 2024 meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools; Item 11 B-3, District Policy 613, pulled for discussion – Passed unanimously

**4. Approval of Previous Minutes – Motion** by C. Strehl, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approve the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the School Board Regular Business Meetings on November 25, 2024 – Passed unanimously

**5. Truth in Taxation Hearing** – Pay 2025 Presentation

**6. Public Comment – Truth in Taxation** – n/a

**7. Spotlight on Success** – Eden Lake Elementary - *Student Spanish Affinity Group & Club*

**8. Public Comment** – (1) High School Graduation Requirements

**9. Announcements**

- Since our last board meeting before Thanksgiving break, we took time to recognize and appreciate our special education staff in Eden Prairie Schools. **Thank you** to all of our team members who do such amazing, impactful work to support our students and families who receive special education services!
- In November, we held our Kindergarten Adventure Day events at each of our elementary schools, and they were a big success! More than 150 participating families got a sneak peek of what they can expect when they send their future kindergartner to our schools next year. The positive feedback we received from families, from “It provided comfort,” to “It was such a warm and welcoming experience,” to “My daughter loved it and is so excited to go to Forest Hills next year!” underscore why events like these are so important. Thank you to all of our staff responsible for making these families and their future kindergartners feel welcomed in Eden Prairie Schools.
- Also, during November, several of our schools held celebrations of the diverse cultures that make up their school communities, from the Día de los Muertos celebration at Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion, to Oak Point’s Multicultural Night, to Prairie View’s Culture Week that featured a fashion show and gallery walk. It’s wonderful to see our Eagle Nation community come together at events like these to share in celebrating our students, staff, and families.
- **Congratulations** to EP football players Elijah Rumph, Jeremy Fredericks, Vaughn Feely, Gavin Walden, and Ethan Sather for being named All-District, and Jake Gau, Keegan Fryar, James Anderson and Max Kukla for being named All-District honorable mentions for their individual accomplishments this season! We are proud of the way they and the rest of our Eagles football team showed so much heart and perseverance throughout the season.
- Another big **congratulations** to 11th graders Grace Proper and Sid Chowdhury, our 2024-25 ExCEL Award winners! The ExCEL Award – which stands for Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership – is a unique recognition program from the Minnesota State High School League, designed exclusively for Minnesota 11th graders who are active in school activities, leaders in their schools, and who demonstrate a strong commitment to community service. Well done, Grace and Sid!

**Speaking of Sid** – he has been instrumental in getting Junior Sharks up and going which supports entrepreneurship learning for Middle School – think of the show “Shark Tank”. More information to come out from the Middle School

- We saw history made on the basketball court recently! 12th grader Rae Ehrman set the single-game points record for the EP girls' basketball team in their game against DeLaSalle on Saturday, November 23rd. She scored 38 of the Eagles' 83 points on the way to the team's first victory of the season! Way to go, Rae!
- Speaking of basketball, you may have recently seen our ninth-grade boys basketball team bagging groceries at Jerry's Foods and Kowalski's Markets. Aside from helping shoppers, they were raising funds for their season, which will support the team's operational needs, including funding their end-of-year banquet, purchasing team attire, and covering team meals and activities. A portion of the proceeds will also go toward scholarships. We love seeing our Eagles support the community!
- Finally, you may remember I gave a shout out during our last meeting to EPHS 11th graders Anisha Surily and Jia Chenchlani and their technology donation drive for their computer science advocacy organization Tech to Transform. Their goal was to collect 250 pieces of technology... and they received more than 4,000 donations! Isn't that amazing? Over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, they loaded up a moving truck and brought the donated items to Free Geek Twin Cities, a nonprofit and thrift store dedicated to repurposing technology and promoting digital access. Outstanding job, Anisha, and Jia!
- 📌 **Congratulations** to CMS Stock Market Game Team. There were more than 162 teams entered and three of the top five teams statewide are from CMS!
- **Presentation** to outgoing Board Members, Charles, "CJ" Strehl and Dennis Stubbs
- **Congratulations** to Tim Beekmann, retiring at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

10. Board Work

A. Required Board Action

- 1) Approval of Final Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Levy – **Motion** by A. Libsack, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs move that the School Board of Independent School District No. 272 approve a final levy for taxes payable in 2025 in the amount of \$63,024,524.00 – Passed unanimously
  - a. Executive Summary of Pay 2025 Levy
  - b. Levy Presentation
  - c. Pay 25 Final Levy Comparison

B. Policy Monitoring

- 1) EL 2.5 Financial Planning and Budgeting
  - **OI Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Casper, the OI for the overarching Global Constraint of EL 2.5 is reasonable – Passed unanimously
  - **Evidence Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs, accept the Superintendent's assertion of compliance for the overarching Global Constraint of EL 2.5 – Passed unanimously
    - a. EL 2.5.1 – EL 2.5.4
      - **OI Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Casper, OI is reasonable – Passed unanimously
      - b. EL 2.5.1 – EL 2.5.4
        - **Evidence Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by A. Casper, accept the Superintendent's assertion of compliance – Passed unanimously

**Board Member Debjyoti Dwivedy left meeting at 7:41 p.m.**

2) EL 2.0 Global Executive Constraint

- **OI Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by K. Ross, OI for EL 2.0 Global Constraint is reasonable – Passed 6-0
- **Evidence Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by K. Ross, accept Superintendent's assertion of compliance with the overarching Global Constraint of EL 2.0 – Passed 6-0

C. Record of Board Self-Evaluation

- 1) 2023-24 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Process (GP's) & Board-Management Delegation (BMD's) *(No Updates)*
- 2) 2023-2024 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Executive Limitation (EL's)
  - **Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by A. Libsack to accept report as presented – Passed 6-0
- 3) 2023-24 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends (1.1 - 1.6) - *(No Updates)*

D. Decision Preparation

- 1) 2025 School Board Make-up

11. Superintendent Consent Agenda – **Motion** by C. Strehl, **Seconded** by A. Casper to accept Consent Agenda with the exception of item #B,3, Policy 613, removed for further discussion – Passed 6-0

A. Monthly Reports

- 1) Resolution of Acceptance of Donations
- 2) Human Resources Report
- 3) Business Services Reports
  - a. Board Business

B. Memo to the Board - Summary of Updated District Policies (See Appendix "A")

- 1) District Policy 519 - Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies
- 2) District Policy 528 - Student Parental, Family, and Marital Status Non-discrimination
- ~~3) District Policy 613 - Graduation Requirements~~
- 4) District Policy 701 - Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget
- 5) District Policy 704 - Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System
- 6) District Policy 721 - Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Resources

12. **District Policy 613 - Graduation Requirements – Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve District Policy 613 as presented – Passed 6-0

13. **Board Education & Required Reporting** – Pathways/New Programming

14. **Superintendent's Incidental Information Report** – n/a

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

A. Board Development Committee

- 1) BDC Meeting Minutes from 12/8/24 – **Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to accept minutes as presented – Passed 6-0

B. Community Linkage Committee

C. Negotiations Committee

D. Policy Committee

**Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by A. Libsack to recess at 9:18 PM – Passed 6-0; meeting resumed at 9:33PM

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

- A. AMSD (Association of Metropolitan Schools) – Update to Board
- B. BrightWorks – n/a
- C. ISD 287 (Intermediate School District 287) – n/a
- D. MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League) – Update to Board

17. **Board Work Plan**

- A. Work Plan Change Document – **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz, approve as presented with changes – Passed 6-0

**Eden Prairie School Board**  
**2023–24 WORK PLAN CHANGES**  
**“Proposed” Changes – December 9, 2024**

Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, January 6, 2025 (6:00 p.m.) <b>Annual Org. Meeting</b>	
Monday, January 6, 2025 (6:30 p.m.) – <b>Workshop</b>	- <b>Add: Board Discussion: School Board Interim Vacancy</b>
Monday, January 13, 2025 (4:00 p.m.) – <b>Workshop</b>	- <b>Add: Learning Session with Dr. Bill Daggett</b>
Monday, January 27, 2025	
Monday, February 10, 2025 – <b>Workshop</b>	-
Monday, February 24, 2025	- <b>Add: Ends 1.2 &amp; Ends 1.3</b>
Monday, March 10, 2025 – <b>Workshop</b>	
Monday, March 24, 2025	
Monday, April 14, 2025 – <b>Workshop</b>	
Monday, April 28, 2025	

Monday, May 12, 2025 – <b>Workshop</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> , May 27, 2025	
Monday, June 9, 2025 – <b>Workshop</b>	
Monday, June 23, 2025	
<b>Placeholder – General Board Work</b>	
<i>Possible Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025, to meet next Flight Plan 2035 Guest Speaker, Dr. Bill Daggett, Time: TBD – Moved to Monday, January 13, 2025, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.</i>	
<b>Placeholder – Policy Review</b>	

18. **Closed Session – Review of FY 2023-24 Superintendent Annual Review (Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3)**

**Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to move into Closed Session at 9:50 PM – Passed 6-0; meeting resumed at 11:32 PM

19. **Adjournment – Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by C. Strehl to adjourn at 11:34 PM – Passed 6-0

20. **Appendix "A" - District Policies (Item 11B )**

- A. District Policy 519
- B. District Policy 528
- C. District Policy 613
- D. District Policy 701
- E. District Policy 704
- F. District Policy 721

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Abby Libsack – Board Clerk