

Eden Prairie School Board

Candidate Information Session 2022



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Welcome

**Thank you for your interest
in becoming an
Eden Prairie School Board Candidate**



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Eden Prairie School Board

Authority
Responsibility
Accountability



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Eden Prairie School Board **Authority**

The Eden Prairie School Board receives its authority to act from the State of Minnesota as listed in Minnesota State Statute 123B.09.

The Board only has authority when acting **as a whole**. Individual board members have no authority in and of themselves.



Eden Prairie School Board **Responsibility:** To Govern

Governance responsibilities include:

- Set the vision for the District
- Hire the Superintendent to realize the vision; evaluate at least yearly
 - Connect with the community
 - Set policies based on community values and monitor progress to reach those goals
 - Approve the District budget
 - Advocate for public education



Eden Prairie School Board **Accountability**

The Board is accountable to the State of Minnesota to oversee the fulfillment of State Mandates regarding education of PreK-12 students.

The Board is accountable to the voters of Eden Prairie School District for the education of the community's youth and use of taxpayer funds to do so.



Eden Prairie School Board

Structure



The School Board

The Board is comprised of:

- Seven Directors
and
- One Ex-officio non-voting member, the Superintendent



Board Meetings

Board Business Meetings and Workshops: (2 to 4 hrs/meeting)

- Generally, the Board holds one Business Meeting and one Workshop each month (with some exceptions due to holidays or state statute)

Board Committee Meetings: (1 to 2 hours per meeting)

- Each member serves on at least one, but usually two committees that meet as arranged

Outside organizations:

- Directors may also be appointed to other District or professional organizations, meeting times as announced



Board Training

- Complete Board required training (orientation, additional individual and whole board training)
- Complete MN State mandated training (MSBA I & II) within 6 months of being sworn in
- Prepare for Board Meetings, be present and on time
- Model effective leadership, being in compliance with all statutes and policies
- Complete Policy Governance 101 Training
- Observe the principles of the Policy Governance®

Model

- Serve on at least one Board Committee
- Attend Board Events
- Attend District and Community Events



School Board Director Compensation

- Directors currently receive \$400 per month as determined annually by the board.
- Board Directors are not employees of the District, and are therefore ineligible to receive employee benefits.
- The cost of some of the District and Community events attended by Board Directors are covered by the Board Budget.



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Candidate Filing and Election Facts



Candidate Eligibility Requirements

- At least 21 years old
- Eligible voter
- School district resident for at least 30 days prior to election
- Not convicted of a felony
- Not have a conflict of interest (see next slide)



Conflict of Interest Statement

Eden Prairie School Board Policy

Governance Process Policy Title: [4.5 School Board Members' Code of Conduct](#)

4.5.2.3 School Board members will not use their School Board position to obtain employment in the district for themselves, family members, or close associates. *A School Board member who applies for employment will first resign from the School Board.*

2017 Minnesota Statutes - **123B.195 BOARD MEMBERS' RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT.**

Notwithstanding section [471.88, subdivision 5](#), a school board member may be newly employed or may continue to be employed by a school district as an employee only if there is a reasonable expectation at the beginning of the fiscal year or at the time the contract is entered into or extended that the amount to be earned by that officer under that contract or employment relationship will not exceed \$8,000 in that fiscal year. Notwithstanding section [122A.40](#) or [122A.41](#) or other law, *if the officer does not receive majority approval to be initially employed or to continue in employment at a meeting at which all board members are present, that employment is immediately terminated and that officer has no further rights to employment while serving as a school board member in the district.*



2022 School Board Election Facts

School Board Directors are elected from among School Board Candidates during the November General Election.

This election is to fill the following seats:

1. Fill the vacancy seat left by the resignation of Beth Fletcher and the remainder of her 2-year term.
2. This election will include four (4) open seats, each with a 4-year term.



2022 Election Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Strong Candidate Characteristics

An interested resident who meets eligibility criteria and who is:

- **Motivated** by the best interests of **EACH** student
- **Passionate** about public education
- Able to make difficult **decisions**
- A strong **communicator** who is willing to listen
- A believer in the **democratic** process
- **Willing** and able to spend time and energy on Board business
- **Committed** to governance training
- **Collaborative** and willing to support the decision of the board publicly and privately





Next Steps:

State Filing Process

Suggested



State Filing Process

File an “Affidavit of Candidacy” with the school district clerk:

- Filing Period: August 2-16, 2022
 - August 2-15: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, August 16: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Filing Fee \$2.00.
- You will receive a packet of information regarding campaign regulations and other documents to help you connect with Eden Prairie Voters.
- Deadline to withdraw is Thursday, August 18, 2022, 7:30 - 5:00 p.m.



Suggested Action: Get informed

- **Access the District Website** <http://www.edenpr.org>
 - Click on “Community,”
 - Click on “School Board”
 - Click on dropdowns for information
- **Attend School Board Meetings**
 - Dates and times are posted on the District website
- **Access the Minnesota School Board Association Website**

<http://www.mnmsba.org>. In addition MSBA is offering a 3-minute video, A School Board Candidate’s Introduction to Board Service, “Get on Board” - <https://youtu.be/KDqfX6tgOCM> .



Things to Consider

You may find it helpful to:

Draft a statement of **why** you want to be a School Board Director.

Obtain a high quality headshot for publication.

Determine a budget, document all expenses.

Determine a fundraising strategy, document all income.

Gather a support team: Campaign manager, Treasurer,

Designer (website, social media, print).

Order campaign signs and literature, follow statute for posting and distribution.

Plan to attend the School Board's Post-filing Meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022.



**Best of luck to you in
the upcoming
election!**



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