



DEFINING EXCELLENCE

**School Board Work Session  
Tuesday, May 21, 2024; 5:00 PM  
ECC Room 350**

- I. **Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
- III. **Discussion**
  - A. **Facilities Update**

**Description:** The District administration will update the School Board and community regarding the following facilities items: the Countryside Elementary addition, playground updates at Countryside Elementary and Highlands Elementary, the Edina High School mechanical upgrades project, and other planned deferred/preventative maintenance projects throughout the District taking place from the summer of 2024 through summer of 2027.

**Presenter(s):** Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations; and Eric Hamilton, Director of Buildings and Grounds
  - B. **Cell Phone/Smart Watch/Smart Device Work Group Board Update**

**Description:** The purpose of the work group was to review current policy/research and determine if additional recommendations (Policy 506) are needed for each level of school regarding appropriate use of Cell Phones/Watches and their impact on engagement in learning. The use of both cell phones and smart watches have increased significantly over the last five years. There is research about the benefits and challenges of these devices in school including their benefits around learning, ability to distract from learning and impacts on social and emotional wellness. The desired outcome of the workgroup was to determine what, if any, updates to policy language are needed.

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Randy Smasal, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Cara Rieckenberg, Highlands Elementary Principal; Patrick Bass, Valley View Middle School Principal; Paul Paetzel, EHS Principal; Kristy Ardinger, Countryside 5th grade teacher; Jeff Krause, EHS Science Teacher; Tim O'Neill, EPS Parent; and Indra Khariwala, EPS Student
  - C. **Feedback Pathways for Education Minnesota - Edina Staff (EME) at a Governance Level**

**Description:** The board, administration and educators all have a shared interest in having a common understanding of pathways for educator feedback and EME staff at the board level. Having pathways for feedback will ensure there is a consistency in approach and the shared value of having educator feedback at the governance level.

**Presenter(s):** Governance Committee
  - D. **Process Parameters for Budget Discussion**

**Description:** This is a discussion to help define board expectations and parameters around the process that the administration will use to analyze district budgetary options.

**Presenter(s):** Chair Erica Allenburg and Vice Chair Karen Gabler

**IV. Leadership and Committee Updates**

**V. Superintendent Updates**

**VI. Adjournment**