

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MAY 27, 2025
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on May 27, 2025 in the Eden Prairie District Administrative Offices, 8100 School Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

1. Convene: 6:00 PM – School Board Members (Roll Call)

Present: Steve Bartz, Ann Bradsher, Aaron Casper, Kim Ross, Jody Ward-Rannow; Board Member Debjyoti Dwivedy seated at 6:05 p.m., and Board Clerk, Abby Libsack, joined meeting remotely

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 Tuesday, May 27, 2025, meeting – Passed 6-0 (SB,AB,AC,AL,KR,J-WR)

4. Resolution - Reinstate Director Debjyoti Dwivedy to Active Status – Motion by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Bradsher to approve Resolution to reinstate Director Debjyoti Dwivedy to active status – Passed 5-0 (SB,AB,AC,KR,J-WR); Board Member Debjyoti Dwivedy was seated at 6:05 p.m.

5. Oath of Office

6. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Bradsher to approval of the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the May 5, 2025, School Board Regular Business Meetings and Board Workshop Notes for May 12, 2025 – Passed 6-0 (SB,AB,AC,KR,J-WR,DD)

7. Spotlight on Success

A. EHSI - 5th Grade Presentation: Creative Technology & 1st Grade Presentation: Renewable Energy

B. Teacher of the Year Recognition - Linda Wallenberg

8. Public Comment – N/A

9. Announcements

- Starting off with a very exciting achievement tonight: **Congratulations** to the *eight* EPHS students who scored a perfect 36 on the ACT!: Aiden Boudreau, Jessica Cao, Jia Chenchlani, Ian Gong, Kotono Kazama, Alice Ling, Paili Rice and Devanshu Shah. This score places these 11th graders in the 100th percentile nationwide for English, math, reading, science, composite and/or STEM rankings. Way to excel, Eagles! We can't wait to see where you go next!
- And more exciting news, this time from just last week: Eden Prairie Schools was honored with the Gold Medallion Award from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) for our 100 Years of Inspiring Each campaign. The Gold Medallion is NSPRA's top program award, recognizing exceptional work in school public relations grounded in strategic communication best practices. This is the second Gold Medallion for Eden Prairie Schools in three years, the first being for our 2022 referendum campaign, and these recognitions affirm our district's position as a marketing & communications leader across the state and the nation.
- We also received a second award for our 100 Years campaign this month: At an Eden Prairie city council meeting, we were recognized with the city's Heritage Preservation Award for our year-long initiative to honor the district's 100-year anniversary. The award recognizes "an outstanding contribution to the preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and use of Eden Prairie's heritage resources." The 100 Years of Inspiring Each celebration was not only an opportunity for us to highlight our city's rich history, but also to bring our community together, and we want to thank everyone who made our celebrations possible and all who participated!
- **Congratulations** to the Prairie View and Eden Lake Math Masters teams! In the last few weeks, a number of teams from the two schools competed to answer tough math problems and came away winners. Prairie View's fourth-grade "Mathletes" team took first place, Eden Lake's fourth-grade team took fourth place, and Prairie View's fifth-grade teams had wins across the board, including a first-place individual award for Matthew Thayil with a perfect score in the Facts Round! Well done, Eagles!
- Last month, EPHS was awarded a Gold Star in the Star of Innovation Awards from the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals. This award recognized "the development and support of an exemplary and

innovative education program” at Eden Prairie High School. Called “Set the Standard,” the EPHS initiative has focused on the development of a “comprehensive school culture” that is “designed to elevate expectations, foster collaboration and strengthen collective responsibility.” **Congratulations** to the whole EPHS team, and a special acknowledgement to principal Dr. Jaysen Anderson for his phenomenal leadership.

- Earlier this month, EPHS students in the Aeronautics Capstone course explored their interest in becoming a pilot by flying an actual plane! (And yes, I was there with my trusty radio to check in on them.) Ten Eagles visited the Flying Cloud Airport in Eden Prairie, where they met with aeronautics professionals including flight instructors who took students up in small aircraft. While in the sky, students took the controls and got to experience being a pilot. Some students loved the experience, and others learned that a ground-related aviation career might be more their speed — but all got a hands-on and exciting chance to explore a career path! It was really great to see our students having such an amazing experience that day.
- The EP Online middle school ESports team was top-ranked in their debut season! Competing in Super Smash Bros Ultimate through PlayVS, the four-player team finished the 12-week season in 12th place. That’s a super impressive showing, especially among the more than 150 teams who participated! **Congratulations**, Eagles!
- Twelve fifth-grade band students across the district were nominated and selected to participate in the South Central Minnesota Band Directors Association Beginning Band Festival earlier this month. Students learned and performed four pieces of music alongside 100 exceptional band students from across south central Minnesota.
- This month, we celebrated a wide range of staff members during recognition days and weeks! We thanked these staff members, from cultural liaisons to school lunch heroes, teachers to school nurses, and school communicators to speech pathologists, for their tireless work to make Eden Prairie Schools a safe, supportive, and inspiring place to learn and grow.

10. Board Work

A. Decision Preparation

- 1) FY 2025-26 EP School Meal Prices
 - a. Executive Summary
- 2) Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Budget - *First Reading*
 - a. Executive Summary
 - b. Budget Report FY 2025-2026
 - c. Presentation

B. Required Board Action

- 1) Approval of the FY 2025-26 School Board Work Plan

Motion by K. Ross, **Seconded** by A. Casper to approve the 2025-26 School Board Work Plan with the following **Admendments** – Passed 7-0 (SB,AC,DD,KR,AB,J-WR,AL):

 - Move the monitoring of EL 2.5 from December 8, 2025 to November 24, 2025
 - Updating the description of the April 13, 2026 Workshop to say “New Policy Introduction Process”
 - Adding to the February 9, 2026 Workshop, Discussion of the Inspire Magazine Joint Message
 - Adding to the October 13, 2025 Workshop, Ends Policy Review Discussion
- 2) Approval of the FY 2025-26 School Board Budget

Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approve the 2025-26 School Board Budget as presented – Passed 7-0 (SB,AB,AL, AC,DD,KR,J-WR)
- 3) Record of Board Self-Evaluation - *No Updates*
 - a. 2023-24 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Management Delegation (BMD's)
 - b. 2023-2024 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Process (GP's)
 - c. 2022-23 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Executive Limitations (EL's)
 - d. 2022-23 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends 1.1-1.6

11. Superintendent Consent Agenda

Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve the Consent Agenda as presented – Passed 7-0 (SB,AB,AC,AL,DD,KR,J-WR)

A. Monthly Reports

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

- a. Board Business
- b. Financial Report - Monthly Revenue/Expenditure Report
- B. Triennial Assessment
- C. 2025 Joint Powers Agreement - Metro South
 - 1) Executive Summary
- 12. Superintendent's Incidental Information Report**
 - A. Strategic Core Planning
 - B. Flight Plan 2035
- 13. Board Action on Committee Reports & Minutes**
 - A. Board Development Committee
 - B. Community Linkage Committee
 - 1) Measuring What Matters (MWM)
 - Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approve article as presented – Passed 7-0 (SB,AB,AC,AL,DD,KR,J-WR)
 - 2) Discussion: Inspiring News Topic for September 2025
 - 3) Board Email Autoresponse - *Draft*
 - C. Negotiations Committee
 - D. Policy Committee
- 14. Other Board Updates (AMSD, BRIGHTWORKS, ISD 287, MSHSL)**
 - A. AMSD (Association of Metropolitan Schools) – *Updates by A. Libsack & J. Swanson*
 - B. BRIGHTWORKS – *Update by A. Bradsher*
 - C. ISD 287 (Intermediate School District) – *Update by K. Ross*
 - D. MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League) – *Update by A. Bradsher*
- 15. Board Work Plan**
 - A. Work Plan Changes Document – No changes or additions
 - B. School Board Annual Work Plan
 - 1) FY 2024-2025 - (May&Jun)
- 16. Closed Session: Negotiation Strategy - (Minnesota Statute 13D.03, Subdivision.1) – Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to move into Closed Session at 8:45 PM, Passed 7-0 (SB,AB,AC,AL,DD,KR,J-W-R); Resumed regular Business Meeting at 10:26 PM
- 17. Adjournment – Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by K. Ross to adjourn at 10:27 PM, Passed 6-0 (SB,AB,AC,DD,KR,JW-R)

Abby Libsack – Board Clerk