

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2024
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on April 22, 2024, 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, Aaron Casper, Abby Libsack, Kim Ross, Charles "CJ" Strehl, Dennis Stubbs, and Board Member Debjyoti "DD" Dwivedy joined meeting remotely

Present: Superintendent Josh Swanson

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Agenda Review and Approval – Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by C. Strehl to approve of the agenda for the Monday, April 22, 2024, meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools – Passed Unanimously

Approval of Previous Minutes – Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz, to approve the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the School Board Regular Business Meetings for March 25, 2024, and the Workshop Notes for April 8, 2024; **Motion** by C. Strehl, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to **Amend** the Minutes from March 25, 2024 to include the actual documents under the Policy Committee, Screen Time/Face-to-Face Risks Documents in the actual March 25, 2024 Minutes, Yes: 4 (AC, CS, DS, SB); No 3 (KR, AL, DD); **Amendment** passed 4-3; Original **Motion w/Amendment** passed Unanimously .

4. **Spotlight on Success**

Central Middle School (CMS) - *Inclusion and Belonging at CMS: Through the Celebration of Learning*

5. **Public Comment**

6. **Announcements**

- Six EPHS and three CMS students were among the students recently recognized for their outstanding submissions in the 2024 Eden Prairie Optimist Club essay contest. The annual February competition invited students to write their essays on "Optimism: How It Connects Us." Banji Olofinboba, an 11th grader at EPHS, was the overall first-place winner, which means his essay will advance for judging alongside other Optimist Club winners in the Dakotas, Minnesota, and Manitoba. Way to go!
- Emily Oberleitner, an 11th grader at EPHS, authored a paper titled "Implementing a New Standard for the Development of Doppler Ultrasonic Devices Towards Peripheral Blood Vessel Use" that was accepted for presentation at the Design of Medical Devices Conference at the University of Minnesota! Emily's paper was showcased in one of the Scientific Poster Sessions during this month's DMD Conference, which was attended by academic and industry researchers, clinicians, and practitioners. Her paper will be published in the ASME Digital Collection and indexed in Google Scholar and Web of Science. Way to go, Emily!
- A group of Eden Lake students from the KEY and Young Scholars programs competed in the ZOOMS Stem Design challenge, which offers students a chance to develop a solution to a real problem faced by zookeepers and staff at the Minnesota Zoo. Mary Dee, Nova, and Graeme researched the needs and challenges of the zoo's bison and discovered that they may overheat in the summer after becoming bored with a stagnant water source. Students then used the engineering design process — brainstorming, sketching an idea, creating, and improving a prototype, and committing to a final design — to develop the Spa on Wheels, a mobile cooling and misting station. They received the Innovation Award for the "imaginative and creative approach of their solution"!
- It was a really exciting month for our chess players: The EPHS Chess Team wrapped up a highly successful season with a dazzling performance at the State Scholastic Championship earlier this month. The Eagles finished 4th overall after a tiebreak procedure, along with individual awards for seven students.
- And another huge accomplishment: Alice Lee, a ninth-grade student in EP Online, won the Women's American Cup on March 21. This was 14-year-old Alice's third American Cup competition, and she was recently named an International Master. Alice was awarded a prize of \$40,000, along with a luxury chess set and a Tiffany bracelet. We are so proud of these awesome students!

- At the 87th annual Minnesota State Science and Engineering Fair, hosted by the Minnesota Academy of Science, more than 350 middle and high school students showcased their winning STEM projects from regional competitions. Several EP students came home with awards! EPHS 12th grader Yash Dagade received a Silver Award for his project "SkyWindFarm: Harnessing High Altitude Wind Power in a Scalable Manner," 12th grader Shreshth Shrivastava was awarded a Silver Award for "AccuCellAI," a project aimed at diagnosing and classifying hematological diseases, and CMS eighth grader Shagun Shrivastava received a Silver Award for her project on aiding spatial hearing loss, "In Search of Sound." Awesome job, Eagles!
- Luke Withers, an EPHS German 5 student, won the title in the first [Roxxem Musik März Madness tournament!](#) Competing against more than 3,200 students globally, Luke showcased his exceptional language skills by listening to songs in German and playing games to earn points. Classes could also compete, and out of over 100 classes, the EPHS German 4 and 5 classes won seventh place! I'd **Congratulate** these Eagles in German, but I'd need to listen to a lot of songs first. Awesome job!
- It was a big weekend for the EPHS Drumline, who earned first place in the Percussion Scholastic Open Class at the Minnesota Percussion Association Championships in Rochester on April 13 and took the show on the road to the WGI Percussion World Championships in Dayton, Ohio, last week! These hardworking students did a fantastic job showing their skill, teamwork, and musicianship.
And, finally, a shoutout for someone who helps us craft Eagle Excellence but doesn't usually get a chance to shine in it: Last week Thursday, Dirk Tedmon was named Minnesota's first-ever School Communicator of the Year by the Minnesota School Public Relations Association. This is the highest award given at the state level and honors an individual for excellence in leadership, community involvement, professionalism, and communication. Dirk will now be considered for the national award, which is given at the National School Public Relations Association conference in Seattle this July. **Congratulations**, Dirk, and thank you for everything you do for our students, staff, and families.

7. Board Work

A. Decision Preparation

- 1) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 School Board Work Plan (*First Reading*)
- 2) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 School Board Budget (*First Reading*)

B. Required Board Action

- 1) Approval of FY 2024-25 Capital Budget – **Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approve the Capital Budget for Fiscal 2024-25 as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - a. Capital Budget - Executive Summary
 - b. Capital Budget Outlay - Detail
- 2) Approval of FY 2024-25 School Board Meeting Calendar – **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs to accept the Fiscal Year 2024-25 School Board Meeting calendar as presented – Passed Unanimously

C. Record of Board Self-Evaluation

- 1) 2022-23 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Policies (GP's) & Board-Management Delegation (BMD's) (*No Updates*)
- 2) 2022-23 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Executive Limitations (EL's) (*No Updates*)
- 3) 2022-23 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends 1.1 - 1.6
Motion by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Libsack to approve the Record of Board Policy Monitoring of Ends Policy Updates 1.2, 1.3, 1.5 for school year 2022-23 – Passed Unanimously

8. Superintendent Consent Agenda – **Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs to accept as presented – Passed Unanimously

A. Monthly Reports

- 1) Resolution of Acceptance of Donations
- 2) Human Resources Report
 - a. Monthly Report
- 3) Business Services Reports
 - a. Board Business
 - b. Financial Report - Monthly Revenue/Expenditure Report

B. Executive Summary on Insurance

C. Release of Probationary Teachers

D. Memo to the Board - Summary - Tri-Annual Review of District Policies

1) Approval of Updated District Policies - See Appendix "A" (Individual Detail Listing of Policies)

- a. District Policy 101 - Legal Status of the School District
- b. District Policy 103 - Complaints - Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons
- c. District Policy 214 - Out of State Travel by School Board Members
- d. District Policy 401 - Equal Employment
- e. District Policy 410 - Family and Medical Leave
- f. District Policy 413 - Harassment & Violence
- g. District Policy 413-F Harassment and Violence Report Form
- h. District Policy 415 - Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults
- i. District Policy 417 - Chemical Use and Abuse
- j. District Policy 418-F Acknowledgment of Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School Policy
- k. District Policy 501 - School Weapons Policy
- l. District Policy 516 - Student Medication
- m. District Policy 701 - Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget
- n. District Policy 702 - Accounting
- o. District Policy 703 - Annual Audit
- p. District Policy 704 - Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System
- q. District Policy 705 - Investments
- r. District Policy 707 - Transportation of Public School Students
- s. District Policy 711 - Video Recording on School Buses
- t. District Policy 712 - Video Surveillance Other than Buses
- u. District Policy 720 - Vending Machines

9. Superintendent's Incidental Information Report

- A. Inspired Journey and Pathways Update - [Presentation Uploaded](#)
- B. Website Launch

10. Board Education & Required Reporting

11. Board Action on Committee Reports & Minutes

- A. Board Development Committee
- B. Community Linkage Committee
 - 1) Inspiring News for April 2024 – **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by A. Libsack to approve as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - 2) Measuring What Matters (MWM) – **Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by K. Ross, to approve with edits noted – Passed Unanimously
- C. Negotiations Committee
- D. Policy Committee

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

- A. AMSD – Update provided
- B. ISD 287 – No update
- C. BRIGHTWORKS – No update
- D. MSHSL – Update provided

13. Board Work Plan

- 1) Work Plan Changes Document – **Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs to accept Work Plan document as presented – Passed Unanimously
- B. School Board Annual Work Plan FY 2023-24 (*Jan-Jun*)

14. Closed Session: Safety & Security (Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3(d))

15. Closed Session: Negotiation Strategy (Minnesota Statute 13D.03, Subdivision.1)

Motion by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Libsack to move into Closed Sessions for Items 14 & 15 at 8:05 PM;
Friendly Amendment by K. Ross, **Seconded** by A. Casper to move into the Closed Session pursuant Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3(d)), and also Minnesota Statute 13D.03, Subdivision.1) – Passed Unanimously;
Moved out of Closed Session and resumed regular Business Meeting at 10:43 PM

- 16. **Adjournment – Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to adjourn at 10:43 PM
- 17. **Appendix "A" (Reference Item 9,D)**

Abby Libsack – Board Clerk

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