

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS**  
**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2025**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

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A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on May 5, 2025, 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) - School Board Members**

*Present:* Steve Bartz, Ann Bradsher, Aaron Casper, Abby Libsack (arrived at 6:56 p.m.), Charles "CJ" Strehl, Jody Ward-Rannow

*Not Present:* Kim Ross

*Present:* Superintendent Josh Swanson

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Agenda Review and Approval – Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Brasher to approval of the agenda for the Monday, May 5, 2025, meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools – Passed 5-0

**4. Approval of Previous Minutes – Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approval of the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting for March 24, 2025, and the Workshop Notes for April 14, 2025 – Passed 5-0.

**5. Spotlight on Success – Forest Hills Elementary - Outdoor Learning Spaces**

**6. Public Comment – N/A**

**7. Announcements**

- Eden Prairie High School teacher Linda Wallenberg has been named the 2025 Minnesota Teacher of the Year! Linda was awarded the honor at a ceremony on Sunday, where she was recognized for her excellence and commitment to students. Linda was joined at the ceremony by other finalists, including Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion teacher Araceli Pastrana. "Teaching is about the journey – the opportunity every fall and every single day to begin anew, to guide students along their own journeys, to build people, not just scholars," Linda said in a statement released by Education Minnesota. **Congratulations**, Linda, on a well-deserved honor!
- The EPHS boys varsity volleyball team has won their first eight games (and counting!) of the regular season this spring! This is the first season that boys volleyball has been recognized as a Minnesota State High School League varsity sport, and EPHS is competing with a determined squad of students, many of whom might not play a varsity sport if not for volleyball. You can read a story about the team on our website.
- Two staff members have recently made fantastic achievements: Dr. Quennel Cooper, Principal of Prairie View Elementary, has been elected to a two-year term as the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association Secretary and Treasurer. His role will be key in shaping the future of educational leadership and advocacy for Minnesota's elementary and middle-level principals. Secondly, Pathways Coordinator Ethan Dado has been named an Association for Career and Technical Education Fellow. The program recognizes and trains leaders "with a strong desire and motivation to support an educated, prepared, adaptable and competitive workforce."
- In March, a Discovery Group of fourth graders from Prairie View Elementary learned about gravity with the help of the Eden Prairie Fire Department! Students built contraptions to prevent an egg from breaking in a fall, but the playground equipment wasn't tall enough to test their designs. Instead, city firefighters stopped by with their engines to drop the contraptions from the top of their ladder. Many eggs survived! It was an exploration of design and testing and a great partnership with the city. You can read more about it on our website.
- Central Middle School student Brandon Peña-Stack recently won a SouthWest Transit Design Contest! His design, which blends elements from the new Minnesota state flag with SouthWest Transit's colors, will feature on buses running on the new 686 route from SouthWest Station in Eden Prairie to MSP Airport.
- **Congratulations** to the EPHS DECA team for their achievements at the Minnesota State Development Career Conference in March! 50 competitors — more than a third of the team — qualified for the DECA International Career Development Conference.
- 12th grade supplementary student Sameul Grogin, who takes an AP Computer Science class with EP Online, won the 2024 National Trig-Star award! Sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors, the competition honors high schoolers who excel in math.

- Two staff members were recently recognized with statewide communications awards at the Minnesota School Public Relations Association Spring Conference! Kim Nguyen, our EP Online Marketing & Outreach Coordinator, received the New Professional Award, and I was honored to be recognized as the 2025 Champion for Communications. (And yes, our Communications team is forcing me to tell you about my award as well.) Clear, intentional and effective communications strategy helps to connect staff, students and families with our schools and champion their successes. **Thank you** to our excellent Marketing & Communications team!
- Eden Lake fifth graders Meena Ram, Anna Krivosik, and Samina Onabamiro were recently recognized with the Creative Interpretation Award for their ZOOMS STEM Design Challenge project at the Minnesota Zoo. The Mosaic students were tasked with designing an improved habitat for gibbons, and the “Jungle Dream Team” learned not only about the monkeys, but also about time management skills. Congratulations to the team and to teacher Megan Skogstad!
- For the 25th year in a row, Eden Prairie Schools has been awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Association of School Business Officials International! This award highlights the district’s commitment to excellence in fiscal stewardship, financial reporting, and transparency. **Thanks to** Andrew Adams and his wonderful team for their thoughtful and hard work.
- This past month, we celebrated a wide range of staff members during recognition days and weeks! From Associate Principals to volunteers to administrative and afterschool professionals, these valued and essential members of the Eden Prairie Schools community are deeply appreciated for their work to create and maintain safe and fun environments where learning thrives, families are welcomed, and each student is inspired. **Join us in thanking these crucial groups of staff!**

## 8. Board Work

### A. Decision Preparation

- 1) Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 School Board Work Plan (*First Reading*)
- 2) Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 School Board Budget (*First Reading - No Updates*)
- 3) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 School Board Budget - *Updated*

### B. Required Board Action

- 1) Approval of FY 2025-26 Capital Budget – **Motion** by A. Brasher, **Seconded** by A. Casper to approve the budget – Passed 5-0
  - a. Capital Budget - Executive Summary
  - b. Capital Budget Outlay - Detail
- 2) Apple Device Lease
  - a. Executive Summary
  - b. Apple Lease Schedule 23, Exhibit C – **Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Casper, **BE IT RESOLVED**, School Board of District No. 272 of (Eden Prairie), authorizes and approves the execution and delivery of a Master Lease Purchase Agreement; and approves the execution and delivery of *Schedule No. 23* to the Master Lease Purchase Agreement with Apple Inc. as presented – Passed 5-0; Yes: SB, AB, AC, CS, JW-R
- 3) Approval of FY 2025-26 School Board Meeting Calendar – **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approve as presented – Passed 5-0; **Amendment** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Bradsher to add to the 2025-26 Calendar the Joint Meeting with the School Board and the Eden Prairie City & City Council to be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Eden Prairie City Building Location – Passed 5-0

### A. Record of Board Self-Evaluation - *No Updates*

- 1) 2023-24 Board-Management Delegation (BMD's)
- 2) 2023-2024 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Policies (GP's)
- 3) 2023-24 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Executive Limitations (EL's)
- 4) 2023-24 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends 1.1 - 1.6

## 9. Superintendent Consent Agenda – **Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Casper to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of District Policy 512, Item #9B,2, pulled further discussion – Passed 5-0

### 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. Memo to the Board - District Policy Updates (*See Appendix "A" for Details of Individual Policies*)
  - 1) District Policy 413 - Harassment and Violence
  - 2) ~~District Policy 512 – School Sponsored Student Publications and Activities~~
  - 3) District Policy 704 - Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System

**10. District Policy 512 - School-Sponsored Student Publications and Activities**

**Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Brasher to approve District Policy 512 as presented in the original Consent Agenda – Passed 5-0

Abby Libsack, School Board Clerk, joined meeting in-person at 6:56 p.m.

**11. Superintendent's Incidental Information Report**

- A. Flight Plan 2035

**12. Board Education & Required Reporting**

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

- A. Board Development Committee

- B. Community Linkage Committee

- 1) April 3, 2025 CLC Meeting Minutes

- 2) April 23, 2025 CLC Meeting Minutes

**Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by A. Bradsher to approve the April 3, 2025 and April 23, 2025 minutes as presented – Passed 6-0

- 3) Measuring What Matters - *First Draft*

- C. Negotiations Committee

- D. Policy Committee

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

- A. AMSD (Association of Metropolitan Schools) – A. Libsack & J. Swanson – *updated Board*

- B. ISD 287 (Intermediate School District) – *n/a*

- C. BRIGHTWORKS – A. Bradsher – *brief update*

- D. MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League) – A. Bradsher – *brief update*

**15. Board Work Plan**

- A. Work Plan Changes Document – **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approve changes as listed – Passed 6-0

**Eden Prairie School Board**

**2024–25 WORK PLAN CHANGES**

**Proposed Changes – May 5, 2025**

Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, May 12, 2025 – <i>Workshop</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>ADD for CLC:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <i>Discussion: Draft MWM, Ends 1.2 &amp; 1.3</i></li> <li>o <i>Discussion: Board Communication</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> , May 27, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>ADD:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <i>Resolution to reinstate Board Member Debjyoti Dwivedy to active status</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Monday, June 9, 2025 – <i>Workshop</i>	
Monday, June 23, 2025	
<b>Placeholder – General Board Work</b>	
<b>Placeholder – Policy Review</b>	

- B. FY 2024-25 School Board Annual Work Plan (*Apr-Jun*)

16. **Adjournment – Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Bradsher, to adjourn at 7:38 PM – Passed 6-0

17. **Appendix "A" (Reference Item 9B)**

- A. District Policy 413
- B. District Policy 512
- C. District Policy 704

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Aaron Casper – Board Chair

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