

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS**  
**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24, 2025**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on March 24, 2025, 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, Ann Bradsher, Aaron Casper, Abby Libsack, Kim Ross, Charles "CJ" Strehl,  
Jody Ward-Rannow

*Present:* Superintendent Josh Swanson

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Agenda Review and Approval – Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve the agenda for the Monday, March 24, 2025, meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools – Passed Unanimously

**4. Approval of Previous Minutes – Motion** by A. Brasher, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approve the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the School Board Regular Business Meetings for February 24, 2025, and Board Workshop Minutes for March 10, 2025 - Passed Unanimously

**5. Spotlight on Success – EPO - School Culture & Student Extracurricular Activities**

**6. Public Comment – (1) Electric School Bus Grant Program**

**7. Announcements**

- **Congratulations** to Eden Prairie High School 12th graders Ziwei Chen, Emily Oberleitner, Nicholas Song, Jessica Yue and Calvin Zhou for being named candidates for the 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program! These impressive Eagles were selected based on their academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, community involvement and more. They join approximately 4,000 students nationwide as candidates this year.
- Two of our teachers received exciting awards this month: First, congratulations to Anthony Maurer, social studies teacher and Student Council advisor in EP Online, for being named the 2025 Minnesota Online Educator of the Year! He received this honor at the Minnesota Online Educators Summit on Feb. 18, recognizing his dedication to student engagement, relationship-building and innovative teaching in the online environment.  
Second, **congratulations** to EPHS computer science teacher Jessica Brent, who has been named the Aspirations in Computing State Educator for Minnesota! This prestigious honor recognizes her dedication to supporting students in technology and computing fields. In addition, 11 Eden Prairie students have been recognized for their achievements in computer science through the Minnesota Aspirations in Computing Awards Program. They will be celebrated at a special event on Saturday, May 3, at Target Field, hosted by the Minnesota Twins.
- We are proud to announce that all 16 of our National Merit Scholar semifinalists have advanced to finalist status! This remarkable achievement reflects their dedication, hard work, and academic excellence. These outstanding Eagles—15 from EPHS and one from EP Online—scored in the top 1% of 1.3 million 11th graders in about 21,000 high schools nationwide to qualify for this prestigious recognition. **Congratulations** to all!
- I'm proud to recognize this year's City of Eden Prairie Words in Action winners: Leisha Mekala (Eighth grade, CMS), Sonakshi Dwivedi (Seventh grade, CMS), and Amaya Demery (Third grade, Cedar Ridge)! In honor of Black History Month, the contest launched on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and invited Eden Prairie youth to select an inspiring quote from a Black American civil rights leader. Contest winners were recognized at the City Council meeting on February 18.
- Eden Prairie Schools continues to shine in the 2025 Minnesota Teacher of the Year selection process, with six outstanding educators advancing to the semifinalist round! We are proud to have the most finalists of any district in the state.  
Congratulations to:
  - Laura Eid – Central Middle School
  - Michael Okwabi – Eden Prairie High School

- Araceli Pastrana – Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion
- Michelle Rada – Eden Prairie High School
- Marcela Roos – Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion
- Linda Wallenberg – Eden Prairie High School

These dedicated teachers are among the top educators in the state, recognized for their excellence and commitment to students. The selection panel will now review semifinalist portfolios before naming the finalists. We're cheering you on, semifinalists — ***congratulations*** and best of luck!

- When Prairie View Elementary launched its Pennies for Paws fundraiser, third grader Owen Perez made a heartfelt decision—donating his entire life savings to help shelter animals. For years, Owen had been saving coins to buy Pokémon cards, but after hearing the fundraiser announcement, he realized that animals in need mattered more. Thanks to Owen's selflessness, Prairie View students raised over \$1,350 for the Animal Humane Society, proving that small acts of kindness can make a big impact! Way to contribute to your community, Owen!
- The weekend of March 8, students on the Eden Prairie High School (EPHS) chess team won the Minnesota State Scholastic Championship! The statewide school tournament features hundreds of players, and students were thrilled to take home the first-place trophy after finishing fourth in the competition last year. 11th grader Troy Cavanah took first place individually. Way to go, Eagles! You can read a full story about the chess team on our website.

This month, we celebrated the incredible school social workers and maintenance staff members in Eden Prairie Schools! School social workers provide essential support for students' mental health, well-being and academic success, helping them navigate challenges and reach their full potential. Our dedicated maintenance staff work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our schools safe, clean, and running smoothly every day. Please join us in thanking both groups of valuable staff members!

## 8. Board Work

### A. Required Board Action

#### 1) 2025 Facilities Maintenance Bonds (LTFM)

- a. Executive Summary
- b. Sale Day Report
- c. **RESOLUTION** AWARDING THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION FACILITIES MAINTENANCE BONDS, SERIES 2025A – **Motion** by A. Libsack, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve and adopt as presented – Passed Unanimously

#### 2) Final Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Budget Assumptions

**Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve as presented – Passed Unanimously

### B. Decision Preparation

#### 1) Executive Summary - Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Capital Budget

- a. Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Capital Outlay - *First Reading*

### C. Record of Board Self-Evaluation

- 1) 2023-24 Record of Board Policy Monitoring Board-Management Delegation (BMD's) - *No Updates*
- 2) 2023-2024 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Process (GP's) - *No Updates*
- 3) 2023-24 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Executive Limitations (EL's) - *No Updates*
- 4) 2023-24 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends 1.1 - 1.6

**Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Libsack to approve report as presented – Passed Unanimously

## 9. Superintendent Consent Agenda – **Motion** by A. Libsack, **Seconded** by A. Casper to accept the Superintendent's Consent Agenda as presented – Passed Unanimously

### A. Monthly Reports

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

### B. Release Probationary Teachers

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

A. Flight Plan 2035

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

A. Board Development Committee – Provided update to Board

B. Community Linkage Committee

1) June 2025 Community Magazine Joint Message - *DRAFT*

2) Minutes from March 5, 2025 Meeting

3) Updated CLC Annual Plan

**Motion** by A. Libsack, **Seconded** by Ann Bradsher to approve Committee Minutes (Item #2) and Updated Annual Plan (Item #3) as presented – Passed Unanimously

C. Negotiations Committee

D. Policy Committee

**12. Other Board Updates (AMSD, BRIGHTWORKS, ISD 287, MSHSL)**A. AMSD (Association of Metropolitan Schools) – *Update by Abby Libsack & Josh Swanson*B. ISD 287 (Intermediate School District) – *Update by Kim Ross*C. BRIGHTWORKS - *Ann Bradsher (no updates)*D. MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League) – *Update by Ann Bradsher***13. Closed Session: Safety & Security Update (Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision 3(d))**

**Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to move into Closed Session at 8:38 PM; Resumed regular Business Meeting at 10:22 PM.

**14. Board Work Plan**

A. Work Plan Changes Document – **Motion** by J. Ward-Rannow , **Seconded** by A. Libsack to approve proposed changes reflected on document – Passed Unanimously

**Eden Prairie School Board**  
**2023–24 WORK PLAN CHANGES**  
*“Proposed” Changes*  
**March 24, 2025**

Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, April 14, 2025 – <b>Workshop</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Delete:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discuss Policy Change Process (Timelines and Process for Monitoring and Changes in Policy)</li> <li>○ New Policy Introductions</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Add:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review New Policy Introduction Process</li> <li>○ <u>Community Linkage Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Article for Magazine Conversation</li> <li>▪ Annual Plan Discussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Monday, April 28, 2025	
Monday, May 12, 2025 – <b>Workshop</b>	- <b>ADD: Assessment/Measurement</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> , May 27, 2025	
Monday, June 9, 2025 – <b>Workshop</b>	
Monday, June 23, 2025	
<b>Placeholder – General Board Work</b>	
<b>Placeholder – Policy Review</b>	

B. School Board Annual Work Plan (Jan - Jun 2025)

15. **Adjournment – Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by A. Brasher to adjourn at 10:26 PM – Passed Unanimously

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Abby Libsack – Board Clerk

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