

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS**  
**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2023**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

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A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on January 23, 2023, in the Eden Prairie District Administrative Offices, 8100 School Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

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**1. Convene: 6:13 PM School Board Members Roll Call**

*Present:* Steve Bartz, Aaron Casper, Debjyoti "DD" Dwivedy, Abby Libsack, Kim Ross, Charles "CJ" Strehl, Dennis Stubbs

*Present:* Superintendent Josh Swanson

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Agenda Review and Approval – Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy to approve the agenda for the Monday, January 23, 2023 meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, with the exception of removing item #7, Spotlight on Success, Prairie View Elementary, due to technical difficulties – Passed Unanimously

**4. Approval of Previous Minutes – Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the School Board Regular Business Meetings on December 12, 2022, Annual Organizational Meeting and School Board Workshop Notes on January 9, 2023; **Amendment** by A. Libsack, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy, on the January 9, 2023 Board Workshop Notes, to replace “old resignation” and replace with “transition”; Original **Motion w/Amendment** – Passed Unanimously

**5. Public Comment – 4**

- (1) C. Likely (Staffing Shortage; Lack of Applicants; Staff Retention; Student Safety); (2) A. Steinberg (Value of Preschool Teachers); (3) K. Wait (Value of Little Eagles Teachers); (4) A. May (LE Teacher Contract Negotiations)

**6. Announcements**

- **Congratulations** to Eagles players Chiddi Obiazor and Devin Jordan, who [signed national letters of intent](#) to play football at the college level in late December. Obiazor will attend Kansas State, and Jordan will play at the Air Force Academy. Go Eagles!
- **Congratulations** to EP Online 12th grader [Allie McIntosh](#), whose beautiful rendition of The Star-Spangled Banner kicked off a great Timberwolves against the Dallas Mavericks.
- **Congratulations** to 11th grader Will Sather [pinned his opponent in only 26 seconds](#) in a heavyweight wrestling match against St. Michael-Albertville on Dec. 15.
- **Congratulations**, earlier this month eight EPHS students [competed at the Debate State Tournament](#). Nikhil Kori left the tournament with a Congressional Debate medal. Great work, Eagles!
- **Congratulations to the EPHS Dance Team** – After a strong third-place showing for the B squad, JV and varsity teams, the Eden Prairie High School Dance Team [celebrated its accomplishments](#) at Senior Recognition Night on Jan. 5.
- **Congratulations** to EPHS junior Nora Takes who founded a new Agriculture Exploration (AgEx) club that takes its root at EPHS. Pet goats and a dairy princess are among the visitors that members can meet. Lora said, “My goal for this club was to help this giant suburban high school with a bunch of kids who were raised in the cities to have a bigger connection to farming and where their food comes from. “I want to help them understand how agriculture really affects their everyday lives” – the club’s kickoff event was in October.
- **Congratulations** to Paraprofessionals: Governor Walz has proclaimed the week of **January 24–30, 2022**, as Paraprofessional Recognition Week. Paraprofessionals have stepped up in so many ways during the pandemic—supporting school-age care, assisting with virtual learning, helping deliver meals for students and more. Minnesota is home to more than 20,000 paraprofessionals who provide services in multiple settings within schools, including support for instruction, student activities, and individual students, as well as numerous other tasks that contribute to educational success. The support and services provided by paraprofessionals are integral to student achievement, resulting in more effective and successful Minnesota schools.

**7. Spotlight on Success – To be rescheduled**

8. Board Work:

A. Decision Preparation

- 1) FY 2023-24 Final School Calendar (DRAFT)
- 2) FY 2024-25 Preliminary School Calendar - (DRAFT)
- 3) FY 2023-24 Budget Timelines - First Reading
- 4) FY 2023-24 Budget Assumptions - First Reading

B. Required Board Action

- 1) Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Facility Maintenance Bonds, Series 2023A  
**Motion** by A. Libsack, **Seconded** by A. Casper that the *Eden Prairie School Board of Independent School District No. 272 approves and adopts the RESOLUTION STATING THE INTENTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL FACILITIES BONDS, SERIES 2023A, IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$15,465,000; AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO as presented* – Passed Unanimously
  - a. Executive Summary
  - b. Presale Report
  - c. Resolution
- 2) FY 2022-23 Mid-Year Budget Approval – **Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy to approve as presented – Passed Unanimously
  - a. Executive Summary
  - b. Mid-Year Budget Update Presentation
- 3) Hennepin South Service Collaborative
  - a. Executive Summary
  - b. Resolution to Withdraw - **Motion** by A. Libsack, **Seconded** by A. Casper, *THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Governing Board of Eden Prairie Schools #272 approves withdrawal of Eden Prairie Schools from the Hennepin South Service Collaborative effective December 31, 2023 – Passed Unanimously.

C. Record of Board Self-Evaluation

- 1) 2022-23 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Policies (GP'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) (No Updates)

9. Superintendent Consent Agenda – **Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approve the Consent Agenda as presented – Passed Unanimously

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
    - (1) December 2022 Summary Report

B. FY 2023-24 Bus Purchase

C. Bid Approval - LED Lighting Upgrade

D. District Policy 534 - School Meal Policy

- 1) Executive Summary
- 2) District Policy 534

E. Student Handbook Correction/Update

- 1) Executive Summary
- 2) EPHS Student Handbook - Update to Page 6

10. Board Education & Required Reporting – None to Report

11. Superintendent's Incidental Information Report – None to Report

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

A. Board Development Committee

1) Board Development Committee's Recommendation Updates (Minutes approved at the 5/23/22 meeting):

a. School Board Candidate Information Session Presentation - Updated 5/23/22

**Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs to approve as presented – Passed Unanimously

b. New Director Orientation Presentation - Updated 5/23/22

**Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs to approve as presented – Passed Unanimously

c. Accept Moving Forward with the Insights Discovery Session:

**Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to accept recommendation to move forward with Session – Passed Unanimously

B. Community Linkage Committee

1) Measuring What Matters - 3rd Grade Metric - *First Draft*

2) Year-end CLC Summary - 2022 Plan vs. Accomplishments

C. Negotiations Committee

D. Policy Committee

E. 2023 School Board Committees & Outside Organization Assignments

**13. Other Board Updates (AMSD, ECSU, ISD 287, MSHSL)**

A. AMSD - Update provided

B. ECSU – n/a

C. ISD District 287- n/a

D. MSHSL – n/a

**14. Board Work Plan**

A. Work Plan Changes Document – **Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve as presented/discussed – Passed Unanimously

**Eden Prairie School Board  
2022–23 WORK PLAN CHANGES  
“Proposed” Changes – January 23, 2023**

Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, February 13, 2023 – <b>Workshop</b>	- <b>ADD:</b> - GP Policy 4.4.3 – Governance Process – Officer Roles: Clarification of fiscal year - EL Policy 2.6.7 – Discuss Financial Management and Operations
Monday, February 27, 2023	
Monday, March 13, 2023 – <b>Workshop</b>	
Monday, March 27, 2023	
Monday, April 10, 2023 – <b>Workshop</b>	
Monday, April 24, 2023	
<del>Monday, May 8, 2023 – Workshop</del>	- <b>Cancel Workshop</b>
<b>Monday, May 8, 2023 – Board Training</b>	- <b>ADD: Board Training Workshop, Location TBD</b>
Monday, May 22, 2023	
Monday, June 12, 2023 – <b>Workshop</b>	
Monday, June 26, 2023	
<b>Placeholder – General Board Work</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022-23 Board Education &amp; Workshop Topics:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Strategic Planning (Spring 2023)</li> <li>○ Types of Assessments (Spring 2023)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- *Demographic Study*
    - *Enrollment Retention and Capture Rate Discussion*
- Placeholder – Policy Review**
- ~~GP Policy 4.4.3 – Governance Process – Officer Roles: Clarification of fiscal year – *Moved to 2/13/23*~~
  - ~~EL Policy 2.6.7 – Discuss Financial Management and Operations – *Moved to 2/13/23*~~

B. School Board Annual Work Plan FY 2022-23

15. **Closed Session: Negotiation Strategy - (MN Stat. 13D.03)** – Pursuant to MN Statute 13D.03: The governing body of a public employer may by a majority vote in a public meeting decide to hold a closed meeting to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals,

A. conducted pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25.

**Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs to move into Closed Session at 8:19 PM – Passed Unanimously

**Motion** by C. Strehl, **Seconded** by A. Casper to move out of Closed Session and the resume regular Business Meeting at 9:21 PM – Passed Unanimously

16. **Adjournment – Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by K. Ross to adjourn at 9:25 PM – Passed Unanimously

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Abby Libsack – Board Clerk