

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

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A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on September 28, 2020 in the Eden Prairie District Administrative Offices, 8100 School Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

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**1. Convene: 6:00 PM Call to Order**

*Present:* Aaron Casper, Debjyoti "DD" Dwivedy, Elaine Larabee, Holly Link, Adam Seidel, Veronica Stoltz, Terri Swartout

*Present:* Superintendent Josh Swanson

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Agenda Review and Approval: MOTION** by H. Link, **Seconded** by A. Seidel to approve the agenda for Monday, September 28, 2020 as presented; **MOTION** by T. Swartout, **Seconded** by A. Seidel to remove the minutes for August 10, 2020 (Item #4), that were already approved at the August 24, 2020 Meeting – Passed Unanimously; original **MOTION** Passed Unanimously

**4. Approval of Previous Minutes: MOTION** by T. Swartout, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy to approve the UNOFFICIAL Minutes for the August 24, 2020 Meeting – Passed Unanimously

**5. Public Comment:** None

**6. Announcements – “Eagle Excellence” by Superintendent Swanson:**

- EPHS Senior Alex Deng was named a member of the [USA Swimming 2020 Minnesota Scholastic All-American Team](#) .
- [Nine EPHS students are National Merit Semifinalists this year](#). The National Merit Scholar Semifinalists represent the top one-half of one percent of juniors nationally who took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) last year.
- The National Merit Scholar Corp. also named 332 EPHS students AP Scholars because they successfully passed three or more AP exams during their high school career. Announcements of the National Merit Commended Students, National Hispanic Recognition Scholars, and National Achievement Semifinalists will be made soon.
- Dr. Stanley and I had the opportunity to sit down with our CMS and EPSD Superintendent Student Advisory Council last week, which was the highlight of my week. Some students were in the Hybrid Model (just like our teachers are doing), some joined us in-person, some were joining us from home and some students were joining us from our EP Online. We had some great conversations with them around “what’s really been going well for them this year as we retooled a lot of things”, “what things we still need to look at and evolve”, “what ideas they may have for students to help keep them connected”, and what about the other topics for discussion for the rest school year – things got some compressed, we didn’t finish this discussion.
- CMS Building Construction: The Community is encouraged to drive by and see the progress at CMS. Our building and construction project are coming along just great and on time. You can really see progress as structures go up; one part of the new classroom wing is up; the walls on the new gymnasium is going up; the foundation is pretty much ready for the new Performing Arts space; the cafeteria space will start to go up soon as well. We are really appreciative of our partnership with the Construction Management Team as they have things set up really well so there are no disruptions to the students who are in school, while they continue to make progress.

**7. Board Work**

**A. Decision Preparation**

- 1) School Site Visits – *moved to the November 12, 2020 Workshop for further discussion from Administration.*
- 2) New Policy Introduction in Governance Process (GP) 4.5 - School Board Member Electronic Devices (*First Reading*)

- a. New Policy Proposal: GP 4.5.6.1 – *Sent back to the Policy Committee for changes/updates and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading will be presented at the October 26, 2020 Meeting*
  - b. Current GP 4.5 Policy
- B. Required Board Action
- 1) Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020A  
**MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by A. Casper to approve and adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020A , in the amount of \$28,150,000 as presented – – Passed Unanimously 7-0; AC, AS, DD, EL, HL, TS, VS – Yes; No – 0
    - a. Executive Summary
    - b. Presale Report
    - c. Resolution
  - 2) Approval of Preliminary FY2021-22 Levy  
**MOTION** by A. Seidel, **Seconded** by H. Link to approve the Preliminary Tax Levy at the maximum for taxes payable in 2021 – Passed Unanimously
    - a. Executive Summary
    - b. Tax Levy Comparison
    - c. Tax Levy Presentation Pay 21
  - 3) Reassessment Update - Safe Schools Plan  
**MOTION** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by A. Seidel to support the Superintendent and Administration’s Presentation – Passed Unanimously
- C. Policy Monitoring
- 1) Executive Limitations (EL's)
    - a. EL 2.3 - Treatment of Parents  
**MOTION** by A. Seidel, **Seconded** T. Swartout, by exception, that the overall Global Constraint of the OI and its child policies are reasonable – Passed Unanimously  
**MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** H. Link, by exception, accept that the Evidence supports the Global Constraint of the OI and the child policies – Passed Unanimously
    - b. EL 2.6 Financial Management and Operations  
**MOTION** by H. Link, **Seconded** D. Dwivedy, by exception, that the overall Global Constraint of the OI and its child policies are reasonable – Passed Unanimously  
**MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** T. Swartout, by exception, accept that the Evidence supports the Global Constraint of the OI and the child policies – Passed Unanimously
  - 2) All Board Management Delegation Policies (BMD's)
    - a. BMD 3.0 - Single Point of Contact  
**MOTION** by A. Seidel, **Seconded** by H. Link that the Board behavior is fully compliant – Passed Unanimously.
    - b. BMD 3.1 - Unity of Control  
**MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by V. Stoltz that the Board behavior is fully compliant – Passed Unanimously.
    - c. BMD 3.2 - Delegation to the Superintendent  
**MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by A. Seidel that the Board behavior is fully compliant – Passed Unanimously.
    - d. BMD 3.3 - Superintendent Accountability & Performance  
**MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by A. Casper that the Board behavior is fully compliant – Passed Unanimously.
  - 3) Governance Process Policies: 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7., 4.8, 4.10
    - a. GP 4.4 - Officer Roles  
**MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by A. Casper that the Board behavior is fully compliant – Passed Unanimously.
    - b. GP 4.5 School Board Members Code of Conduct  
**MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by H. Link that the Board behavior is fully compliant – Passed Unanimously.

c. GP 4.6 - Process of Addressing School Board Member Violations

**MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by H. Link that the Board behavior is fully compliant – Passed Unanimously.

d. GP 4.7 School Board Committee Principles

**MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by A. Seidel that the Board behavior is fully compliant – Passed Unanimously.

e. GP 4.8 - School Board Committee Structure

**MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by T. Swartout that the Board behavior is fully compliant – Passed Unanimously.

f. GP 4.10 - Operation of the School Board Governing Rules

**MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by H. Link that the Board behavior is fully compliant – Passed Unanimously.

D. Record of Board Self-Evaluation

1) 2020-21 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Policies (*No Updates*)

2) Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends and Executive Limitation

**MOTION** A. Seidel, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy to approve report as presented – Passed Unanimously

8. **Superintendent Consent Agenda**

**MOTION** by H. Link, **Seconded** by A. Casper to approved the Consent Agenda as presented – Passed Unanimously

A. Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy

1) Executive Summary

2) Resolution

3) Policy

4) Procedures

B. 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) June 2020 Report

(2) July 2020 Report

(3) August 2020 Report

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

A. FY 2019-20 Year-end Preliminary Financial Report

B. FY 2020-21 Preliminary Enrollment Report

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

A. Board Development Committee

1) Committee Meeting Minutes from 9/25/20

**MOTION** by A. Seidel, **Seconded** by T. Swartout to accept minutes as presented – Passed Unanimously

B. Community Linkage Committee

C. Negotiations Committee

D. Policy Committee

1) Committee Meeting Minutes from 9/21/20

**MOTION** by A. Seidel, **Seconded** by T. Swartout to accept minutes as presented – Passed Unanimously

11. **Other Board Updates (AMSD, ISD 287)**

A. AMSD (Association of Metropolitan Schools) - Terri Swartout & Holly Link – Update provided to Board

B. ISD 287 (Intermediate School District 287) - Adam Seidel – Update provided to Board

C. ECSU (Metropolitan Educational Cooperative Service Unit) - Veronica Stoltz – Update provided to Board

12. **Board Work Plan**

A. Work Plan Change Document

**MOTION** by A. Seidel, **Seconded** by H. Link to approve changes as presented – Passed Unanimously

**Eden Prairie School Board**  
**2020–21 WORK PLAN CHANGES**  
**“Proposed” Changes for the**  
**September 28, 2020 Meeting**

Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, September 28, 2020	- Add: 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading of new Policy addition for GP 4.5 – Board Electronic Devices
Monday, October 12, 2020 – <b>Workshop</b>	- Discussion of 4.4 - Officer Roles, specifically, 4.4.1.4 – Additional responsibilities include, but may not be limited to (sent to Policy Committee for recommendation)  - Site Visit Discussion - ADMIN
Monday, October 26, 2020	- COVID-19 Re-monitor - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading of new Policy GP 4.5.6.1 School Board Electronic Devices
<del>Monday, November 9, 2020 – Brief Business Mtg</del>	- <del>Rescheduled for Friday, November 13, 2020</del>
Monday, November 9, 2020 – <b>Workshop</b>	- Policy Discussions/Re-monitoring: - BMD 3.0 – Single Point of Connection - BMD 3.2.3 – (Under Delegation to the Superintendent)  - GP 4.5 – School Board Members’ Code of Conduct -4.5.1, 4.5.3 (and child policies), 4.5.4 & 4.5.6, 4.5.7 - GP 4.6 – Process for Addressing School Board Member Violations -4.6.4.2 - GP 4.10 – Operation of the School Board Governing Rules
<i>Friday, November 13, 2020 – Brief Business Mtg</i>	- Add Brief Business Meeting to Canvass the General Elections Results at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom Conferencing
Monday, November 23, 2020	- Vote on Policies being discussed/re-monitored at the November 9, 2020 Workshop
Monday, December 14, 2020	
<b>Placeholder – General Board Work</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2020-2021 School Year (August) Schedule School Site Visits</li> <li>• Cultural Proficiency Continuum</li> <li>• MN Student Survey Report Discussion</li> <li>• Board Development Training</li> <li>• Distant Learning Virtual Visits</li> <li>• <del>Contact Stacy Sjogren – Future dates for School Board Policy Governance Training for New Board Members (sent to Board Development)</del></li> <li>• <del>Contact Susan Hintz – Future dates for DISC Training &amp; Board Retreat for New Board Members</del></li> <li>• School Board Listening Session Discussion</li> </ul>	
<b>Placeholder – Policy Review</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A review of all Board Policies as it relates to race inclusion for all students in all ethnic groups</li> </ul>	

B. 2020-21 Board Annual Work Plan

**13. Adjournment: (Action)**

**MOTION** by T. Swartout, **Seconded** by A. Casper to adjourn at 9:03 PM – Passed Unanimously



Debjoti Dwivedy – Board Clerk