

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2021
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on January 25, 2021 in the Eden Prairie District Administrative Offices, 8100 School Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

1. Convene: 6:00 PM

School Board Members:

Present: Aaron Casper, Debjyoti "DD" Dwivedy, Beth Fletcher, Kim Ross, Adam Seidel, Veronica Stoltz, Charles "C.J." Strehl

Present: Superintendent Josh Swanson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Review and Approval: MOTION by A. Casper, **Seconded** by V. Stoltz to approve the agenda for the Monday, January 25, 2021 meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools – Passed Unanimously

4. Approval of Previous Minutes: MOTION by B. Fletcher, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the School Board Regular Business Meetings on December 14, 2020 and the Annual Organizational Meeting on January 4, 2021 – Passed Unanimously

5. Public Comment

- A. D. Zwietelhofer – 2021-22 School Calendar
- B. A. Dettoff – Start Time Change for CMS
- C. D. Jones – Start time for CMS

6. Announcements

A. MSBA Acknowledgements – by Board Chair

- 1) Congratulations to Director Debjyoti Dwivedy for completing MSBA Phase 1, 2, 3 & 4 Workshops
- 2) Congratulations to Director Veronica Stoltz for completing MSBA Phase 1, 2, 3 & 4 Workshops

B. Superintendent's Announcements – "*Eagle Excellence*" by Superintendent Swanson

- The City of Eden Prairie announced the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Words into Action contest winners during their council meeting on January 19, 2021. Students were asked to select a quote from Dr. King and express what it means to them through writing, art or audio/video. They were specifically asked what actions can they take individually, or can we take as a community to not just remember the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., but to carry his legacy of racial justice forward?

Winners of the contest were:

- EP Online 6th grade student Siri M.
- EP Online 7th grade student Shaunya K.
- CMS 8th grade student Leah Q.
- EPHS 11th grade student Miriam M.

You can find the council meeting, finalists and winners on the city's [Facebook page](#).

- EPHS Triple A Award Winners are: Josie Axelson and Will Foster. Triple A recognizes high school seniors for their outstanding achievements in the Arts, Academics, and Athletics.
- EPHS ExCEL Award Winners are: Niamya Holloway and Cole Nelson. The ExCEL (Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership) program recognizes Minnesota high school juniors for their excellence in community service and leadership, while participating in a MSHSL-sponsored fine arts or athletic activity. The ExCEL program began in 1996, and more than 6,000 students have been recognized statewide through this award program.
- Paraprofessionals Week: January 25-29, 2021
Our paraprofessionals work in vital roles to support our students, teachers and families. Their duties ensure that our students are safe, cared for and inspired. The high satisfaction that Eden Prairie Schools families report each year is due in part to the work of these staff members each day. Please join me in thanking our paraprofessionals during Minnesota's Paraprofessional Recognition Week.
- Superintendent Josh Swanson, Ed.D.

In Eden Prairie Schools, you see paraprofessionals as:

- AVID Tutors,
 - Lunchroom/Breakfast Paraprofessionals,
 - Crossing Guards,
 - Early Childhood Paraprofessionals,
 - Educational Tech Paraprofessionals,
 - Educational Paraprofessionals,
 - ESL Paraprofessionals,
 - Eagle Zone Program Assistants,
 - Special Education Paraprofessionals,
 - Special Education Bus Paraprofessionals,
 - Health Services Paraprofessionals,
 - Job Coach Paraprofessionals,
 - Kindergarten Paraprofessionals,
 - Planning Room Paraprofessionals,
 - Playground Paraprofessionals,
 - Preschool Paraprofessionals,
 - Security Monitors,
 - Site Supervisors,
 - Star Mentors,
 - Student Supervisors,
 - and Targeted Services Paraprofessionals.
- Acknowledgement to the amazing work of Eden Lake staff and the leadership of Tim Beekmann and Valora Unowsky in implementing the tools of cultural proficiency to reflect and guide their practice. About 2 weeks ago they presented along with Dr. Stanley for AASA (National Association for Superintendents and School Leaders). Their presentation was Leading for Equity: Using the Tools of Cultural Proficiency to Lift up Equity in Chaotic Times as part of AASA series called Leading for Equity. This has been work that we've been engaging in and refining over time as we strive to inspire each student every day. They received incredible feedback from over 750 educational leaders across the country and global setting. Congratulations to them and their focused efforts on serving each of our students.

7. Spotlight on Success

Oak Point Elementary - *Sharing observations about new Collaborative Literacy Writing Curriculum*

8. Board Work

A. Decision Preparation

- 1) Fiscal Year 2021-2022 School Calendar (*Draft*)
- 2) Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Timelines - *First Reading*
- 3) Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Assumptions - *First Reading*

B. Required Board Action

- 1) Fiscal Year 2020-21 Mid-Year Budget Approval – **MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by A. Casper to approve budget as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - a. Mid-Year 2020-21 Budget - Executive Summary
 - b. Mid-Year Update Presentation for FY 2021
 - c. Mid-Year Fund Balance Report for FY 2021

C. Record of Board Self-Evaluation

- 1) Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends & EL's – **MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by V. Stoltz to approve report as presented – Passed Unanimously
- 2) Record of Board Self-Evaluation - Governance Policies
 - a. GP 2019-20 Report - *No Updates*
 - b. GP 2020-21 Report
MOTION by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by A. Casper to approve report as presented – Passed Unanimously

D. Director Veroica Stoltz Designated School Board Representative for the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL)

9. Superintendent Consent Agenda: MOTION by B. Fletcher, **Seconded** by A. Casper 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
December 2020 Report
November 2020 Report

10. Board Education & Required Reporting – N/A

11. Superintendent's Incidental Information Report:

- A. School Start and End Times for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022
- B. Secondary Instructional Models

12. Board Action on Committee Reports & Minutes:

- A. 2021 School Board Committee & Outside Organization Assignments
- B. Board Development Committee
- C. Community Linkage Committee
- D. Negotiations Committee
- E. Policy Committee

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

- A. AMSD (Association of Metropolitan Schools) – Veronica Stoltz, Kim Ross and Aaron Casper (*Updated Board*)
- B. ECSU (Metropolitan Educational Cooperative Service Unit) – Veronica Stoltz (*No updates*)
- C. ISD 287 (Intermediate School District 287) – Adam Seidel (*Updated Board*)
- D. MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League) – Veronica Stoltz (*No updates, new appointment*)

14. Board Work Plan:

- A. Work Plan Changes Document – **MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve changes as Presented – Passed Unanimously

**Eden Prairie School Board
2020–21 WORK PLAN CHANGES
“Proposed” Changes for the
January 25, 2021 Meeting**

Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, February 8, 2021 – Workshop	
Monday, February 22, 2021	
Monday, March 8, 2021 – Workshop	
Monday, March 22, 2021	
Monday, April 12, 2021 – Workshop	
Monday, April 26, 2021	- <i>Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Preliminary School Calendar (First Reading) – Decision Prep.</i>
Monday, May 10, 2021 – Workshop	
Monday, May 24, 2021	- <i>Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Preliminary School Calendar –Board Action</i>
Monday, June 14, 2021 – Workshop	
Monday, June 28, 2021	
Placeholder – General Board Work	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Proficiency Continuum • Board Development Training 	

- School Board Listening Session Discussion
- *Further Discussion on Audio Recording of School Board Workshops – sent to Community Linkage*

Placeholder – Policy Review

- *Policy GP 4.9.1.1 to be sent to the Policy Committee to create language requested*
- A review of all Board Policies as it relates to race inclusion for all students in all ethnic groups

B. School Board Annual Work Plan FY 2020-21

15. Adjournment at 8:46 PM



Debjyoti Dwivedy – Board Clerk