

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2023  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on September 25, 2023, in the Eden Prairie District Administrative Offices, 8100 School Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

**1. Convene: 6:00 PM – Call to Order - School Board**

*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 S. Bartz, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve the agenda for Monday, September 25, 2023, meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 272 – Passed Unanimously

**4. Approval of Previous Minutes – Motion** by D. Stubbs, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approval of the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on August 28, 2023, the Brief Business Meeting on September 11, 2023, and the Workshop Notes on September 11, 2023 – Passed Unanimously

**5. Spotlight on Success**

A. Eden Prairie High School - *How students and staff are partnering together to cultivate a school experience that truly inspires each*

B. 2023 National Blue Ribbon School - *Oak Point Elementary named the 2023 National Blue Ribbon School by the US Department of Education. Oak Point Elementary is one of only 353 schools nationwide and one of eight in Minnesota to be recognized. We received the award in the Exemplary High-Performing Schools category, which celebrates each state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests – Congratulations to the Oak Point Team!*

**6. Public Comment – n/a**

**7. Announcements**

- School buses in the district have a new security feature aimed at improving safety for students and drivers. [Each bus in our fleet is now equipped with a stop arm camera](#), funded by a \$53,000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.
- Last spring, EPHS 12th grader Smiraa Misra not only got a jump start on college through the PSEO program, she also was one of only 12 students from a pool of 5,000 to have work featured in the [University's First-Year Writing Student Showcase](#).
- Exciting news for another EPHS 12 grader: Jasmine Garry was named a Target 2023 EPIC Award Winner! She was selected as a Technovation App Design winner of over 20,000 applications for the app she designed in iOS app development.
- EP Online has a lot of things to brag about — and one of them is the international chess champion in their ranks! [Congratulations to EP Online 9th grader Alice Lee](#), the youngest American female International Master elect, who competed at the World Women's Chess Championship and won the individual gold medal on the top board!
- EPHS siblings Sasha and Nico Allen were honored as finalists in the 2023 Lowell Milken Center Discovery International Competition, which celebrates projects by students in grades 4 through 12 that use primary sources to highlight the impact of an Unsung Hero from at least 20 years ago. [Sasha created a documentary about Agnes Láckovič](#) and was awarded the grand prize of \$6,000, while [Nico created a website about Aristides de Sousa Mendes](#) and received an honorable mention along with a prize of \$500!
- Ten Eden Prairie High School students have been named National Merit Semifinalists for the class of 2024! Congratulations to Alexandra (Sasha) Allen, Yash Dagade, Rhil Garg, Neha Karri, Nikhil Kori, Sophia Lin, Pranav Narayanan, Vineel Panyala, and Brian Shi! We're so proud of these Eagles and wish them luck as they continue toward finalist status.

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

A. FY 2022-23 Year-end Preliminary Financial Report

B. FY 2023-24 Preliminary Enrollment Report

9. Board Work

A. Decision Preparation

B. Required Board Action

1) Approval of Preliminary FY2024-25 Levy

**Motion** by A. Libsack, **Seconded** by K. Ross approve the preliminary levy at the maximum for taxes payable in 2024 for Independent School District #272, Eden Prairie, MN – Passed Unanimously

a. Executive Summary

b. Tax Levy Comparison

c. Tax Levy Presentation Pay 24

C. Policy Monitoring

1) Executive Limitations (EL's)

a. EL 2.3 Treatment of Parents:

(1) EL 2.3.1, EL 2.3, and EL 2.3.3

**OI Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy, OI for 2.3 is reasonable, **Friendly Amendment** to include all the child policies – Passed Unanimously

**Evidence Motion** by C. Strehl, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs, Superintendent's assertion is compliant;

**Friendly Amendment** to include all child policies – Passed Unanimously

b. EL 2.6 Financial Management and Operations

(1) EL 2.6

**OI Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy, OI is reasonable – Passed Unanimously

**Evidence Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy, the Superintendent's assertion as compliant – Passed Unanimously

(2) EL's 2.6.1, 2.6.2, 2.6.3, 2.6.4, 2.6.5 and 2.6.6

**OI Motion** by A. Libsack, **Seconded** by K. Ross, OI's are reasonable – Passed Unanimously

**Evidence Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy, the Superintendent's assertions are compliant – Passed Unanimously

(3) EL 2.6.7

**OI Motion** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs, OI is reasonable – Passed Unanimously

**Evidence Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Casper, the Superintendent's assertion is compliant – Passed Unanimously

2) All Board Management Delegation Policies (BMD's)

a. BMD 3.0 - Single Point of Contact:

b. BMD 3.1 - Unity of Control: The School Board will direct the Superintendent only through official School Board action.

c. BMD 3.2 - Delegation to the Superintendent

d. BMD 3.3 - Superintendent Accountability & Performance

**Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by A. Casper, in BMD 3.0, 3.1, 3.2, & 3.3, the Board's behavior is fully compliant – Passed Unanimously

3) Governance Process Policies: GP's

a. GP 4.4 - Officer Roles

b. GP 4.5 - School Board Members Code of Conduct

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

d. GP 4.7 School Board Committee Principles

e. GP 4.8 - School Board Committee Structure

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

**Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by K. Ross, in GP's 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, and 4.10, the Board's behavior is fully compliant – Passed Unanimously

- D. Record of Board Self-Evaluation
  - 1) 2022-23 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Policies - BMD's & GP's (*No Updates*)
  - 2) 2022-23 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Executive Limitation - EL's  
**Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approve as presented – Passed Unanimously
  - 3) 2022-23 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends (1.1 - 1.6) (*No Updates*)
- 10. **Superintendent Consent Agenda – Motion** by A. Libsack, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve Consent Agenda as presented – Passed Unanimously
  - A. Monthly Reports
    - 1) Human Resources Report
    - 2) Business Services Reports
      - a. Board Business
      - b. Financial Report - Monthly Revenue/Expenditure Report
        - (1) June 2023
        - (2) July 2023
        - (3) August 2023
  - B. Withdrawal from Learning Exchange
  - C. Naming of the Aeronautics Lab
- 11. **Board Action on Committee Reports & Minutes**
  - A. Board Development Committee
  - B. Community Linkage Committee
  - C. Negotiations Committee
  - D. Policy Committee
- 12. **Other Board Updates (AMSD, BrightWorks, ISD 287, MSHSL)**
  - A. AMSD
  - B. BrightWorks
  - C. ISD 287
  - D. MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League) - *Dennis Stubbs*
- 13. **Board Work Plan**
  - A. Work Plan "Change" Document – **Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Libsack to approve report as presented, **Friendly Amendment** made to include Inspiring News additions – Passed Unanimously

**Eden Prairie School Board**  
**2023–24 WORK PLAN CHANGES**  
*“Proposed” Changes – September 25, 2023*

Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, October 9, 2023 – <b>Workshop</b>	- <b>ADD:</b> - <i>Discuss January Topics for Inspiring News</i>
Monday, October 23, 2023	
Monday, November 13, 2023 – <b>Workshop</b>	- <b>ADD:</b> - <i>PBIS: Culture, Climate and Sense of Belonging</i> - <i>5-Year Financial Projections: Revenue &amp; Expense</i> - <i>January DRAFT of Inspiring News Topics Due</i>
Monday, November 27, 2023	

Monday, December 11, 2023	- <b>ADD:</b> - Final Approval – Inspiring News Topic (for January)
Monday, January 8, 2024 – <b>Annual Organizational Mtg and Workshop</b>	- <b>ADD:</b> - Legislative Impacts to Financial and Program Stability
Monday, January 22, 2024	
Monday, February 12, 2024 – <b>Workshop</b>	- <b>ADD:</b> - Artificial Intelligence Working Group Report
Monday, February 26, 2024	
Monday, March 11, 2024 – <b>Workshop</b>	
Monday, March 25, 2024	
Monday, April 8, 2024 - <b>Workshop</b>	- <b>ADD:</b> - Academic Vision Process & Planning
Monday, April 22, 2024	- <b>ADD:</b> - Crisis Management: Legislation Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseline A-I Discussion – <i>Moved to February 12, 2024</i></li> <li>• Proactive PBIS – Culture, Climate and Sense of Belonging Work – <i>Moved to November 13, 2023</i></li> </ul>	
Placeholder – Policy Review	

B. 2023-24 Board Annual Work Plan

14. **Adjournment – Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Casper to adjourn at 8:25 PM – Passed Unanimously



Abby Libsack – Board Clerk