

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2024  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on January 22, 2024, 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, Aaron Casper, Abby Libsack, Kim Ross, Charles "CJ" Strehl, Dennis Stubbs

*Not Present:* Debjyoti "DD" Dwivedy

*Present:* Superintendent Josh Swanson

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Agenda Review and Approval – Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs to approve the agenda for the Monday, January 22, 2024 meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 272 as presented – Passed 6-0

4. **Approval of Previous Minutes – Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by A. Libsack to approve the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the School Board Regular Business Meetings on December 11, 2023, the Annual Organizational Meeting and the School Board Workshop Notes on January 8, 2024 – Passed 6-0

5. **Spotlight on Success**

A. Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) - *Evidence-based Quality Intervention Practices*

B. Oak Point Elementary National ESEA Distinguished School

6. **Public Comment – 14** (11 – EPEA Negotiations; 2 Incident at School; 1 School Safety & Resources)

7. **Announcements**

- On the heels of its selection as a National Blue Ribbon School, Oak Point was recognized as a [2023 National ESEA Distinguished School](#) for its efforts in closing achievement gaps between student groups. This prestigious award acknowledges Oak Point's commitment to excellence in education and the exceptional efforts of its students, teachers, staff, and community. Congratulations, Oak Point!
- Please also join me in congratulating Prairie View Associate Principal Brett Lobben, who was named the NAESP National Outstanding Assistant Principal from Minnesota! This award, presented jointly by the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association and the National Association of Elementary School Principals, underlines Brett's exceptional dedication and leadership in the field of education. We are so proud of his excellent work and his commitment to our schools over the past 27 years and wish him well as he moves toward an exciting new role as the first principal of Highview Elementary School in Lakeville.
- Every year, the Minnesota State High School League's [ExCEL Award](#) honors two 11th graders who are active in school activities, leaders in their schools, and who demonstrate a strong commitment to community service. Congratulations to this year's ExCEL Award winners from EPHS, Maren Boedigheimer and Max Kukla. Both Maren and Max contribute to our community by volunteering as members of the National Honors Society. Maren is on the Eden Prairie Performance Team and the dance team and welcomes new students to EPHS through Connect 9. Max plays on the football team and is a proud member of DECA. Congratulations to these great students.
- The Minnesota State High School League also presents the [Triple 'A' Award](#) each year, which honors 12th graders who have a 3.0 or higher grade point average and who participate in League-sponsored athletic and fine arts activities. Congratulations to this year's Triple 'A' Award winners from EPHS, Madeline Kaufman and Nikhill Andrew on this well-deserved honor.  
Next year, Madeline will be attending Dartmouth College, where she plans to study anthropology, Spanish and Portuguese, and pole vault on their Track & Field team. Nikhill will be attending Cornell University, where he plans to study computer science! We're so proud of what these Eagles have accomplished, and we know they'll continue to do great things.

- Putting their research, decision-making, and collaboration skills to the test, CMS eighth graders Ruby Kammeijer, Ashling Kelly, and Jack Kennedy placed fifth in the Junior High Division of the [Stock Market Game!](#) In the Stock Market Game, each team receives \$100,000 to invest in real stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, and students make careful trades to grow the value of their portfolio. Ruby, Ashling, and Jack raised their portfolio value to an impressive \$117,403.20, earning them a place among this year's top competitors!
- Our computer science students have been busy this month creating apps to change the world: EPHS 12th graders Jasmine Garry, Lisa Thayil, and Anjali Marella designed a specialized bird feeder which uses AI to recognize and humanely sterilize European Starlings, an invasive bird species. For their innovative idea, these three Eagles have been named state finalists in the [Samsung Solve for Tomorrow competition!](#) EPHS 11th grader Rishi Nagappan and 12th grader Srikar Sannapareddy designed an app that aims to give students more agency in the course registration process by allowing them to view course materials for specific subjects, receive guidance on Pathways course progression plans, and see their friends' course selections. This empowering app earned Rishi and Srikar second place in the [Congressional App Challenge!](#)
- And, finally, January is School Board Appreciation Month. I want to take a moment to thank our dedicated Board members, who hold our district to high standards, ensure we provide educational opportunities that meet our community's needs and values, and help us achieve our mission of inspiring each student every day. On behalf of the district, thank you to our entire board for your care for and commitment to our students.
  - **Certificate from MSBA – Congratulations** to Board Member Charles Strehl – being recognized by MSBA for those who completed 100 or hours of attendance of MSBA sponsored meetings and activities within a four-year period of time.

## 8. Board Work

### A. Decision Preparation

- 1) FY 2024-25 Final School Calendar (*DRAFT*)
- 2) FY 2025-26 Preliminary School Calendar - (*DRAFT*)
- 3) FY 2024-25 Budget Timelines - *First Reading*
- 4) FY 2024-25 Budget Assumptions - *First Reading*

### B. Required Board Action

- 1) FY 2023-24 Mid-Year Budget Approval – **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by K. Ross to accept the FY 2023-24 Mid-Year Fiscal Budget as presented – Passed 6-0
  - a. Executive Summary
  - b. Mid-Year Budget Update Presentation

### C. Record of Board Self-Evaluation

- 1) 2023-24 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Executive Limitations (EL's)  
**Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to accept the Record of Board Policy Monitoring Executive Limitations for 2023-24 as presented – Passed 6-0

**Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs to recess at 8:41 p.m. – Passed 6-0; Resumed at 8:52 p.m.

## 9. Superintendent Consent Agenda – **Motion** by C. Strehl, **Seconded** by K. Ross to approve the Consent Agenda – Passed 6-0

### 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

### B. FY 2024-25 Advance Capital Purchase

## 10. Board Education & Required Reporting

### A. Ends 1.2 Update

## 11. Superintendent's Incidental Information Report

### A. Website Update

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

- A. Board Development Committee
- B. Community Linkage Committee
  - 1) Measuring What Matter (MWM) - *Draft*
    - a. Third Grade Reading 2022-2023
    - b. Graduation Rates 2023

- C. Negotiations Committee
- D. Policy Committee
- E. 2024 School Board Committees & Outside Organization Assignments

13. **Other Board Updates (AMSD, BRIGHTWORKS, ISD 287, MSHSL): 9:05 PM (Information)**

- A. AMSD (Association of Metropolitan School) – *Update provided*
- B. BRIGHTWORKS – *No update*
- C. ISD District 287 - Intermediate School District 287 – *Update provided*
- D. MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League) – *No Update*

14. **Closed Session - Purchase or Sale of Property (MN Stat.13D.05, Subd 3(c))**

**Motion** by Aaron Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to move into Closed Session at 10:22 PM – Passed 6-0  
**Motion** by C. Strehl, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to move out of Closed Session and resume regular Business Meeting at 11:27 PM – Passed 6-0

- A. Property 1: 11902 & 11840 Valley View Road, Eden Prairie MN 55344

- 1) Building Resolutions Related to New Property
  - a. Executive Summary
  - b. Building Resolutions

**Motion** by A. Libsack, **Seconded** by A. Casper, the Eden Prairie School Board of Independent School District No. 272 approves and adopts the *RESOLUTION* STATING THE INTENTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ISSUE TAXABLE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION, SERIES 2024A, IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$13,950,000; AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO as presented – Passed 6-0

- 15. **Board Work Plan – Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs, adjust the agenda for the February 12, 2024 Board Workshop as follows by removing: Finance Overview, Agenda Items: Walk-through School Board Agenda, Sample Agenda & Discussion of Agenda Elements, Source of Agenda Items: Board Request for Information; Superintendent Information; Agenda Timeline; and add a discussion of Measuring What Matters documents – Passed 6-0

- A. Work Plan Changes Document

**Eden Prairie School Board**

**2023–24 WORK PLAN CHANGES**

***“Proposed” Changes – January 22, 2024***

Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, February 12, 2024 – <b>Workshop</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>ADD:</b> <i>Measuring What Matters (MWM) Document Discussion</i></li> <li>- <b>REMOVE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Finance Overview</i></li> <li>- <i>Agenda Items: Walk-through School Board Agenda</i></li> <li>- <i>Sample Agenda &amp; Discussion of Agenda Elements</i></li> <li>- <i>Source of Agenda Items: Board Request for Information; Superintendent Information; Agenda Timeline</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Monday, February 26, 2024	
Monday, March 11, 2024 – <b>Workshop</b>	

Monday, March 25, 2024	
Monday, April 8, 2024 – <b>Workshop</b>	
Monday, April 22, 2024	
Monday, May 13, 2024	
<b>Tuesday, May 28, 2024</b>	
Monday, June 10, 2024 – <b>Workshop</b>	
Monday, June 24, 2024	
<b>Placeholder – General Board Work</b>	
<b>Placeholder – Policy Review</b>	

B. School Board Annual Work Plan FY 2023-24 (Jan-Jun)

16. **Adjournment – Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs to adjourn at 11.34 PM – Passed 6-0



Abby Libsack – Board Clerk

