

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MAY 28, 2024  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on May 28, 2024, in the Eden Prairie District Administrative Offices, 8100 School Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

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1. **Convene: 6:00 PM (Roll Call)**

**School Board Members:**

*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 the Tuesday, May 28, 2024, meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools – Passed Unanimously

4. **Approval of Previous Minutes – Motion** by C. Strehl, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to approve the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the April 22, 2024, School Board Regular Business Meetings and the Board Workshop Notes for May 13, 2024 – Passed Unanimously

5. **Spotlight on Success** – EHSI - *Discovery time and the benefits of being Inspired and living our Mission*

6. **Public Comment** – (1) – Cell Phones

7. **Announcements**

- We're proud to announce that Eden Prairie Schools has been named a 2024 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School District! This prestigious award highlights our leadership in reducing environmental impact and advancing health and sustainability education. We are the only school district in Minnesota and one of only 10 districts nationwide to achieve this honor this year.  
In the governor's announcement, Commissioner Willie Jett remarked, "Eden Prairie Schools exemplifies what it means to be a good steward of the environment while building students' knowledge about sustainable practices. Students also learn about the impact they can make on the environment and in their community." Governor Tim Walz echoed that thought: "Minnesota schools and students, with their efforts in harnessing clean energy and harvesting locally grown foods, continue to lead the way in addressing climate change." We are proud to receive this recognition and excited to continue taking steps that contribute to healthy schools and communities.
- Last week, EPHS hosted the first-ever Inspired Journey Summit! The Summit was an opportunity for students in grades 5-12 to showcase projects and products created in their Pathways courses and extracurricular activities. During the celebration, students shared their learning in a science fair-like model and practiced their communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking skills. A lucky few even won awards from our Pathways community partners!  
This was an incredible event, and I am so happy attendees got to see the Inspired Journey each student takes in our schools and how authentic learning and student choice play a key role in our classrooms. I'm so proud of the students who participated, and I want to thank everyone who helped make this event a success. I also want to give a special shoutout to Pathways Coordinator Ethan Dado for all his hard work to bring this vision to life. I'm already looking forward to next year's Summit!
- Last month, fourth and fifth grade students from Prairie View Elementary participated in the Math Masters competition, demonstrating their problem-solving and critical thinking skills across various mathematical challenges. The event consisted of individual and team rounds, with participants vying for awards in categories like Fact Drill, Individual Round, and Team Competition.  
The fourth-grade teams, The Math Calculators and CRAAM Pi, performed exceptionally, with CRAAM Pi scoring a perfect 30 out of 30 to take first place. The fifth graders also delivered impressive performances at the competition, with three teams securing second, third, and fourth places overall.

- We're excited to announce that Dr. Quennel Cooper, principal of Prairie View Elementary School, has been appointed by Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan to the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB)! The PELSB plays a crucial role in maintaining high educational standards and overseeing educator licensure in Minnesota. This appointment recognizes Dr. Cooper's significant contributions to education, and we are so proud of this achievement knowing Dr. Cooper's expertise will positively impact education across the state. **Congratulations**, Dr. Cooper!
- Six Eden Prairie High School students were recognized with the 2024 Aspirations in Computing Awards by The National Center for Women & Information Technology along with the Minnesota Technology Association. These awards honor their technical ability, leadership qualities, and efforts to apply technology for societal benefits! Selected from a pool of 40 Minnesota awardees, these students demonstrated their passion for information technology, strong academic records, community service, and forward-looking career goals in technology fields.

The 2024 EPHS honorees are:

- National winner: Jasmine Garry
- National honorable mention: Lalitha Gunturi
- State winners: Sasha Allen and Sabreen Khanikar
- State honorable mentions: Sophia Lin and Anjali Marella
- Five additional EPHS students were selected as Rising Star Honorees and honored at a separate event.
- **Congratulations** to the EPHS DECA team for its outstanding performance at the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Anaheim, California, earlier this month! A team of 42 students attended the conference, and 22 advanced to the finals. Following last year's record-breaking success, the team was excited to exceed their previous accomplishments by winning DECA glass trophies in five events this year. We're sending a special shout out to 12th grader Nikhill Andrew, who received the Army ROTC Scholarship, and 12th grader Jasmine Garry, who earned the Pat DiPlacido Scholarship!
- A couple weeks ago, we made memories that will last a century! Family Fun Day was a fun-filled celebration for people of all ages, and our Citywide Prom on May 18 was a night of laughter, dancing, and unforgettable reunions. A special thank you to retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Paul Anderson, Mayor Ron Case, Sever Peterson, Bob Hallett and our prom royalty, Kathie Case and Curt Connaughty, who were each honored for their dedication to Eden Prairie Schools over many decades.

And thank you to our attendees and sponsors for making it possible! You can check out our social media pages for fun photos celebrating Eden Prairie's night out.

The EPHS girls' badminton team showcased their skills at the state tournament on Tuesday, May 14. They battled hard and earned eighth place after winning six games. **Congratulations** to all the players on this exciting achievement! We look forward to seeing your performances next season.

## 8. Board Work

### A. Decision Preparation

- 1) 2024 Certificates of Participation for Property Purchase - Ehlers presents the Presale Report (*Informational*)
- 2) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Budget - *First Reading*
  - a. Executive Summary
  - b. Budget Report FY 2024-2025
  - c. Presentation
- 3) FY 2024-25 EP School Meal Prices
  - a. Executive Summary

### B. Required Board Action

- 1) Approval of the FY 2024-25 School Board Work Plan – **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy to accept as presented – Passed Unanimously
- 2) Approval of the FY 2024-25 School Board Budget – **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by K. Ross to accept as presented – Passed Unanimously

- 3) Record of Board Self-Evaluations: GP Process, BMD's & Ends - *No Updates*
9. **Superintendent Consent Agenda – Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by D. Stubbs 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
- B. Approval of Agreements: MESA, AST, EPSS, Confidential & Principals
- C. MOU: 2024 Summer Driving Incentive
- D. MSHSL - Application for Dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorship
- 1) Executive Summary
  - 2) Application for Dissolution
- E. Seek Bids: Executive Summary - Milk and Dairy Seek Bid
10. **Superintendent's Incidental Information Report** – n/a
11. **Board Education & Required Report** – n/a
- Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to Recess at 7:57 p.m. – Passed Unanimously; resumed at 8:06 p.m.
12. **Board Action on Committee Reports & Minutes**
- A. Board Development Committee
- B. Community Linkage Committee
- 1) CLC Minutes for May 12, 2024 & May 23, 2024 – **Motion** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to accept as presented – Passed Unanimously
- C. Negotiations Committee
- D. Policy Committee
- 1) Policy Minutes for April 28, 2024 – **Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by A. Libsack to approve as presented – Passed Unanimously
  - 2) Monitoring Report Flow Chart
    - a. Part I
    - b. Part II
  - 3) New Policy Introduction Process – Update – **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by A. Libsack to accept as presented – Passed Unanimously
13. **Other Board Updates (AMSD, BRIGHTWORKS, ISD 287, MSHSL)**
- A. AMSD – *Updated Board*
- B. BRIGHTWORKS – *N/A*
- C. ISD 287 – *Updated Board*
- D. MSHSL – *Updated Board*
14. **Board Work Plan**
- A. Work Plan Changes Document – **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by A. Libsack to accept as presented – Passed Unanimously
- B. School Board Annual Work Plan – FY 2023-2024 - May & Jun
15. **Adjournment – Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy to adjourn at 8:37 PM – Passed Unanimously



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Abby Libsack – Board Clerk