School Board Proceedings
Eden Valley-Watkins Public School #463
www.evw.k12.mn.us
July 16th, 2025

I. 6:00 P.M. Open Forum: Jay Brovold and Jen Evens:

Vienna Meyers, Austin Meyers, and Kris Kelm presented to the Board about the Glory Days mission and vision. They also discussed upcoming planning that will be taking place to look at next steps for the development of an athletic field and stadium. Glory Days committee came to invite Board members to join the committee to help further planning efforts. The next meeting Glory Days is looking at having will be July 31st at 6:30pm in the district Boardroom. Preston Eurle has volunteered his time to help with some planning initiatives.

II. A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Eden Valley-Watkins Schools was held Wednesday, July 16th, 2025, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Eden Valley-Watkins District Office with Board Chair Jay Brovold, Members Ben Stommes, Jen Evens, Ann Lemke, Christina DeRose, Charli Magedanz, Nathan Haag, Superintendent Mark Messman, and Business Manager Alisa Woolcott present. Call meeting to order @ 6:36

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. The Agenda was approved on a motion by Ann Lemke and seconded by Jen Evens. Motion carried unanimously.

V. The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Ben Stommes and seconded by Christina DeRose. Motion carried unanimously.

V.A. Minutes

V.B. Personnel Actions

Contracts:
-Approved a certified contract with Jason Louwagie, Science Teacher, EVW Secondary, (*BS+30, Step 17*), beginning August 25, 2025

-Approved a certified contract change with Stephanie Borscheid, Mathematics Teacher, EVW Secondary, from MS+45 to MS+60 effective September 1, 2025
-Approved a certified contract change with Blake Rasmussen, Mathematics Teacher, EVW Secondary, from MS to MS+15 effective September 1, 2025
-Approved a certified contract change with Laura Roush, School Readiness Teacher, Watkins Elementary, from MS+15 to MS+30 effective September 1, 2025
-Approved a certified contract change with Jolene Schmitz, Mathematics Teacher, EVW Secondary, from BS+15 to BS+30 effective September 1, 2025

-Approved a Community Education contract change with Katie Evenson, Eagle Kids Childcare Aide, effective July 1, 2025
-Approved a Community Education contract change with Peyton Hiltner, Eagle Kids Childcare Aide, effective July 1, 2025
-Approved a Community Education contract change with Kayla Schmitz, Eagle Kids Childcare Coordinator, effective July 1, 2025
-Approved a Community Education contract change with Micayden Schmitz, Eagle Kids Childcare Aide, effective July 1, 2025
-Approved a Community Education contract change with Emily Walz, Eagle Kids Childcare Aide, effective July 1, 2025

Volunteers:
Leaves:
Resignations:
P-Card Authorizations:

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VI. Finance

VI.A. The Board approved the July 16th, 2025 bills on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by Ben Stommes. Motion carried unanimously.

FUND 01	**GENERAL EDUCATION FUND**	**596,396.09**
FUND 02	**FOOD SERVICE FUND**	**188.79**
FUND 04	**COMMUNITY ED FUND**	**20,850.96**
	TOTAL	**617,435.84**

VI.B. Joel Baumgarten provided an update to the Board on July 2025 enrollment and projections.

VII. Board Business

VII.A. The Board reviewed the committee assignments that were reviewed in January. After a review the Board has chosen to combine similar committee assignments. Community Ed and ECFE committees will be committee assignments for Ann Lemke and Charlie Magedanz, Christina DeRose will serve as the alternate. Buildings & Grounds, Health & Safety, and The Safety committees will be assignments for Nate Haag and Jay Brovold.

VIII. Board Member Updates and Reports:

VIII.A. Student-Schoolboard Representative Updates:

VIII.B. Superintendent, Joel Baumgarten reported:

1. Transition

- Tour of facilities with Peter Stenger. Also set up weekly meetings to go over maintenance in the district
- Set up weekly finance meetings with Alisa Woolcott and Cathy Wuertz

2. Projects

- Parking lot tar and paint at the High School has been done
- Plumbing work in the High School was done
- Roof project at Elementary has been completed
- Irrigation repairs at Elementary fields have been completed

3. Personnel

- Boiler license coverage for district. Will look to meet on options in August

4. Finance

- Chose Auditors CLA
- Met with Ehlers on 7-10 on District finance numbers
- Met with Gallagher about insurance renewals. There will be another meeting to go over final numbers on 7-29.
- Negotiations-Request by EA to meet. Ground rules meeting will be August 13th at 5pm

VIII.C. Elementary Principal, Rob Pederson, Report:

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VIII.D. Secondary Principal, Dave Schneider, Report:

1. Review and recommend approving the 25-26 Secondary Student and Staff Handbooks and the Co-Curricular Guide. Motion to approve Secondary Student and Staff Handbook and Co-Curricular Guide by Ben Stommes and seconded by Charlie Magedanz. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Other Business:

1. Approved a 1-year contract with Cathy Wuertz, as Trainer and Mentor to the Business Manager from July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026. Contract hours shall not exceed 500 hours. Contract was approved on a motion made by Christina DeRose and seconded by Ann Lemke. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Superintendent, Joel Baumgarten, recommended August 6th meeting to August 13th. Meeting change was approved on a motion made by Ann Lemke and was seconded by Charli Magedanz. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Items to be considered at the next meeting:

1. Gail Gillman, MSBA, will present on strategic planning time line and process

2. Review and approve fee schedule for Athletics/Activities, Food Service, and Community Ed

3. Alisa Woolcott will present annual savings from Helen Solar Garden

4. Review and approve liability, casualty, property insurance.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm on a motion by Ben Stommes and seconded by Jen Evens. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ann Lemke
CLERK