School Board Proceedings
Eden Valley-Watkins Public School #463
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August 13th, 2025

I. **6:00 P.M. Open Forum: Jay Brovold and Christina DeRose**

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 Joel Buamgarten, and Business Manager Alisa Woolcott present. Call meeting to order @ 6:30

III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

V.A. Minutes

V.B. Personnel Actions

Contracts:
-Approved a classified contract with Scott Kemp, Watkins Cleaner/Office Technician, Lane A Step 4, and Lane C Step 2, effective July 1, 2025
-Approved a classified contract with Tori Pauls, Special Educational Assistant, Eden Valley Elementary, Lane B Step 3, effective August 27, 2025

-Approved a certified contract change with Meghan Braegelmann, Secondary School Guidance Counselor, EVW Secondary, from MS+30 to MS+60 effective September 1, 2025
-Approved a certified contract change with Tyler Warren, Industrial Arts/Ag Teacher, EVW Secondary, from MS to MS+15 effective September 1, 2025

-Approved a contract change with Sarah Geislinger, EVW Secondary, to include a full-year overload for Student Services
-Approved a teacher contract change with Dan Berg, Body Development Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Dave Dziengel, Science Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Janelle Dziengel, Special Education Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Tracy Huhn, Industrial Arts/Ag Teacher, to include one half-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Tom Jansen, Social Studies Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Amanda Meyer, English Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Donna Orbeck, Foreign Language Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Liz Otto, English Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Ryan Tri, Social Studies Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Renae Ward, English Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Tyler Warren, Ag/Industrial Tech Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a Community Education contract change with Taylor Haines, Eagle Kids Childcare Aide, effective July 1, 2025

Volunteers:
Leaves:
Resignations:
P-Card Authorizations:
VI. Finance

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VI.A. The Board approved the August 13th, 2025 bills on a motion Ann Lemke by and seconded by Ben Stommes. Motion carried unanimously.

FUND 01	**GENERAL EDUCATION FUND**		**892,321.19**
FUND 02	**FOOD SERVICE FUND**		**98,420.71**
FUND 04	**COMMUNITY ED FUND**		**17,651.35**
FUND 07	**BOND FUND**		**150,540.00**
		TOTAL	**1,158,933.25**

VI.B. 2025 – 26 School year enrollment and projections will be reviewed at the August 20th Board meeting.

VII. Board Business

VII.A.

VII.A. Gail Gillman, MSBA, presented strategic plan, vision, and mission planning options to the Board. This was a virtual presentation.

VIII. Board Member Updates and Reports:

VIII.A. Student-Schoolboard Representative Updates:

1. All fall C/JV/V sports started practice on August 11th
2. 1st Volleyball game, scrimmage, JV/V is August 20th at Dassel-Cokato
3. 1st Football game, scrimmage, JV/V is on August 23rd at Lester Prairie

VIII.B. Superintendent, Joel Baumgarten reported:

1. Some of the items to be covered in the 8-20 meeting will include policy updates, project updates, workshop plans, committee updates, staff updates, negotiations update and others.

VIII.C. Elementary Principal, Rob Pederson, Report: Rob Pederson reviewed the Kindergarten and 5th grade enrollment.
The Board provided Rob Pederson with the authority to right-size teaching staff that would be appropriate for both grades. A motion to provide the district with the authority appropriately staff Elementary grades was approved on a motion by Ann Lemke by and seconded by Nate Haag. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII.D. Secondary Principal, Dave Schneider, Report: None at this meeting

IX. Other Business: None at this meeting

X. Items to be considered at the next meeting:

1. Review the 2025-26 fee schedule for approval
2. Alisa Woolcott will review the Helen Solar Energy Garden credits
3. Review Liability, Casualty, and Property Insurance
4. Review Eden Valley - Watkins Elementary 2025-26 Policies/Procedure updates along with the 2025-26 Student/Parent Handbook

5. Review 2025-26 MSBA updated policies and procedures
6. Review and approve MSBA's strategic planning proposal
7. Tour of the buildings will start at 5:00pm in Watkins.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm on a motion by Nate Haag and seconded by Ben Stommes. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ann Lemke
CLERK