School Board Proceedings
Eden Valley-Watkins Public School #463
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July, 02nd 2025

I. **6:30 P.M. Work session**

II. A work session of the Board of Trustees of Eden Valley-Watkins Schools was held Wednesday, July,02nd 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, Nathan Haag, Superintendent Joel Baumgarten, and Business Manager Alisa Woolcott present. Call meeting to order @ 6:30

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Board Business

IV.A. Superintendent, Joel Baumgarten updated the Board on the 2025-26 school year transition goals

IV.B. The Board reviewed district goals and strategic initiatives

1. The Board will begin the strategic plan update process in 2025
2. Joel Baumgarten will reach out to MSBA for resources during the strategic plan period

V. Board Member Updates and Reports:

V.A. Superintendent, Joel Baumgarten reported:

1. I am very excited to get started at EVW! I am looking forward to working with the EVW school board for the communities of Eden Valley and Watkins! I promise to work very hard for EVW!

VI. Other Business:

1. Joel Baumgarten suggested the Board Finance Committee could start meeting prior to Board meetings starting in September. Finance Committee members will be, Ben Stommes, Jen Evens, Christina DeRose.
2. The approval of the district's professional financial auditor be added to the agenda was approved on a motion by Ann Lemke and seconded by Ben Stommes. Motion carried unanimously.
3.

VII. Clifton Larson Allen (CLA) was approved as the district's professional financial auditor on a motion by Ben Stommes and the motion was seconded by Jen Evens.

VIII. Items to be considered at the next meeting:

1. Look at moving the August 6th meeting to August 13th
2. Further discuss MSBA's resources for district strategic planning
3. Review and approve Cathy Wuertz continued Business Manager mentorship contract
4. Review Board Committee List

VIX. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by Nate Haag. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ann Lemke
CLERK