School Board Proceedings
Eden Valley-Watkins Public School #463
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September 17th, 2025

I. **6:00 P.M. Open Forum: None**

II. A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Eden Valley-Watkins Schools was held Wednesday, September 17th, 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, Nate 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 Jen Evens. Motion carried unanimously.

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

V.A. Minutes

V.B. Personnel Actions

VI. Finance

VI.A. The Board approved the September 17th, 2025 bills on a motion Jen Evens by and seconded by Ben Stommes. Motion carried unanimously.

FUND 01	**GENERAL EDUCATION FUND**	**483,545.88**
FUND 02	**FOOD SERVICE FUND**	**18,228.35**
FUND 04	**COMMUNITY ED FUND**	**18,336.41**
		520,110.64

VI.B. Joel Baumgarten reviewed monthly enrollment for September 2025.

VII. Board Business

VII.A. Haley Miller, Meghan Braegelmann, Allison Feigh, with the Jacob Wetterling foundation, presented to the Board about the ECAP grant EVW was a part of. They also presented for Board review and approval on the new Child Safety Program. The new Child Safety Program was approved on a motion made by Jen Evens and seconded by Charlie Magadanz. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B. Alisa Woolcott, Business Manager, presented the proposed Levy for review, certification, and approval. On a motion made by Jen Evens and seconded by Ann Lemke to certify the max Levy. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.C. Joel Baumgarten review the preliminary 2025 MCA rates in Math and Reading.

VII.D. The Board reviewed and approved the 2025-26 Eden Valley - Watkins School Board Handbook, on a motion made by Christina DeRose and seconded by Ben Stommes. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.E. The Board made a motion to hold a special meeting to vote on the Assistant District Maintenance position. Motion made by Ben Stommes and seconded by Christina DeRose. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Board Member Updates and Reports:

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VIII.A. Ann Lemke reported on information on tax dollars that was presented at the MREA meeting she attended.

VIII.B.

VIII.A. Student-Schoolboard Representative Updates:

1. Football, Volleyball, and cross Country have all started the season off
2. NHS had it's 1st meeting and will NHS induction will be on 10/12
3. JHS had it's 1st meeting and has started ditch clean up groups

VIII.B. Superintendent, Joel Baumgarten reported:

1. Personnel

- Hired a cleaner
- Adjusting Asst. Building and Grounds position-Need board vote

2.Bussing

- Eliminated bus and van route
- Brought back van route-Routes too long
- Went through adjustments

3. Finance

- Finance Meetings-Weekly
- Finance Committee started today
- Budget, Levy, Audit, Truth in Taxation Report in Dec.
- Enrollment
- Negotiations

4. School Year Started

- Workshop
- Fire Drills
- Alice Drills
- Bus Issues
- Classes
- Activities
- Welcome Cookouts
- Homecoming in Oct
- Start of school is going very well!

5. Committees Meetings

- Admin Meeting
- Finance Meeting
- Negotiations
- Glory Days

- Health and Safety-TBD
- Cabinet-On 9-23

6. Academics

- Test scores out-Science TBD
- Good Reading and Math
- Curriculum Cycle

7, Start of School Year-Transition

- Visit Schools
- Community
- Activities
- Regular Meetings
- Staff Gatherings
- Student Activities-Cookouts

8. Congrats LEEA Award Winners-Recognized in Oct and Nov

- Teaching Staff: Krista Tri, Meghan Braegelmann
- Support Staff: Tracey Neugart, Kaila Schmitt
- Students in Spring

9. Leadership Issues

- Internet Out
- Busing Adjustments
- Staff Issues
- Scheduling Issues

Description: Workshop

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- Classes
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Committees Meetings

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

1. Eden Valley Elementary cookout will be this Friday. Watkins was week prior
2. The 6th Grade did a ditch clean up project. Lower grades helped pick up the school grounds
3. ADSIS and Title 1 have started beginning assessments

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

1. Activities are all underway
2. Beginning weeks of school are going well

IX. Other Business: None to be reported at this meeting

X. Items to be considered at the next meeting:

1. Items will be added to BoardBook agenda once defined

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm on a motion by Ben Stommes and seconded by Charlie Magedanz. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ann Lemke
CLERK