School Board Proceedings
Eden Valley-Watkins Public School #463
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October 8th, 2025

I. **6:00 P.M. Open Forum: Ben Stommes, and Ann Lemke**

II. A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Eden Valley-Watkins Schools was held Wednesday, October 8th, 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, Superintendent Joel Baumgarten, 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 Jen Evens and seconded by Ann Lemke. 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 October 8th, 2025 bills on a motion Jen Evens by and seconded by Charlie Magedanz. Motion carried unanimously.

FUND 01	**GENERAL EDUCATION FUND**	**534,165.95**
FUND 02	**FOOD SERVICE FUND**	**323.45**
FUND 04	**COMMUNITY ED FUND**	**15,954.27**
		550,443.67

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

VII. Board Business

VII.A. Donna Orbeck introduced the visiting German guests to the Board and explained some history surrounding the exchange program that EVW has been a part of for 30 years. Donna also spoke about a new travel experience through Community Ed, called Friends and Family Travel to Germany. This trip will be on the same year as the students that travel and will be adults only. The cost and more details will be on the Community Ed page on the website.

VII.B. Girl Scout Troop #168 came in to present their pan to achieve the Bronze Award Community Service Project, this is a year long project that plans o beautify the nature trails by Eden Valley Elementary. They asked for Board approval. The Bronze Award Community Service project was approved on a motion made by Jen Evens and was seconded by Christina DeRose. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.C. The Glory Days Committee delivered a report to the School Board regarding the athletic field plan; they are also seeking Board approval for the proceed with the project on district property, as the designated as the contractual entity for parcel 50.30609.0510. A motion made by Christina DeRose to approve the Glory Days Committee to be the contractual entity for parcel 50.30609.0510 and was seconded by Charlie Magedanz. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.D. Alisa Woolcott, Business Manager, presented the Eden Valley – Watkins will register with a private PFML provider for the 25-26 year, and that provider will be NIS.

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VII.E. Superintendent, Joel Baumgarten informed the Board that Eden Valley Elementary is going to be trying to fill a Special Ed para, the position has been posted.

VII.F. Per statute, administration provided the preliminary seniority lists for both bargaining groups. Both lists are posted in the staff lounges at all school building, if there is a discrepancy staff have until the end of November to let the District Office know so the list can be updated. The final seniority lists will be presented to the board for approval in December.

VII.G. The Board reviewed and approved the MSHSL Form A Resolution to offset student activity fees on a motion made by Jen Evens and seconded by Ann Lemke. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.H. The Board reviewed and approved the MSHSL form B Resolution to assist the district in purchasing AED's and providing seminars and training opportunities for staff and students on a motion made by Jen Evens and seconded by Ann Lemke. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.I. Dead of Students/Activity Director, Holly Hansen, spoke about the possible shift by the CMC from Arbiter pay to Bound.

VII.J. The Board reviewed and approved the candidate for the District Maintenance Assistant position, Jarrod Nohner, on a motion mad by Jen Evens and seconded by Charlie Magedanz. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Board Member Updates and Reports:

VIII.A. Student-Schoolboard Representative Updates:

1. Homecoming is this week
2. Fall play practice started, the play will be performed in November
3. Regular fall sports will end next week

VIII.B. Superintendent, Joel Baumgarten reported:

1. Teacher Negotiations Update

- Language
- Finance
- Next Meeting on 10-13 at 6pm

2. Transition

- Activities
- Meetings
- Visibility
- Committees

3. Events

- Fall Sports
- Homecoming
- Safety Drills

4. Insurance Update

- Gallagher Broker
- Sourcewell Contract
- Increase 15%
- Opening for Life Insurance to all staff
- Notified Staff

5. PFML

- State mandate
- Starts 1-1-2026
- All paid employees

6. Audit

- Week of 10-27 to 10-31
- Alisa is preparing

7. Calendar 2026-27

- School Year
- Board

8. Curriculum and Testing

- MCA scores released
- Math 1st in area
- Reading 2nd in area
- Science 2nd in area
- Above state average in all
- Still room for improvement

9. Government

- Shut down issues?

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

1. Donuts with Grown Ups on October 2 and 3 was very well attended. Over 600 donuts were served at Eden Valley Elementary.
2. Completed data meetings the last 2 Fridays. ADSIS and Title One schedules are being finalized based on assessment data, teacher input, and parent permission.
3. Title One Night is October 23 at Eden Valley Elementary. Several presentations by teaching and mental health staff to help improve student success.

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

1. Homecoming week activities are happening
2. Data meetings will start in the next two weeks

IX. Other Business:

1. Superintendent, Joel Baumgarten, reviewed and asked for approval to start the 26-27 school year before Labor Day, MDE has granted school districts the option to do this for the next two years. On a motion made by Ann Lemke to approve starting the 26-27 school year prior to Labor Day and was seconded by Jen Evens. Motion carried unanimously.
2.

X. Items to be considered at the next meeting:

1. Melissa Notch will present the CACR report and goals
2. Food Service Director, Amanda Bruntlett, will present a Food Service update
3. Discuss moving Board Meetings to Mondays from Wednesday on next year's Board Meeting Calendar

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by Charlie Magedanz. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ann Lemke
CLERK