School Board Proceedings
Eden Valley-Watkins Public School #463
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January 05th, 2026

I. **No Open Forum:**

II. A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Eden Valley-Watkins Schools was held Monday, January 5th, 2026, beginning at 6:00 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 Baumgarten, and Business Manager Alisa Woolcott present. Call meeting to order @ 6:00

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 Ben Stommes. Motion carried unanimously.

V.A. Minutes

V.B. Personnel Actions

Contracts:

Volunteers:
Leaves:
Resignations:
P-Card Authorizations:

VI. Finance

VI.A. The Board approved the January 05th, 2026 bills on a motion by Ben Stommes and seconded by Jen Evens. Motion carried unanimously.

FUND 01	**GENERAL EDUCATION FUND**	**235,627.89**
FUND 02	**FOOD SERVICE FUND**	**60,952.69**
FUND 04	**COMMUNITY ED FUND**	**1,555.21**
		298,135.79

VI.B. Joel Baumgarten updated the Board on January 2026 enrollment and projections.

VI.C. **Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts**

Member Ben Stommes introduced the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the following have generously offered to donate to the Eden Valley-Watkins School District:

Eagle Boosters	$600.00	New Football Helmets
Citizens Bank	$1,200.00	EV Elementary SOAR
Community Giving	$2,500.00	FFA Donation
Dan & Diane Thielen	$300.00	Robotics
Duane Huberty	$1,000.00	Robotics
Eagle Boosters	$1,000.00	EVW High School SEL

WHEREAS the conditions on these gifts are also indicated above;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Eden Valley-Watkins School Board to gratefully accept these gifts.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Charlie Magedanz.

And upon vote being taken thereon,

The following voted in favor thereof: Jay Brovold, Ben Stommes, Jen Evens, Ann Lemke, Charlie Magedanz, Christina DeRose, and Nate Haag

And the following voted against the same: none

And the following were absent: none

VII. Board Business

VII.A. Review and approve leave of absence for Katie Evenson while she is student teaching. Leave of absence was approved on a motion made by Jen Evens, motion was seconded by Charlie Magedanz. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B. Conducted the Annual Organizational Meeting and Elections calling for:

1. Board Chairperson, Jay Brovold, called for nominations for Board Chairperson. Jay Brovold was nominated on a motion by Ann Lemke and seconded by Jen Evens. Board Chairperson, Jay Brovold, called for nominations 2 more times. Upon no other nominations, Jay Brovold was elected Board Chairperson.
2. Board Chairperson, Jay Brovold, called for nominations for Vice Chair. Ben Stommes was nominated for Vice Chair on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by Nate Haag. Board Chairperson, Jay Brovold, called for nominations 2 more times. Upon no other nominations, Ben Stommes was elected Vice Chairperson.
3. Board Chairperson, Jay Brovold, called for nominations for Board Clerk. Ann Lemke was nominated for Board Clerk on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by multiple other members. Board Chairperson, Jay Brovold, called for nominations 2 more times. Upon no other nominations, Ann Lemke was elected Board Clerk.
4. Board Chairperson, Jay Brovold, called for nominations for Board Treasurer. Jen Evens was nominated on a motion by Ben Stommes and seconded by multiple other members. Board Chairperson, Jay Brovold, called for nominations 2 more times. Upon no other nominations, Jen Evens was elected Board Treasurer.

VII.C. The Board approved the designations and assignments to the following depositories and authorities on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by Charlie Magedanz. Motion carried unanimously.

1. District Funds - Farmers and Merchants Bank of Eden Valley
2. Payroll and Financial Accounts Payable - Schoolboard Chair, Clerk, Treasurer
3. Money Market - Accounting Clerk, Business Manager, Superintendent
4. MSBA Liquid Asset Funds - Business Manager, Superintendent
5. Electronic Transfers - Payroll Clerk, Business Manager, Superintendent

Alisa Woolcott, Business Manager, will have new signature cards sent to the Board members for updated signature for bank records.

VII.D. The Board approved the designation of Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney, P.A. Brooklyn Center, MN as ISD #0463 Legal Counsel on a motion by Ann Lemke and seconded by Ben Stommes. Motion carried unanimously

VII.E. The Board reviewed and approved amendments to the 2026 Board Member committees and assignments on a motion by Ann Lemke and seconded by Christina DeRose. Motion carried unanimously. District administration will update the committee assignments in district record.

VII.F. The Board reviewed and approved no changes to the 2026 Board Member Compensation rates on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by Charlie Magedanz. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.G. The Board reviewed and approved the 2026 Board Member's elected terms and contact information on a motion by Ann Lemke and seconded by Ben Stommes. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.H. The Board approved to designate the EVW Voice as the Official School District Newspaper for 2026 publications on a motion by Ann Lemke and seconded by Nate Haag. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.I. Administration reviewed and approved updates to the 2026-2027 EVW Secondary Registration Guide on a motion by Nate Haag and seconded by Ann Lemke. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.J. Ben Stommes introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS
IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must explore and reduce expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the financial stability of the district may include the discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' and others' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers and others may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 463, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to encourage fiscal responsibility and financial stability, and make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Nate Haag and upon vote being taken thereon,
the following voted in favor thereof: Jay Brovold, Ben Stommes, Jen Evens, Ann Lemke, Christina DeRose, Charli Magedanz. And Nate Haag.
and the following voted against the same: None
Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

VII.K. The Board reviewed and approved the updated Elementary Policy and Procedure Manual on a 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. Student-Schoolboard Representative Updates:

1. Speech practice has started. Competitions will start soon
2. Knowledge Bowl competition season has started
3. One Act play practice started and first competition at the end of the month
4. Girls/Boys Basketball and Wrestling seasons are moving fast

VIII.B. Superintendent, Joel Baumgarten reported:

1 MSBA Conference on 1-15 and 1-16 in Mpls: Joel, Christina, Ann and Charli registered
2 All other reports will be on 1-26

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

1. No Elementary report until 1-26 meeting

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

1. No Secondary report until 1-26 meeting

IX. Other Business:

1. None at this meeting

X. Items to be considered at the next meeting:

- Student Enrollment projections
- Projections and calculations used in creating the revised budget
- Superintendent Mid-year Evaluation

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45p.m. on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by Charli Magedanz. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ann Lemke
CLERK