School Board Proceedings
Eden Valley-Watkins Public School #463
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February 9th, 2026

I. **No Open Forum:**

II. A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Eden Valley-Watkins Schools was held Monday, February 9th, 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 Ann Lemke and seconded by Ben Stommes. Motion carried unanimously.

V. The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Ben Stommes and seconded by Christina DeRose. 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 February 9th, 2026 bills on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by Ann Lemke. Motion carried unanimously.

FUND 01	**GENERAL EDUCATION FUND**	**577,518.45**
FUND 02	**FOOD SERVICE FUND**	**59,782.27**
FUND 04	**COMMUNITY ED FUND**	**16,495.74**
FUND 07	**BOND TRUST FUND**	**1,395,540.00**
		2,049,336.46

VI.B. Joel Baumgarten updated the Board on February 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	$2,000.00	Robotics
Cold Spring Granite	$1,000.00	Robotics
Watkins Lions	$4,000.00	Robotics

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. The Board reviewed and approved program and staff reductions at the High School. Reductions of programming and staff was approved on a motion made by Ben Stommes, and seconded by Jen Evens. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B. Food Service Director, Amanda Bruntlett, will present an update of the Food Service Departments to the Board.

VII.C. The Board reviewed and approved updated policies. Policy updates were approved on a motion made by Ben Stommes, and seconded by Christina DeRose. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.D. The Board reviewed and approved the Revised 25-26 Capital – Admin Budget. 25-26 Capital – Admin Budget was approved on a motion made by Ann Lemke, and seconded by Charlie Magedanz. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.E. The Board reviewed and approved the Revised 25-26 LTFM Budget on a motion by Ann Lemke and seconded by Charlie Magedanz. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.F. The Board reviewed and approved the 25-26 Revised Budget on a motion by Ben Stommes and seconded by Jen Evens. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.G. The Board reviewed and approved the 26-27 Eden Valley – Watkins High School Registration Guide on a motion by Christina DeRose and seconded by Nate Haag. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Board Member Updates and Reports:

VIII.A. Student-Schoolboard Representative Updates:

1. None at this meeting

VIII.B. Superintendent, Joel Baumgarten reported:

1. Finance
- Committee Meeting
- Bus Contract with 4.0
    - 4 years

- Compare to others?
- Bids?

- SWWC Contract
  - Service adjustments
  - Deadline 3-1

2. Meetings
   - EVC4P
     - Mural approval for EVW Buildings
     - No Cost
     - Multiple Buildings?
   - Finance Committee
     - Budget Adjustments
   - Chambers-EVW BizNest
   - Glory Days Committee
   - Legion Coffee
   - SOTA Meeting
   - Stearns Co Superintendents
3. Professional Development
   - LETRS for Administrators
   - Budget Training at SWWC
   - Leadership Training Online through MASA
4. Solar Power Option?
   - Meetings on possible options?
5. Plan to Review Crisis Plan
   - From 2019
   - I Love You Guys Training? Stearns County
   - Safe Schools Meeting Meeker County
   - Review all Policies-Schedule
6. Other
   - Reading in K and 1st Grade Classes
   - Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast on 2-20 at 8:30am
   - Evaluation-Finish so I can send out results

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

1. No Elementary report at this meeting

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

1. The High School will plan to start registration the first week of March.

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 district budgets

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16p.m. on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by Christina DeRose. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ann Lemke
CLERK