School Board Proceedings
Eden Valley-Watkins Public School #463
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March 09th, 2026

I. **Open Forum 5:30pm: Ben Stommes and Ann Lemke**

II. A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Eden Valley-Watkins Schools was held Monday, March 9th, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Eden Valley-Watkins District Office with Board Chair Jay Brovold, Members Ben Stommes, Ann Lemke, Christina DeRose, 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 Ann Lemke. Motion carried unanimously.

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

V.A. Minutes

V.B. Personnel Actions

Contracts:
-Approved a classified contract with Reneen Babbitt, Special Education Assistant, Eden Valley Elementary, effective February 23, 2026, Lane B, Step 6

-Approved a certified contract change with Jason Louwagie, Science Teacher, EVW Secondary, from BS+30 to MS effective March 1, 2026
-Approved a certified contract change with Melissa Notch, Curriculum & Assessment Director and Educational Literacy Lead, EVW School District, from MS+45 to MS+60 effective March 1, 2026

-Approved an extra-curricular contract with Colton Baumgarten, Jr. High Baseball Coach, Group 7, Yr 2
-Approved an extra-curricular contract with Dan Berg, Head Baseball Coach, Group 2, Yr 18 plus Longevity
-Approved an extra-curricular contract with Ryan Tri, Asst. Baseball Coach, Group 4, Yr 4
-Approved an extra-curricular contract with Sam Oehrlein, JV Baseball Coach, Group 5, Yr 2
-Approved an extra-curricular contract with Heath Kramer, 'C' Squad Baseball Coach, Group 6, Yr 19 plus Longevity
-Approved an extra-curricular contract with Jacob Anderson, Head Girls Golf Coach, Group 2, Yr 4
-Approved an extra-curricular contract with Dave Dziengel, Head Softball Coach, Group 2, Yr 24 plus Longevity
-Approved an extra-curricular contract with Tom Jansen, Asst. Softball Coach, Group 4, Yr 28 plus Longevity
-Approved an extra-curricular contract with Mickael Maciej, JV. Softball Coach, Group 5, Yr 4
-Approved an extra-curricular contract with Stephanie Borscheid, Jr. High Softball Coach, Group 7, Yr 4
-Approved an extra-curricular contract with Amanda Forcier, Jr. High Softball Coach, Group 7, Yr 4
-Approved an extra-curricular contract with Jason Mortenson, Head Boys Track Coach, Group 2, Yr 31 plus Longevity
-Approved an extra-curricular contract with Tyler Warren, Head Girls Track Coach, Group 2, Yr 11 plus Longevity
-Approved an extra-curricular contract with Lisa Brown, Asst. Girls Track Coach, Group 4, Yr 15 plus Longevity
-Approved an extra-curricular contract with Holly Hansen, Assistant Track Coach, Group 4, Yr 16 plus Longevity
Volunteers:
Leaves:
Resignations:
-Approved resignation of Savanna Mellesmoen, Special Education Assistant, Eden Valley Elementary, effective March 20, 2026, after three years in the district
-Approved resignation of Amanda Meyer, English Language Arts Teacher, EVW Secondary, effective upon the conclusion of the 2025-26 school year after two years in the district

P-Card Authorizations:

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VI. Finance

VI.A. The Board approved the March 09th, 2026 bills on a motion by Ben Stommes and seconded by Ann Lemke. Motion carried unanimously.

		639,914.78
FUND 01	**GENERAL EDUCATION FUND**	**8**
FUND 02	**FOOD SERVICE FUND**	**207.94**
FUND 04	**COMMUNITY ED FUND**	**42,446.31**
FUND 18	**TRUST FUND**	**1,080.00**
		683,649.03

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	$2,000.00	3D-Printer
Scott & Rebecca Thielen	$250.00	Robotics
Eden Valley Lions	$5,000.00	Robotics
Eden Valley Lions	$600.00	Marv's Basetball Camp
Eden Valley Lions	$300.00	Santa Days
Eden Valley Lions	$1,500.00	Community Ed Play

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, Christina DeRose.

And upon vote being taken thereon,

The following voted in favor thereof: Jay Brovold, Ben Stommes, Ann Lemke, Chirstina DeRose, Nate Haag

And the following voted against the same: None

And the following were absent: Jen Evens and Charli Magedanz

VII. Board Business

VII.A. Review and approve the Resolution Relating to the Non-Renewal of a probationary Teacher. Resolution introduced by Ann Lemke. Resolution relating to the Non-Renewal of a probationary Teacher seconded by Ben Stommes. The following voted in favor of: Jay Brovold, Ben Stommes, Ann Lemke, Chirstina DeRose, Nate Haag. The following voted against: None. The following were absent: Jen Evens and Charli Magedanz.

VII.B. Recommendation to approve the Resolution Relating to Program Reduction in the High School Art Program introduced by Ben Stommes. Resolution Relating to Program Reduction in the High School Art Program

seconded by Nate Haag. The following voted in favor of: Jay Brovold, Ben Stommes, Ann Lemke, Chirstina DeRose, Nate Haag. The following voted against: None. The following were absent: Jen Evens and Charli Magedanz.

VII.C. Don Duffner, with Wat-Kim-Valley VFW, would like to propose the use of District property for a pickleball court. The Board approved next steps in planning of the use of District property.

1. Don will come back at an upcoming Board meeting with drawings/plans to present to the Board.

VII.D. Review fully executed SW/WC 2026 O&M contract

VII.E. Review and approve the MOU for Phase II READ ACT training. The MOU for Phase II READ ACT training was approved on a motion made by Ben Stommes and was seconded by Nate Haag. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Board Member Updates and Reports:

VIII.A. Student-Schoolboard Representative Updates:

1. Both Boys and Girls Basketball seasons have ended
2. Nick Becker placed 3rd at the State wrestling tournament
3. Track practice started March 10th
4. Softball started practice March 9th
5. Baseball started practice March
6. Vocal Solo & Ensemble competition March 9th
7. Speech season is still going
8. Knowledge Bowl took #1 at sections

VIII.B. Superintendent, Joel Baumgarten reported:

Contracts

- SWWC
- Busing-Bids?-Barganing Meeting
- Frontline-TBD

2. Training

- "I Love You Guys"
- Create/Update Crisis Plan
- Leadership Team in June?
- Share costs with other districts
- Other SWWC, MSBA, MASA Trainings-Stay Current

3. Handouts

- MSBA
- RTSB Vote

4. Negotiations Update:

- Certified/Classified requested negotiations for next contract 2026-27
- New Committee meets on 4-8 at 5pm
- Administration/Essential next-Requested too

- New Committee

5. Committee Meetings

- Transportation Committee
- Admin and Cabinet Meetings

6. MDE and Federal Updates

- 2.69% Inflationary Raise-Less than last year
- Compensatory $ Hold Harmless-About the same as last year?
- Budget Surplus more than previously thought
    - Probably no more $
    - ADSIS Cuts?
- Federal still not certain on Title and others
- Dept of Ed?
- Tough to finish budget

7. Other

- HS Registration
- Prep for end of year
    - Prom
    - Senior Events
    - Graduation at 7pm on 5-28
- Start of Spring Sports

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

1. Kindergarten registration opened, there are 56 forms filled out so far
2. Summer School registration opened this week
3. MCA testing will start the week of March 31st
4. There were several Elementary students that had art chosen for the art fair
5. Donuts with Grownups will be Thursday March 12th in Watkins and March 13th in Eden Valley

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

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IX. Other Business:

1. Food Service Director, Amanda Bruntlett, wanted to share some photos from the Watkins Elementary celebration for Nation School Breakfast Week

X. Items to be considered at the next meeting:

1. Curriculum Director, Melissa Notch, will present the annual CACR Report for review and approval

2. Review and approve the curriculum updates, standards, and an overview of the curriculum cycle.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. on a motion by Ben Stommes and seconded by Ann Lemke. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ann Lemke
CLERK