School Board Proceedings
Eden Valley-Watkins Public School #463
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April, 13th, 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, April 13th, 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, 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 Charli Magedanz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

V.A. Minutes

V.B. Personnel Actions

VI. Finance

VI.A. The Board approved the April 13th, 2026 bills on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by Ben Stommes. Motion carried unanimously.

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:

Anonymous	$500.00	Carolyn Becher Scholarship
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, Charli Magedanz.

And upon vote being taken thereon,

The following voted in favor thereof: Jay Brovold, Ben Stommes, Ann Lemke, Chirstina DeRose, Charli Magedanz, and Jen Evens

And the following voted against the same: None

And the following were absent: Nate Haag

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VII. Board Business

VII.A. Review and approve the 4-year, 4.0 bus contract. The 4-year, 4.0 bus contract was approved on a motion made by Ben Stommes and seconded by Charlie Magedanz. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B. Review and approve updated MSBA policy updates. The updated policies were approved on a motion made by Christina and seconded by Jen Evens. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.C. Review and approve the updated Pay Equity table. The last line of the Pay Equity table was approved on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by Charli Magedanz. Motion carried by Jay Brovold, Jen Evens, Charli Magedanz, Christina DeRose, and Ann Lemke. Ben Stommes abstained. The remainder of the Pay Equity table was deferred to the next Board meeting for further review and discussion.

VIII. Board Member Updates and Reports:

VIII.A. Student-Schoolboard Representative Updates:

1. Prom and Post Prom were on 4-11. 126 students/guests attended
2. MCA testing is happening
3. The large group contest for Choir happened on 4-13
4. Speech subsections were held at Maple Lake
5. Robotics competed the Granite City Regionals they placed 14th out of 51 teams
6. School wide Bingo was played at the High School March 26th
7. Scholarship interviews were on April 7th and 8th

VIII.B. Superintendent, Joel Baumgarten reported:

1. Negotiations Updates
   - Classified Meetings started
   - Admin/Essential started
2. Committees Update
   - Glory Days
3. Teacher Tenure-Congratulations!
   - Meghan Braeglemann
   - Leah Hendricks
   - Jason Louwagie
   - Cooper Hansen
   - Makayla Schutz
   - Catherine Birr
4. ESY-HS and Elem School Plans

5. Testing
   - MCA's
   - ACT/ASVAB
6. Drills
   - Tornado on 4-16
   - Fire and Alice Drills
7. School Year End Plan

8. Training/Summer Meetings
   - CACR Presentation on 4-20 at 6:30pm Virtual
   - CPI Refresher on 6-1
   - I Love You Guys on 6-1 for leadership team

- Bus Route Meeting on 6-3

9. Facilities and Equipment
   - Outside fields ready for BB and SB
   - Van Engine Replaced
   - Safety Mapping Complete
   - Van inspections on 4-14
   - Summer plan TBD

Update on behalf of the Director of Buildings and Grounds, Peter Stenger:

We've completed all items identified during the fire marshal inspection, most of which were minor corrections.

The sprinkler system beneath the kitchen hoods at the high school has been updated. This system had previously been red-tagged for the past two years, so resolving this issue was a significant priority.

We are continuing to transition to LED lighting throughout the buildings, replacing fixtures gradually as existing lights burn out. Fluorescent bulbs are no longer available, making this conversion necessary.

Additionally, we obtained a quote to address a structural concern at the elementary school. Most of the east wall by the playground has been bowing outward during the winter months. The plan is to remove portions of the brick and block to investigate and resolve the underlying moisture issue.

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

1. MCA Reading testing at the elementary is complete (other than a couple of make-up tests). We will test math and science over the next couple of weeks.
2. We had a new 4th grader start last week. We have a new 2nd and 3rd grader starting mid-April. We also have a new 3rd and 6th grader starting in early May. There are students leaving as well.
3. We are working on completing our ESY and summer Targeted Services plan as well as 26-27 teaching schedules. Our special education staff, Melissa Notch, and our intervention teams put a lot of time into this process, but we feel like we are making small improvements to our schedules each year to provide better services for our students.

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

1.In the process of MCA testing. 8th and 10th grade Science & 11th grade Math was on April 9th. We will test 7th, 8th and 10th grade Reading on April 15 and 16. 7th and 8th grade Math on April 22 and 23.

2. Prom was this past weekend. Everything went great! I really appreciate everyone that put in the time and effort into providing a wonderful Prom and Post Prom for our students.

3. 12th grade activities - We have a lot of activities planned for our 12th grade class over the next 5 weeks. We are looking forward to celebrating all the accomplishments of this class!

4. ELA Position - We are currently interviewing and in the process of hiring a new ELA teacher for next year. Hoping to have someone hired soon.

5. We are continually working on the class schedule for the 2026/2027 school year. Hoping to have it completed by mid-May.

IX. Other Business:

X. Items to be considered at the next meeting:

1. Review and approve the Annual Resolution of a Combined Polling Place

2. Review District Language Access Plan

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

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

5. Business Manager, Alisa Woolcott will present the Resolution of the 26-27 LTFM Adopted Budget

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7. Business Manager, Alisa Woolcott will present the 26-27 LTFM Capital/Admin Adopted Budget

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by Christina DeRose. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ann Lemke
CLERK