

The January regular meeting of the Edgerton Public School Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Westenberg at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. Board members present included Westenberg, Gunnink, Ruiter, Bloemendaal, Arp, and Vande Griend. Also in attendance were Keith Buckridge Superintendent, Business Manager Haley Diede, staff members Erin Post and Michael Dwire, and Ruth Fennema from the Edgerton Enterprise.

Motion made by Bloemendaal and seconded by Gunnink to approve the agenda of the January 2026 regular Board of Education meeting as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

A time for a public forum was offered, no one came forward to speak.

Motion made by Arp and seconded by Ruiter to approve the reorganization of Board of Education as seen below. Motion carried 6-0.

- Chair - Gene Westenberg
- Vice Chair - Julie Ruiter
- Clerk - Ivan Vande Griend
- Meetings dates & times – 4th Wednesday at 7 PM; except on November 18 and December 16, 2026 due to holidays
- Compensation for directors- \$80/mtg and \$135/committee assignment/free activity pass for board member and spouse
- District Mileage rate- \$0.725/mile
- Newspaper-Edgerton Enterprise
- District Depositories-First State Bank Southwest
- Legal Counsel- Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney P.A.

Motion made by Vande Griend and seconded by Arp to approve 2026 committee assignments. Motion carried 6-0.

Finance	Westenberg, Ruiter	Transportation	Arp, Gunnink
Certified Staff	Ruiter, Arp, Westenberg	Curriculum	Ruiter, Bloemendaal
Administration	Westenberg, Bloemendaal	Public Relations	Vande Griend, Ruiter
Board Policy	Bloemendaal, Vande Griend	Non-Certified Staff	Vande Griend, Gunnink
Building & Grounds	Arp, Vande Griend, Gunnink	MSHSL	Gunnink, Arp
Community Service	Westenberg, Bloemendaal		

Motion by Ruiter, seconded by Bloemendaal to approve the December 2025 regular meeting board minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Gunnink and seconded by Westenberg to approve the cash flow report as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Westenberg and seconded by Arp to approve the monthly bills for the district for January 2026. Payment was authorized for the total of \$291,098.06. Motion carried 6-0.

Administrator is Report:

1. Motion made by Ruiter and seconded by Gunnink for approval for administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reasons therefore. Motion carried 6-0.
2. Motion by Bloemendaal, seconded by Vande Griend to approve the hiring of Deb Christians as Substitute Paraprofessional. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Westenberg, seconded by Arp to approve the Leave of Absence Request for Shelby Reker. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Motion by Gunnink, seconded by Ruiter to approve recommended bids for the fire suppression system. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Paraprofessional week was celebrated January 19-23.
6. MSBA Conference discussion on the different sessions the board members attended.
7. Mr. Buckridge presented Mr. Gilbertson's high school update.
8. Mr. Buckridge gave his elementary update.

Motion made by Ruiter and seconded by Gunnink to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.