School Board Proceedings
Eden Valley-Watkins Public School #463
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June 15th, 2026

I. **Open Forum 5:30pm: Jay Brovold and Joel Baumgarten**

II. A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Eden Valley-Watkins Schools was held Monday, June 15th, 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, Charlie Magedanz, 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 Charlie Magedanz. 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:
-Approved a classified contract change for Amy Bischof, from Title I Assistant at 161 days, 6.0 hours per day, Eden Valley Elementary, to Kindergarten Assistant of 170 days, 7.0 hours per day, Watkins Elementary, effective August 26, 2026
-Approved a classified contract with Lexi Haan, Special Education Assistant, Eden Valley Elementary, Lane B, Step 5, effective August 26, 2026
-Approved a classified contract change for Kaila Schmitt, ADSIS Assistant, Eden Valley Elementary, from 5.0 hours per day to 6.5 hours per day effective August 26, 2026
-Approved a new certified contract with Miranda Scherer, Teacher, Eden Valley Elementary, BS, Step 4, effective August 24, 2026
-Approved a new certified contract with Samantha Streed, Special Education Teacher, Eden Valley Elementary, MA, Step 7, effective August 24, 2026
-Approved a new certified contract with Austin Willey, English Teacher, EVW Secondary, BS+60, Step 4, effective August 24, 2026
-Approved a Long-Term Substitute Nurse contract with Bernita Hinnenkamp, EVW School District, effective August 20 – approximately October 18, 2026, BS, Step 1
-Approved a Community Education contract with Madison Dvorak, Eagle Kids Childcare Aide, effective May 28, 2026
-Approved a Community Education contract with Tyanna Blaschko, Eagle Kids Childcare Aide, effective June 2, 2026
-Approved a Community Education contract with Nora Spitzley, Eagle Kids Childcare Aide, effective June 2, 2026

Volunteers:
Leaves:
-Approved a leave of absence for Samantha Athmann, ECSE Teacher, Watkins Elementary, beginning approximately August 24, 2026 through approximately September 28, 2026
-Approved a leave of absence for Catherine Birr, School Nurse, EVW School District, beginning approximately August 20, 2026 through October 18, 2026
Resignations:
-Approved resignation of Lizzi Koivisto, Elementary Special Education Teacher, Eden Valley Elementary, effective June 1, 2026, after 1.5 years in the district
P-Card Authorizations:
- Approved District Office to issue school P-Card to Miranda Scherer
- Approved District Office to issue school P-Card to Samantha Streed
- Approved District Office to issue school P-Card to Austin Willey

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VI. Finance

VI.A. The Board approved the June 15th, 2026 bills on a motion by Ben Stommes and seconded by Ann Lemke. Motion carried unanimously.

FUND 01	**GENERAL EDUCATION FUND**	**796,967.82**
FUND 02	**FOOD SERVICE FUND**	**74,339.55**
FUND 04	**COMMUNITY ED FUND**	**33,603.78**
		904,911.15

VI.B. Joel Baumgarten updated the Board on June 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:

EVW YBA	$1,000.00	Summer Activities
Eagle Boosters	$2,000.00	Summer Workout
Pearl Ridge Cake Shop	$95.00	IMPACT Donation

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, Jen Evens, Ann Lemke, Charlie Magedanz and Christina DeRose

And the following voted against the same: None

And the following were absent: Nate Haag

VII. Board Business

VII.A. Beth Downes, Ehlers Public Finance Advisors, presented on the recreational property tax increase. Beth presented to the Board how the district could use this funding to offset capital costs and improve facilities without overburdening local property taxpayers.

VII.B. Joel Baumgarten, Superintendent, will review the Superintendent Evaluation process

1. An online survey was sent out to Board members.
2. A closed session will be scheduled for the 7/13 Board meeting to review the results of the online survey

VII.C. Reviewed and approved the Annual MSHSL Membership Resolution

Resolution Approving Annual MSHSL Membership

Member Ann Lemke introduced the Resolution Approving Annual MSHSL Membership

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Ben Stommes.

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

And the following voted against the same: None

And the following were absent: Nate Haag

The foregoing resolution was approved this 15th day of June, 2026.

VII.D. Reviewed and approved Board member terms and initiate Board election resolution.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND CALLING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

Board member, Ben Stommes, introduces the General Election Resolution calling for three (3) board member terms to be included in the November General Election. Board member, Ann Lemke, seconds the motion.

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

And the following voted against the same: None

And the following were absent: Nate Haag and Charlie Magedanz

The foregoing resolution was approved this 15th day of June, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.0463, State of Minnesota as follows:

1. It is necessary for the school district to hold its general election for the purpose of electing three (3) school board members for terms of four (4) years each.

(a) The clerk shall include on the ballot the names of the individuals who file or have filed affidavits of candidacy during the period established for filing such affidavits, as though they had been included by name in this resolution. The clerk shall not include on the ballot the names of individuals who file timely affidavits of withdrawal in the manner specified by law.

2. The general election is hereby called and elected to be held in conjunction with the state general election on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for this general election are those polling places and precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district and which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part

within the school district. The voting hours at those polling places shall be the same as for the state general election.

4. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said general election to be provided to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, at least seventy-four (74) days before the date of said election. The notice shall include the date of said general election and the office or offices to be voted on at said general election. Any notice given prior to the date of the adoption of this resolution is ratified and confirmed in all respects.

(a) The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said general election to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least ten (10) days before the date of said general election.

(b) The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least four (4) days before the date of said general election and to cause two sample ballots to be posted in each polling place on Election Day. The sample ballot shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot. The sample ballot for a polling place must reflect the offices, candidates and rotation sequence on the ballots used in that polling place.

(c) The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said general election to be published in the official newspaper of the school district for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of said election.

(d) The notice of election so posted and published shall state the offices to be filled set forth in the form of ballot below, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

(e) The clerk is authorized and directed to cause the rules and instructions for use of the optical scan voting system to be posted in each polling place on Election Day.

5. The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this election, and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting other elections on that date. The clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with those other elections, including entering into agreements or understandings with appropriate election officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots, election administration and cost sharing.

6. The clerk is further authorized and directed to cause or to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the following form, with such changes in form, color and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate an optical scan voting system.

VII.E. Reviewed and approved changing the August Board meeting from 8/10 to 8/3.Changing the August Board meeting from 8/10 to 8/3 was approved on a motion made by Jen Evens and seconded by Ben Stommes. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.F. Review and approve the annual IOwA designation resolution authorizing superintendent, Joel Baumgarten, access to the State of Minnesota secured websites.

Resolution Approving the Annual IOwA Designation
Authorizing Joel Baumgarten Access to the State of Minnesota Websites

Ann Lemke introduced the Resolution Approving the Annual IOwA Designation Authorizing Joel Baumgarten Access to the State of Minnesota websites.

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, Jen Evens, Ann Lemke, Christina DeRose

And the following voted against the same: None

And the following were absent: Charli Magedanz and Nate Haag

The foregoing resolution was approved this 15th day of June, 2026.

VII.G. Reviewed and approved the Board's monthly agenda calendar for the 2026-2027 SY. The 2026-2027 monthly Board agenda calendar was approved on a motion made by Ben Stommes and seconded by Jen Evens. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.H. Reviewed and approved Violet Lang as the 2026-2028 Student School Board Representative. The 2026-2028 Student School Board Representative was approved on a motion made by Jen Evens and seconded by Christina DeRose. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.I. Reviewed and approved tenured employee status for the 2026-2027 SY. 2026-2027 tenured staff were approved on a motion made by Jen Evens and seconded by Ann Lemke. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.J. Reviewed and approved the Resolution Supporting the Watkins City Council in issuing an on-sale license to the Watkins Clippers, an amateur baseball team playing in the Minnesota Baseball Association. Item was tabled to review need for approval on a motion made by Jen Evens and seconded by Ann Lemke. Motion carried unanimously.

1. After review by the district and consult with the City of Watkins, it was found that the resolution does not need to be approved annually. Only the liability insurance license held by the City of Watkins needs to be presented to the Board. This was done alongside the aforementioned Resolution.

VIII. Board Member Updates and Reports:

1. Admin/Essential negotiations are underway.

VIII.A. Student-Schoolboard Representative Updates:

1. None at this meeting

VIII.B. Superintendent, Joel Baumgarten reported:

1. MSBA Calendar Handout
2. MSBA, MREA, MASA join for next year
3. Nurse LTS-Bernita Hinnenkamp 35 days
4. Legislative Decisions
- Recreational Property Taxes Shared with Schools-Lower Taxes
- Cell Phone Policy
- Changing of Board Member Number Requirements to 5 if under 1000 students.
- Permanent School Fund Amendment (Endowment)

5. Fall Election
- 3 School Board Positions
- Training for Meeker and Stearns
- Levy?
    - Many Districts

- Recreational Property Tax Decreases

6. Adjust Board Calendar?
   - August 10th to August 3rd?
   - Starting today-Fill out online final survey of Superintendent
   - July 13th is Superintendent Review of Survey-Closed for First 30 minutes.
   - Next Year? Update
7. Strategic Plan Starts this Fall by MSBA
8. Crisis Plan?
   - I Love You Guys Training
   - 6-1 in Albany
   - 18 Staff and Community Members
   - Met with Leaders on 6-15 to start plan
   - Come up with updated plan?
9. Mural on Eagle Kids Building
   - Plan is a picture of Vails Lake Shore and Dock with Eagles flying.

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

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

IX. Other Business:

X. Items to be considered at the next meeting:

1. Review and approve district professional memberships
2. Review and approve district subscriptions
3. Review the annual process for reviewing and updating the district policy manual
4. Review the timeline and goals for the district strategic plan
5. During the July 13th work session, there will be a closed meeting from 5:30pm to 6:00pm to review the results of the Superintendents annual review.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. on a motion by Christina DeRose and seconded by Jen Evens. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ann Lemke
CLERK