School Board Proceedings
Eden Valley-Watkins Public School #463
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July 27th, 2026

I. **5:30pm Open Forum: Jen Evens and Joel Baumgarten**

II. A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Eden Valley-Watkins Schools was held Monday, July 27th, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Eden Valley-Watkins District Office with Board Chair Jay Brovold, Members Jen Evens, Christina DeRose, Nate 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 Jen Evens and seconded by Ann Lemke. 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

Contracts:
-Approved a teacher contract change with Dan Berg, Body Development Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Lisa Brown, Elementary Teacher, to include one quarter-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Kimberlie Bulau, Elementary Teacher, to include one quarter-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Dave Dziengel, Science Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Janelle Dziengel, Special Education Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Tracy Huhn, Industrial Arts/Ag Teacher, to include one half-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Tom Jansen, Social Studies Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Mickael Maciej, Elementary Teacher, to include one quarter-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Jodine Neiman, Elementary Teacher, to include one quarter-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Donna Orbeck, Foreign Language Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Liz Otto, English Teacher, to include one half-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Makayla Schutz, Elementary Teacher, to include one quarter-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Ryan Tri, Social Studies Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Renae Ward, English Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Tyler Warren, Ag/Industrial Tech Teacher, to include one full-year overload
-Approved a teacher contract change with Haylee Weege, Elementary Teacher, to include one quarter-year overload
-Approved a Community Education contract change with Peyton Hiltner, Eagle Kids Childcare Aide, effective June 16, 2026
-Approved a Community Education contract change with Kayla Schmitz, Eagle Kids/Lil' Eagles Coordinator, effective July 1, 2026

Volunteers:
Leaves:
Resignations:
-Approved resignation of Samantha Schmitz, Special Education Assistant, Eden Valley Elementary effective August 21, 2026, after eight years in the district
P-Card Authorizations:
VI. Finance

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VI.A. The Board approved the July 27th, 2026 bills on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by Christina DeRose. Motion carried unanimously.

FUND 01	**GENERAL EDUCATION FUND**	**399,997.47**
FUND 02	**FOOD SERVICE FUND**	**88,844.20**
FUND 04	**COMMUNITY ED FUND**	**77,570.36**
		566,412.03

VI.B. Enrollment and projections will be reviewed at the August 17th Board meeting.

VI.C. There were no gifts to report at this meeting.

VII. Board Business

VII.A. The Board reviewed and approved the 2026-2027 fee schedule on a motion made by Jen Evens and seconded by Nate Haag. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B. The Board reviewed and approved the 2026-2028 Classified contract on a motion made by Christina DeRose and seconded by Nate Haag. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.C. The Board reviewed and approved 2026-2028 Admin/Essential contracts for: Holly Lahr, Holly Hansen, Dave Schneider, and Rob Pederson on a motion made by Nate Haag and seconded by Jen Evens. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.D. Joel Baumgarten reviewed some options for the School District's strategic plan timeline.

VII.E. Beth and Jen from Ehlers came to provide additional information regarding the Recreational Tax change and options for the district to best utilize the funds.

VIII. Board Member Updates and Reports:

VIII.A. Student-Schoolboard Representative Updates:

1. None at this meeting

VIII.B. Superintendent
*Strategic Plan Update
-Call with Gail Gilman on 7-21
-See attachment
*Election Update
-3 open SB positions
-Filing Period closes on 7-28 at 5pm
-Recreational Tax Levy?
-Permanent School Fund Amendment?
-Finalize Ballots with both counties by 8-11
*26-27 School Year

-Activities start on 8-17 (team meetings on 8-13)
-School starts on 9-1
-Reminder/WS Plan letters to staff out in early August
-Finishing handbooks
-SS and ESY Done on 7-23
-Buildings almost ready
-SB Tour on 8-17
*Staffing Needs
-Elem Para
-HS Para

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 Resolution Relating to Determining the Necessity of Revoking an Existing Referendum Revenue Authorization and Replacing It with a New Referendum Revenue Authorization and Calling a Special Election Thereon

2. Review Resolution Relating to General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds

3. Review and approve a timeline for the district's strategic plan

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m. on a motion by Jen Evens and seconded by Nate Haag. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ann Lemke
CLERK