

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EDGERTON
Edgerton, Wisconsin 53534

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2023

- The School District of Edgerton Board of Education held its Annual Meeting on August 14th, 2023 in the Board Conference Room located at the south end of the Edgerton High School, 200 Elm High Drive, Edgerton WI (Entrance 220 or 221).
- School Board President Matt Towns called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 PM.
- School Board Clerk Kathy Klein called roll. Responding were Brandon Ferrell, Jeremiah Johnson, Kathy Klein, Kelly Kwiatkowski, Leia Maves, Jim Raymond, Matt Towns and District Administrator Dr. Dennis Pauli. Steven Doll and Derek Nimmer were absent.

Nomination and Selection of Annual Meeting Chairperson

- Motion by Kathy Klein, seconded by Matt Towns, to approve the nomination and selection of Jerry Roth as Chairperson of the Annual Meeting. All votes in favor, no votes opposed; motion carried.

Reading of the August 8, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

- No one requested the minutes from the August 8, 2022 Annual Meeting be read.

Introduction of Board of Education Members Elected on April 4, 2023

- Meeting Chairperson, Jerry Roth introduced the Board of Education members re-elected on April 4, 2023: Brandon Ferrell, Jeremiah Johnson and Leia Maves.

2022/23 School Year Receipts and Expenditures & Proposed Receipts and Expenditures for the 2023/24 School Year

- Motion by Matt Towns, seconded by Jim Raymond, to approve the 2022/23 school year receipts and expenditures, pending the District's final audit. All votes in favor, no votes opposed; motion carried.
- Director of Finance and Personnel, Dr. Tad Wehner reviewed the proposed 2023/24 school year receipts and expenditures.

2023/24 School Year Proposed Resolutions

- Motion by Kelly Kwiatkowski, seconded by Jim Raymond, to approve *Resolution A-Salaries of School Board Members*: President-\$700 per year; Treasurer-\$700 per year; Clerk-\$700 per year; Vice President and all other members-\$500 per year; reimbursement of School Board Members-\$55.00 per each regular school board meeting and assigned committee meeting, which he/she attends during the year. All votes in favor, no votes opposed; motion carried.
- Motion by Dr. Tad Wehner, seconded by Jeremiah Johnson, to approve *Resolution B-Reimbursement of School Board Members*: Necessary expenses of school board members will be reimbursed based upon proper documentation when traveling in the performance of duties as a school board member. All votes in favor, no votes opposed; motion carried.
- Motion by Jeremiah Johnson, seconded by Kelly Kwiatkowski, to approve *Resolution C-Tax for Operations, Debt Service and Community Services for the 2023/24 School Year*: Direct tax of \$8,883,880 be levied for Current School Year Operations, \$5,100,000 for Irrevocable Debt Service payments for the ensuing year, and \$140,000 for Community Services for a tax levy of \$14,123,880. All votes in favor, no votes opposed; motion carried.
- Motion by Jim Raymond, seconded by Leia Maves, to approve *Resolution D-Sale of Surplus Property*: The Edgerton School District may arrange for the sale and/or disposal of any property

belonging to and not needed by the Edgerton School District. All votes in favor, no votes opposed; motion carried.

- Motion by Kelly Kwiatkowski, seconded by Jim Raymond, to approve *Resolution E-Date of Annual Meeting*: Pursuant to section 120.08(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, that future annual meetings of the electors of the School District of Edgerton shall be held on the same day as the first regular meeting of the School Board that occurs in August of each year and that the school board is authorized to establish the hour at which such future annual meetings shall begin. All votes in favor, no votes opposed; motion carried.

Comments from School Board President Matt Towns

When worried or surprised or frustrated, it is very human for one to become negative, assume the worst, and not be our best. It happens every day and everywhere, even in a school district due to things like building projects, pandemics, less-than-ideal situations in Madison and Washington, and untold number of other lesser-known but no less significant challenges that have faced our community, board, staff, and students. It can be easy to say “what’s next?” with sadness or even disgust in your voice.

Tonight and for this school year, may I challenge us to say “what’s next?” with excitement and a smile?

What’s next is 17 (or more) new staff members joining our team and bringing new energy and ideas. What’s next is new leadership at the middle and intermediate schools, and a new face in the high school office as well.

What’s next is the first game in a beautiful new home for our football and soccer programs... something that our ENTIRE community can rightfully point to with pride. What’s next is new playground equipment, another outstanding high school musical, a new disc golf course, and many other tweaks and improvements all over this district that may seem small to some but will be significant to others.

What’s next probably includes a spring referendum, which will present the next opportunity to showcase all the good things that are happening here and to connect deeper into our community.

Please be assured that my head isn’t buried in the sand... what’s next will also include some challenges that we can’t see yet. Everything won’t go well for everybody every day, and they will need to be encouraged and reminded that there is indeed a next day, a next chance, and a next time that will be better.

Because what’s next is the first day of school for about 125 kindergarteners, a last first day of school for about 125 seniors, and a fresh start for about 1700 kids in between. What’s next is another chance to serve these children and this community in a way that will hopefully leave them *excited* for what’s next, instead of worried about what’s next.

Other Business

- No other business was presented.

Adjourn

- Motion by Kelly Kwiatkowski, seconded by Jim Raymond, to adjourn at 9:27 PM. All votes in favor, no votes opposed; motion carried.