

UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the April 27, 2026 School Board Meeting
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS
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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on April 27, 2026 in the Eden Prairie District Administrative Offices, 8100 School Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

1. Convene: 6:00 PM (Roll Call)

School Board Members:

Steve Bartz, Ann Bradsher, Aaron Casper, Debjyoti Dwivedy, Abby Libsack, Kim Ross, Jody Ward-Rannow

Not Present: Debjyoti Dwivedy; Director Debjyoti Dwivedy will participate remotely

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Review and Approval

Approval of the agenda for the Monday, April 27, 2026, meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools.

Motion by S. Bartz, Seconded by K. Ross – Passed 6-0

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by A. Casper, Seconded by S. Bartz to accept the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the School Board Regular Business Meeting of March 23, 2026, and the Workshop Notes for April 13, 2026— Passed 6-0

5. Spotlight on Success

Oak Point Elementary - Dinner with the Principals

Member D. Dwivedy arrived at 6:12 PM

Citizens in Our Schools Graduation

6. Public Comment

7. Announcements

- Now it's time for Eagle Excellence! Starting this month, this update has a new look — we've added pictures to better recognize our students and staff. There's so much to celebrate, and pictures will give us an even stronger connection to those people and moments. Let's get started!
- Join us in celebrating Eden Prairie's 2025-26 Athena Award winner, Finley Lane! Finley is an outstanding three-sport athlete who excels in track, volleyball and gymnastics. She's earned three varsity letters, All-Conference honors, two Honorable Mentions, and two Academic All-State recognitions. She was also named the 2025 Dreamers and Doers Award recipient, demonstrating her leadership and care for the community. Way to show your determination both on and off the field, Finley. We're so proud of you!
- Congratulations to the 174 EPHS students who delivered an outstanding performance at the Minnesota DECA State Career Development Conference earlier this month! Competing alongside more than 3,400 students from across Minnesota, these Eagles demonstrated their knowledge in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. 64 Eden Prairie DECA members qualified to advance to the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia this month! Well done!
- Eden Prairie High School students are among those featured in a new exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, showcasing work from the first Hennepin County student art contest. Exploring the theme "Belonging Begins Here," EPHS artists McKinley Ulfers, Catelin Barnwell, Izabell Chavez and Nadia Guidarini are recognized for their meaningful pieces that reflect identity, culture and connection to place. Their work highlights the power of student voice and the importance of sharing personal stories through art.
- Forest Hills Elementary's Student Council recently completed a service project to support children and families at a local children's hospital! Thanks to donations from students, families, and staff, Student Council members assembled 274 care kits. These included preschool, school-aged, and teen kits, as well as hair care and shower kits. Any remaining supplies were donated to support families in need. Thank you, Forest Hills Eagles, for your kindness and generosity in helping make a meaningful difference for children and families during their hospital stays.

- CMS seventh grade student Maya Chang took second place for her poster in the 2025 Radon Poster Contest sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Health. The statewide contest helps raise awareness in school communities about the importance of home testing and encourages students to use their creativity. More than 165 Minnesota students from 28 schools participated, and the winning poster advances to represent Minnesota nationally. Congratulations, Maya!
- Eden Prairie High School students Avni Maheshwari and Aishah Alam founded Lead Her last March, a nonprofit supporting women and marginalized communities in pursuing careers in business. The organization offers resources, networking, workshops and clothing drives, and has hosted events like financial literacy sessions and college networking. Lead Her also partners with organizations in India to fund scholarships for girls. So far, it has reached over 28,000 people and raised about \$50,000! The nonprofit was recently featured in Eden Prairie Local News.
- Congratulations to Central Middle School eighth grader Aarav Gujral, who earned first place in Extemporaneous Speaking at the National Catholic Forensic League Middle School National Tournament. This highly competitive event brings together top students from across the country, making Aarav's achievement especially impressive. In addition to his success in speech, Aarav serves as Central Middle School's student council president. We are proud of his accomplishments both in and out of the classroom!
- Eden Prairie High School students have been recognized by the Minnesota Aspirations in Computing Awards Program for their achievements in technology and computing. With eight honorees, EPHS earned the third-highest number of recognitions in the state, including one National Honorable Mention, four State Winners and three State Honorable Mentions. Congratulations to these outstanding students!
- April is National Library Month, a time to celebrate the important role our school media centers play in learning and community. These welcoming spaces support reading, research and curiosity across all subjects. Thank you to our staff for helping students discover new interests and a love of reading!
- We also recognized National Associate Principals Week earlier this month and celebrated the leadership and support our associate principals provide to students, staff and families each day.
- On April 22, we celebrated Administrative Professionals Day and highlighted the essential role these staff members play in supporting school operations and serving families.
- We also had an opportunity at our Partner and Alumni Breakfast to connect with and thank our volunteers, honoring the many individuals who give their time and care to support our schools.
- And finally, we recognized Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week, celebrating the dedicated staff who create safe, welcoming spaces where students can learn, grow and have fun!

8. Board Work

A. Decision Preparation

Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 School Board Work Plan (*First Reading*)

Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 School Board Budget (*First Reading*)

Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 School Board Budget - *Updated*

B. Required Board Action

1) Approval of FY 2026-27 Capital Budget

Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by A. Libsack that we approve the FY 2026-27 Capital Budget as presented – Passed Unanimously

2) Approval of FY 2026-27 School Board Meeting Calendar

Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by K. Ross that we approve the FY 2026-27 School Board Meeting calendar as presented – Passed Unanimously

3) Approval of AIPAC Response

Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz that we approve the AIPAC response as presented – Passed Unanimously

C. Record of Board Self-Evaluation - *No Updates*

2024-25 Board-Management Delegation (BMD's)

2024-25 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Policies (GP's)

2024-25 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Executive Limitations (EL's)

2024-25 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends 1.1 - 1.6

9. Superintendent Consent Agenda

Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by A. Libsack that we accept the Superintendent's Consent Agenda as presented

A. Monthly Reports

- 1) Resolution of Acceptance of Donations
- 2) Human Resources Report
 - a. Monthly Report
- 3) Business Services Reports
 - a. Board Business
 - b. Financial Report - Monthly Revenue/Expenditure Report

B. Bid Acceptance

- a. Executive Summary - School Apparel
- b. Executive Summary - Eden Prairie High School Roof Replacement

10. Board Action on Committee Reports & Minutes

- A. Board Development Committee
- B. Community Linkage Committee
- C. Negotiations Committee
- D. Policy Committee

- a. Policy Committee Minutes for 4/21/2026 Meeting

Motion by K. Ross, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy that we accept the Policy Committee Meeting Minutes for 4/21 as presented – Passed Unanimously

11. Other Board Updates (BRIGHTWORKS, MSHSL, ISD 287, AMSD)

BRIGHTWORKS - *Ann Bradsher*

MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League) - *Ann Bradsher*

ISD 287 (Intermediate School District) - *Kim Ross*

AMSD (Association of Metropolitan Schools) - *Abby Libsack*

12. Board Work Plan

Work Plan Changes Document

Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by K. Ross that we approve the 2025 Work Plan Change to add the Policy Discussion to the May 11, 2026 Workshop – Passed Unanimously

Eden Prairie School Board 2025-26 Work Plan (Proposed) Changes



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Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, May 11, 2026 – Workshop	ADD: Policy Discussion
Tuesday, May 26, 2026	
Monday, June 8, 2026 – Workshop	
Monday, June 22, 2026	
Placeholder – General Board Work	
Placeholder – Policy Review	

FY 2025-26 School Board Annual Work Plan

13. Closed Session: Safety & Security Update — (Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subdivision. 3(d))

Pursuant to this statute, a school board may close a meeting to discuss issues, other than financial, related to security.

AND

14. Closed Session: Negotiation Strategy — (Minnesota Statute 13D.03, Subdivision.1)

A School Board may, by majority vote in a public meeting, decide to close a meeting to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of proposals.

Motion by A. Casper, Seconded by S. Bartz to move into Closed Session at 7:30 PM – Passed Unanimously;

Resumed regular Business Meeting at 9:42 PM

15. Adjournment

Motion by K. Ross, Seconded by S. Bartz to adjourn at 9:43 PM – Passed Unanimously

Steve Bartz – Board Clerk