

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MAY 26, 2026
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on May 26, 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:

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

Present: Superintendent Josh Swanson

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Agenda Review and Approval - Motion** by S. Bartz, **Seconded** by K. Ross for agenda review and approval of the agenda for the Tuesday, May 26, 2026, meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools.– Passed Unanimously

4. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Approval of the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the April 27, 2026, School Board Regular Business Meetings and Board Workshop Notes for May 11, 2026

Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to accept those as presented – Passed Unanimously

April 27, 2026 UNOFFICIAL Minutes

May 11, 2026 Board Workshop Notes

5. **Spotlight on Success**

EHSI - Spanish Dance Festival

6. **Public Comment**

7. **Announcements**

- Starting off with some great news: six Eden Prairie High School seniors have recently been named National Merit Scholarship winners! We are so proud of these Eagles and look forward to all they will accomplish in the future!
- The Foundation for Eden Prairie Schools recently announced its 2026 Legacy Award recipients! These awards recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to students and families across our school communities. **Congratulations** to the winners! Thank you for the incredible impact you make on our students, families and schools each day.
- Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion has been named a 2026 National Gold Star School by the National Association of Elementary School Principals! This national recognition honors schools that demonstrate exemplary leadership, innovation and commitment to student success. Only 57 schools across the nation were recognized in this first year of the award, and Eagle Heights was the only school in Minnesota selected. **Congratulations** to the incredible students, staff, families and community members who make Eagle Heights such a special place to learn and grow. We are so proud to see our Eagles recognized on a national level for the outstanding work happening every day at Eagle Heights!
- Earlier this month, our school communities gathered to celebrate student learning at the Inspired Journey Summit, a science fair-like event where fifth and eighth graders, along with high school Capstone students, showcased projects they'd been working on in our five interest-area Pathways. From coding discoveries to stop motion video production to community partnership projects, our Eagles proudly displayed their collaboration, critical thinking and communication skills. Way to take ownership of your own learning, Eagle Nation!
- **Congratulations** to the Prairie View and Eden Lake Math Masters teams for their outstanding performances at the recent Math Masters competition! Prairie View fifth graders earned three of

the top four team finishes, and their “5th Dimension” team came in fifth across the state. Several students also received individual honors, including Prairie View fifth grader Saanvi Patwardhan, who took second place in the facts round, and Eden Lake students Ryan Zhou [JOH] and Matilda Case, who each earned fifth-place finishes in the fluency round. Prairie View fourth grader Khiem Nguyen [Keem Win] also tied for third in the state for the individual round! Great work, Eagles!

- **Congratulations** to tenth grader Sriyansh Puligilla, who has been recognized by the United Nations Association of the USA with a National Community Service Award! Sriyansh has completed 100+ hours of service addressing hunger and waste. Way to give back!
- Eden Prairie DECA soared at the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta last month! Of the 60 students who attended, 20 were named finalists and 10 placed in the top 10 of their respective categories. **Congratulations** as well to EPHS seniors Jia Chenchlani and Devanshu Shah, who earned first place in Travel & Tourism Team Decision Making. Incredible work, Eagles!
- **Congratulations** to the South Suburban Flyers Softball Team on winning the State Adapted Softball Tournament! This marks the first state championship for the Flyers across any of their three sports. Well done, team!
- National Honor Society, Student Council and Key Club students at Eden Prairie High School recently partnered with PROP to collect non-perishable food items for families in need. Together, they surpassed their previous record by collecting an incredible 850 pounds of donations. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make a meaningful impact in our community!
- In May we celebrated a number of appreciation days for staff members across the district. May 1 was Cultural Liaison Appreciation Day, a time to recognize the essential role cultural liaisons have in building connections, supporting students and families, and fostering a strong sense of belonging in our school communities. We are grateful for all they do to help every student feel seen, supported and inspired!
- On May 1, we also celebrated our incredible food and nutrition services professionals for School Lunch Hero Appreciation Day. These dedicated staff members do more than prepare meals — they help fuel student success by providing nutritious food and creating welcoming, positive environments for students each day. We are grateful for the energy and kindness they bring to our schools!
- We also celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week, recognizing the incredible impact our teachers make each day through their care, passion and dedication to students. Thank you, teachers, for inspiring, supporting and creating meaningful learning experiences for our Eagles. We are so grateful for all you do!
- May 6 was National School Nurse Day, celebrating our nurses and health office paraprofessionals for the care, compassion and expertise they bring to our schools each day. We thank them for helping students stay healthy, supported and ready to learn!
- The beginning of May was busy! Two days after National School Nurse Day, we recognized School Communicators Day and our award-winning Marketing & Communications and Enrollment & Outreach teams. We are grateful to them for sharing the stories of Eden Prairie Schools, keeping our community informed and helping families feel connected and welcomed into our district!
- On May 18, we celebrated Speech Pathologist Day. Our speech language pathologists work hard to support students in fluency, articulation, conversation skills and more so that Eagles can succeed in the classroom and beyond. Join us in thanking them for inspiring each through their skill, care and dedication!

8. Board Work

A. Decision Preparation

FY 2026-27 EP School Meal Prices

FY 2026-27 Budget - *First Reading*

B. Required Board Action

1) Approval of the FY 2026-27 School Board Work Plan

Motion by A. Casper, **Seconded** by A. Libsack that we accept and approve the fiscal year 2026-27 school board work plan as presented – Passed Unanimously

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

May 26, 2026



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

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Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, July 27, 2026	
Monday, August 24, 2026	
Monday, September 14, 2026 – Workshop	
Monday, September 28, 2026	
Monday, October 12 – Joint Meeting w/ City of Eden Prairie & City Council	
Monday, October 26, 2026	
Monday, –November 9, 2026 – Workshop	
Monday, November 23, 2026	
Monday, – December 14, 2026	
Placeholder – General Board Work	
Placeholder – Policy Review	

2) Approval of the FY 2026-27 School Board Budget

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

9. **Superintendent Consent Agenda - Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by K. Ross to accept the Superintendents Consent Agenda as presented – Passed Unanimously
- A. Monthly Reports

- 1) Resolution of Acceptance of Donations
- 2) Human Resources Report
- 3) Business Services Reports
 - a. Board Business
 - b. Financial Report - Monthly Revenue/Expenditure Report
- B. Approval of Agreements: AST, EPSS, Confidential, Principals
10. **Superintendent's Incidental Information Report**
 - Flight Plan 2035 Facilities Update
 - Citizens in Our Schools
11. **Board Education & Required Reporting**
12. **Board Action on Committee Reports & Minutes**
 - Board Development Committee
 - Community Linkage Committee
 - Negotiations Committee
 - Policy Committee
13. **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*
14. **Board Work Plan**
 - A. Work Plan Changes Document - **Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by S. Bartz to accept the Work Plan Changes document as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - B. School Board Annual Work Plan
 - FY 2025-26
 - FY 2026-27
15. **Adjournment - Motion** by A. Casper, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy to adjourn at **7:45 PM** - Passed Unanimously

Steve Bartz – Board Clerk