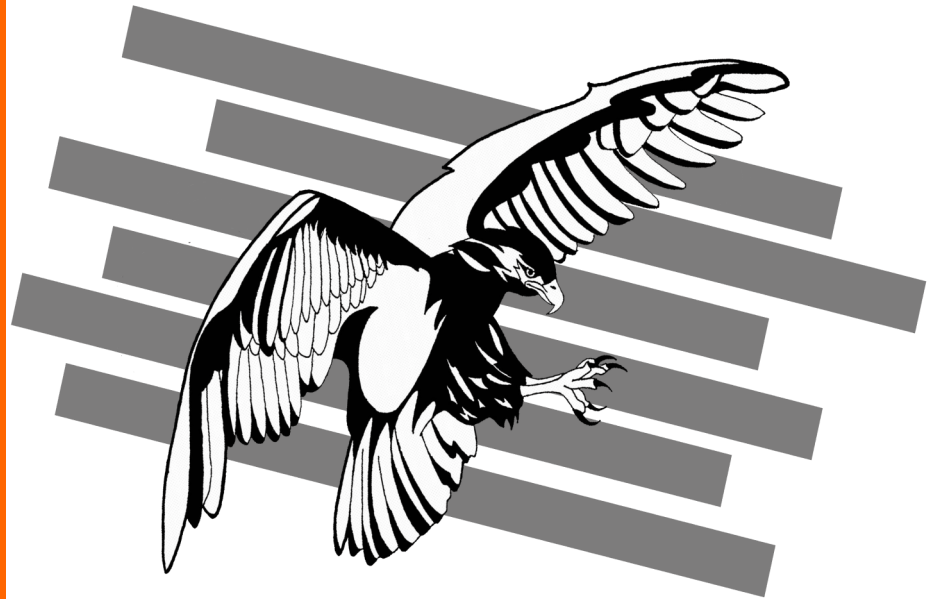


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One Student at a Time*

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The district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available to address allegations of violations of the policy of the Port Edwards School District.

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## Port Edwards School District December Updates

*Submitted by: James Bena, Superintendent & 4K-5 Principal*



Happy Holidays! On behalf of the Port Edwards School District Staff and Board of Education, we would like to wish our students, families and community members an enjoyable and peaceful holiday season. The first 3 months of the 2023-24 school year have been filled with outstanding learning opportunities for our students. We look forward to the upcoming holiday break as a time to reflect upon 2023, and to look forward to the opportunities that 2024 will bring.

### Wisconsin DPI Report Cards

On November 14, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction released its annual public school report cards. These report cards reflect data collected during the previous (2022-23) school year. According to the DPI, Wisconsin Report Cards "include data on multiple indicators for multiple years across four priority areas: achievement, growth, target group outcomes, and on-track to graduation." A listing of Port Edwards and all Wisconsin school district report cards can be found at: <https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

Port Edwards Public Schools receive 4 separate report cards: one each for the district, high school, middle school, and elementary school. Both the DPI and state CESA agencies remind schools and communities that the report cards are not an all-encompassing picture of district effectiveness: they show a moment in time on state testing. While these report cards are just one source for information about our district, academic data is taken from them to help create both our short and long-term plans for academic growth.

### 2024 Operational & Capital Referendum Update

In order to continue to provide outstanding educational and extracurricular programming, as well as to maintain and update our building and grounds, the Port Edwards School District will be asking our citizens to support an Operational and a Capital Referendum on the April 2024 ballot.

At its next monthly meeting, the P.E.S.D. Board of Education will be discussing these two referendum questions in detail. Attending the meeting will be representatives from CESA 10, who have been contracted by the district to help manage its previous referendum from 2019, as well as the proposal for 2024. Community members are encouraged to attend this meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, December 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Ed Heuer Elementary School library.

### Port Edwards Schools Holiday Events Calendar

The Port Edwards School District has several enjoyable holiday activities during the month of December:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Senior Citizens Holiday Breakfast	MS/HS Cafeteria	Friday, Dec. 8	8:45 am
Elementary Holiday Concert	Alexander Auditorium	Tuesday, Dec. 12	6:30 & 7:45 pm
JEHS Student & Staff Holiday Meal	Alexander Auditorium	Thursday, Dec. 14	12:30 pm
Winter Break		Dec. 22-Jan. 1	
School Resumes		Tuesday, Jan. 2	

## MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by: Donna Shroda, 6-12 Principal



The Fine Arts department has been shining for the past several weeks! A special shout out to the Alexander Foundation who continue to support our Fine Arts programs. The music department was able to purchase a new piano and risers while the drama department was able to purchase new costumes, props, and storage units. All of these contributions have continued to help our programs grow!

In November, the JEHS Drama Club performed another successful play, *Par for the Corpse*, after 45 hours of practice. These practices were between a short span of time, October 4th through November 9th. They were scheduled around busy students juggling sports and jobs. On Friday, November 9th, the cast entertained the entire middle school with a full dress rehearsal. On Saturday and Sunday, auditorium seats were filled with students, parents, and community members. Over 200 patrons were entertained! A special thank you to Marissa Rebeschke and Rachel Frizzell, the dynamic duo, who have advised the play for a number of years. They also have a strong cast behind the scenes, including Mr. Birno who helps build the set.

Last week, at the end of 1st trimester the music department showed off their talent with both a choir and band concert. The choir program, *Full Circle* was a great success! The song choices focused on team-building in the vocal department and did an excellent job of showcasing all of the singers. Ten soloists were featured in the concert, including two seniors. Ms. P included a message to all her seniors on the back of the program: "Seniors, tonight you will actually *show* the younger students what it means to be a member of choir. They will see that growing in strength doesn't mean leaving others behind. Your applause, your whoops of joy and your voices raised with theirs will prove it to them: We use our strength to aid those still growing. Thank you, seniors, for bringing them full circle." It was an amazing and inspiring concert.

The band concert, *Overture for Band*, was on Thursday, November 30th directed by Ms. Anderson. The 6th grade band had their first performance (ever!) playing classics like *Old MacDonald* and *Hard Rock Blues*. The 7th and 8th-grade band featured a holiday clarinet feature piece called *Candy Candy Clarinets*. Their favorite song was *Mechanical Monsters* which calls for all the band members to play with mechanical pencils! The High School Band ended the night's program with the very technically challenging *Declaration Overture*.

Don't forget to join the music department at the Christmas Tree lighting on Sunday, December 10th at 4:45 pm. They will be singing and playing some holiday tunes for the community.

Finally, as the end of the trimester approaches, it is a great time to talk to your child about their school day and their educational experiences. High school students will soon be studying the course description book for next year. Juniors and Seniors should be preparing for their futures, meeting with their counselor, and visiting technical schools and colleges. Middle school students have started their next rotation, offering new experiences. Please reach out if you have any questions about what our district has to offer.

## Counseling News

Submitted by: Jennifer Moore, MS/HS Counselor

### College Bound Students

Launch of the 2024–25 FAFSA® Form

[Prepare for and stay informed about the FAFSA launch.](#)

There are major changes and improvements coming to the 2024–25 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form. As a result, the new form will be available in December 2023.

The launch date will apply only for the 2024–25 FAFSA form.

The changes to the FAFSA form for the 2024–25 aid year include

- expanded eligibility for federal student aid and
- a more streamlined application process.



### 2024-25 High School Class Registration

Look for class registration materials and course description books to be sent home sometime before winter break. We encourage parents to talk with their students about their future goals and take part in the registration process.

### 2024 ACT Test Dates:

Juniors will take the ACT on March 19, 2024 at John Edwards High School. Please mark your calendars. All juniors need to be present on that date.

Off site test dates are as follows:

February 10, 2024

April 13, 2024

Registration deadline

January 5, 2024

March 8, 2024

To register for any of these additional test dates, at your cost, please go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

### NCAA Eligibility

Any high school student considering playing sports at a Division I or Division II school should visit the NCAA Clearinghouse website to review academic eligibility. It is the student's responsibility to comply with all requirements. The website is [www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/eligibility-](http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/eligibility-)

## Notes from the Nurse

Submitted by: *Katie Bortz, CESA 5 School Nurse*

With the holidays right around the corner, many people are thinking about the perfect gifts for those people on their list. Often times, children and adolescents are the biggest recipients of gifts. Did you know that December is Safe Toys and Gifts month? Several organizations such as The American Academy of Ophthalmology and The American Public Health Association have banded together to provide some guidance for folks when it comes to buying and gifting toys to children:

- Check the labels of laser products for evidence that the device complies with 21 CFR (the Code of Federal Regulations) Subchapter J
- If you give sports equipment, also give the appropriate protective wear (for the body and eyes)
- Give gifts that will bring kids away from screens, such as craft kits, outdoor toys, board games or subscription gifts to cooking boxes or art projects
- When purchasing toys for children with special needs try to: Choose toys that may appeal to different senses such as sound, movement, and texture; consider interactive toys to allow the child to play with others; and think about the size of the toy and the position a child would need to be in to play with it.
- Do not give toys with ropes, cords, or heating elements
- Be diligent about inspecting toys your child has received. Check them for age, skill level, and developmental appropriateness before allowing them to be played with.

Please reach out if you have any questions or if there is anything staff in the health offices can help support your student. I wish you all a wonderful and healthy holiday season.

### Winter Clothing Reminder!

Colder temperatures and blustery winds are sure to be in our future soon! Please remember to send your students to school with the appropriate winter gear - including jacket, snow pants, hat, gloves and boots for elementary students. The elementary office has a limited supply of items to loan to students who may forget an item. If your family needs assistance acquiring the needed items for cold weather, please reach out to Mrs. Lisitza.



Katie Bortz  
CESA 5 School Nurse  
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**Port Edwards School District**  
**Closures & Delay Guidelines**

**November, 2023**

A school closure can occur at any time during the school year due to unpredicted situations (water mains bursting, etc.) or as a result of hazardous weather.

**Winter Weather Delays & Closings**

- **2-hour delays:** School will be delayed generally 2 hours if the wind chill is predicted to be at – 30 degrees Fahrenheit or colder at 6:30 a.m., but warmer following that time. If a 2-hour delay is called, classes will begin at 10:00 at JEMS/JEHS, and 10:20 at Ed Heuer Elementary.
- **Early releases:** Students may be released and sent home from school earlier than normal if extremely cold or severe winter weather appears imminent, and early departure is determined to be safer than leaving at normal school dismissal time.
- **School cancellation:** Normally scheduled school will be canceled if:
  - The wind chill is predicted to be at – 30 degrees Fahrenheit or colder for the time period from 6:30 – 8:00 a.m., without any warming.
  - Roads are judged to be too dangerous for travel for the day.

**How families will be contacted if the decision is made to close school**

- Whenever school is closed, families that have their phone numbers registered with the Port Edwards School District will receive an alert telephone call via the Infinite Campus message system.
- The school district will make every attempt possible to publicize delays and closings on local radio, television, and social media sites.







## **A message from Port Edwards Parent Organization...**

Our first Doughnuts for Grown Ups is in the books and it was a huge success! We had 123 kids and grown ups gather in the elementary school cafeteria early in the morning on November 10th and enjoy donuts from Dunkin Donuts, juice and coffee. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this fun morning of conversation and breakfast.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NEXT EXCITING EVENT!**

Candy Bar Bingo night is back!! The date is Thursday, January 18th from 6:00-7:00pm. in the elementary school cafeteria. Doors open at 5:45pm. Bring a full size candy bar to get a Bingo card to play. Get a Bingo and you win a candy bar! It's always a fun family night with your school family. Watch for more information to come home with your student and on our Facebook page.



Don't forget we have our Blackhawk apparel sale open year round now!! Blackhawk apparel makes great birthday gifts or Christmas gifts. Please use the following link to access the store: <https://1stplace.sale/101560>. Orders are through 1st Place Spiritwear and PEPO earns 10% of all sales. What a great way to support PEPO and get some new and exciting Blackhawk apparel.

From our PEPO family to yours, have a great holiday season and enjoy the time with family and friends. We will see you in the new year!

Next PEPO meeting is Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30 pm. in the elementary school library. We hope to see you there!





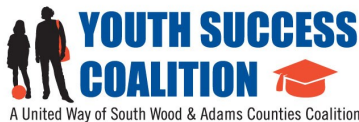
## Port Edwards Basketball Alumni

You are invited to the annual alumni recognition basketball game.

Male: January 2, 2024

Female: January 15, 2024

Alumni basketball players attending will be given admission to the games, be treated to on-court introductions at half time and an after-game social. Please invite your teammates who may not see this announcement. Parents, tell your kids attending college or living out of the area!



### Find Fun at McMillan Library: Events & Activities For All Ages!

Did you know McMillan Library has year-round programming for children and teens?! Here are some highlights happening at the library!

#### Teen Game Day

2-4pm, December 1st & 28th

Enjoy snacks, PS5, Nintendo Switch, & tabletop games with others!

#### Teen Anime Matinee

2-4:30pm, December 9th

Watch anime with friends!

#### Family Movie Night

6pm, December 12th

Enjoy a showing of the new Super Mario Bros. Movie!

#### Teen Lego Build Day

2-4pm, December 27th

Have snacks, build cool stuff.

#### Family Take Home Kits

Learn to knit at your own pace—yarn & instructions included! Sign up ahead and pickup on December 29th.

#### Taylor's Version Celebration

4:30-6pm, December 21st

All ages of Swifties are invited to dress as their favorite era & party like it's 1989! Enjoy snacks, trivia, a photo booth, and supplies for friendship bracelets and paper rings!



# December 2023 ES Breakfast Menu

## Elementary School

Breakfast Prices:  
 All Students: \$1.60 Adults: \$2.45  
 Menus Subject to Change

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*


Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
4 No School	5 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	6 WG Muffin Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	7 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	8 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
11 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	12 Chocolate Crescent Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	13 Smuckers Fruit Juice Milk	14 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	15 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
18 Yogurt Granola Fruit Juice Milk	19 French Toast Sticks Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	20 Pop-Tart Fruit Juice Milk	21 Yogurt Crunch Mania Graham Snacks Fruit Juice Milk	22 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
25 Happy Holidays!!	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School

# December 2023 ES Lunch Menu

Alternate Lunch Choice:  
 Monday: Smuckers  
 Tuesday: Taco Salad  
 Wednesday: Pizza Roll Up  
 Thursday: Chef Salad  
 Friday: Cheese Pizza

**LUNCH PRICES:**  
 Elementary: \$2.60 Middle School: \$2.75  
 High School: \$2.80 Adults: \$4.08  
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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Big Daddy's Pizza Green Beans Banana Ice Cream Sandwich  No Alternate
4 <b>No School</b>	5 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Sweet Potatoes Peaches Dinner Roll	6 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Refried Beans Orange Wedges Salsa \ Sour Cream	7 Lasagna Roll Garlic Bread Green Beans Pineapple	8 Sloppy Joes WG Bun Baked Chips Applesauce Coleslaw
11 Chicken Tenders Sauces French Fries Peas Slushie	12 Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta Broccoli Peaches Cookie	13 Softshell Taco Spanish Rice Pears Refried Beans Salsa/Sour Cream	14 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Cooked Carrots Mandarin Oranges	15 Mini Corn Dogs Hash Brown Patty Baked Beans Banana
18 Pepperoni French Bread Pizza Broccoli Slushie	19 WG Nachos Taco Meat Cheese Sauce Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges	20 Mac N Cheese Green Beans Pineapple Dinner Roll Jell-O	21 French Toast Sticks Applesauce Juice Syrup	22 Pretzel Sub Sandwich Baked Chips Corn Slushie  No Alternate
25 <b>Happy Holidays!</b>	26 <b>No School</b>	27 <b>No School</b>	28 <b>No School</b>	29 <b>No School</b>

# December 2023 MS/HS Breakfast Menu

## Middle/High School

Breakfast Prices:  
 All Students: \$1.60    Adults: \$2.45  
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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
4 <b>No School</b>	5 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	6 WG Muffin Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	7 WG Glazed Donut Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	8 Frudel Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
11 Pop-Tart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	12 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	13 Waffle Envy Syrup Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	14 WG Banana Bread Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	15 Frudel Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
18 Cereal Bar Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	19 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	20 Chocolate Crescent Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	21 Crunch Mania Graham Crackers Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	22 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
25 <b>Happy Holidays!!</b>	26 <b>No School</b>	27 <b>No School</b>	28 <b>No School</b>	29 <b>No School</b>

# December 2023 MS/HS Lunch Menu

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Monday: Smuckers

Tuesday: Taco Salad

Wednesday: Turkey Wrap

Thursday: Chef Salad

Friday: Cheese Pizza

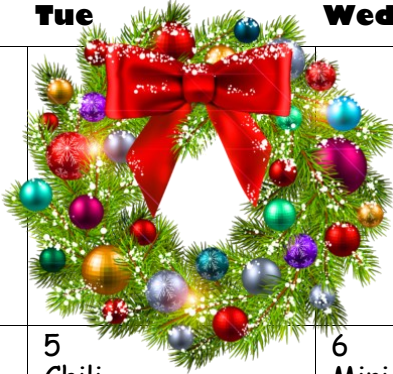
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				1 Big Daddy's Pizza Pasta Salad Green Beans Banana Ice Cream Sandwich  No Alternate
4 <b>No School</b>	5 Chili Cheese Filled Breadstick Corn Orange Fluff	6 Mini Tacos Spanish Rice Refried Beans Orange Wedges Salsa\Sour Cream	7 Lasagna Roll Garlic Bread Green Beans Pineapple	8 Sloppy Joes WG Bun Baked Chips Applesauce Coleslaw
11 Chicken Tenders Sauces French Fries Peas Slushie	12 Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta Broccoli Peaches Breadstick	13 Softshell Tacos Spanish Rice Pears Refried Beans Salsa/Sour cream	14 MS: Big Daddy's Pizza Green Beans Mandarin Oranges HS: Holiday Dinner	15 Mini Corn Dogs Hash Brown Patty Baked Beans Banana Sugar Cookie
18 Pepperoni French Bread Pizza Apple slices Green Beans Ice Cream Cup	19 WG Nachos Taco Meat Cheese Sauce Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges Sugar Cookie	20 Mac N Cheese Diced Chicken Taco Meat Pears Broccoli Dinner Roll	21 French Toast Sticks Omelet Applesauce Juice Syrup	22 Pretzel Sub Sandwich Baked Chips Corn Slushie  No Alternate
25 <b>Happy Holidays!!</b>	26 <b>No School</b>	27 <b>No School</b>	28 <b>No School</b>	29 <b>No School</b>

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1 No School	2 Granola Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	3 Chocolate Crescent Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	4 WG Banana Bread Fruit Juice Milk	5 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
8 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	9 Bug Bites Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	10 Mini Cinnis Fruit Juice Milk	11 Bagel Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	12 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
15 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	16 Mini Pancakes Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	17 WG Muffin Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	18 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	19 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
22 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	23 Chocolate Crescent Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	24 Smuckers Fruit Juice Milk	25 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	26 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
29 Blueberry Vanilla Mini Bites Granola Fruit Juice Milk	30 French Toast Sticks Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	31 Pop-Tart Fruit Juice Milk		

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8 All American Chicken Wrap Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Applesauce	9 Baked Potato Bar Diced Ham Shredded Cheese Broccoli Peaches Dinner Roll	10 Pretzel Bun Sub Sandwich Baked Chips Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges	11 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Cooked Carrots Pears	12 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Cheez-Its Peas Apple Slices
15 Calzone Marinara Sauce Pears Corn Pudding Cup	16 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Sweet Potatoes Peaches Dinner Roll	17 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Refried Beans Orange Wedges Salsa/Sour Cream	18 Lasagna Roll Garlic Bread Green Beans Pineapple	19 Sloppy Joes WG Bun Baked Chips Applesauce Coleslaw
22 Chicken Tenders Sauces French Fries Peas Slushie	23 Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta Broccoli Peaches Cookie	24 Softshell Taco Spanish Rice Pears Refried Beans Salsa/Sour Cream	25 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Cooked Carrots Mandarin Oranges	26 Mini Corn Dogs Hash Brown Patty Baked Beans Banana
29 Pepperoni French Bread Pizza Broccoli Slushie	30 WG Nachos Taco Meat Cheese Sauce Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges	31 Mac N Cheese Green Beans Pineapple Dinner Roll Jell-O		




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8 Pop-Tart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	9 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	10 Blueberry Vanilla Mini Bites Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	11 Mini Pancakes Syrup Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	12 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
15 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	16 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	17 WG Muffin Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	18 WG Glazed Donut Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	19 Frudel Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
22 Pop-Tart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	23 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	24 Waffle Envy Syrup Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	25 WG Banana Bread Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	26 Frudel Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
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<b>8</b> All American Chicken Wrap Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Applesauce	<b>9</b> Baked Potato Bar Diced Ham Chicken Broccoli Peaches Dinner Roll	<b>10</b> Pretzel Bun Sub Sandwich Baked Chips Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges	<b>11</b> Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Jell-O Cooked Carrots Pears	<b>12</b> Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese Apple Slices Peas 
<b>15</b> Calzone Marinara Sauce Green Beans Pears Pudding cup	<b>16</b> Chili Cheese Filled Breadstick Orange Fluff Corn	<b>17</b> Mini Tacos Spanish Rice Refried Beans Orange Wedges Salsa/Sour Cream	<b>18</b> Lasagna Roll Garlic Bread Green Beans Pineapple	<b>19</b> Sloppy Joes WG Bun Baked Chips Applesauce Coleslaw
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# PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 13, 2023 – Elementary IMC, Fifth Street., Port Edwards, WI

# Minutes

Meeting called to order by President John Daven at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

**PRESENT:** John Daven, Leo Thomasgard, Cary Hildebrandt, Dana Duncan

**ABSENT:** Kathy McGrath

**ALSO PRESENT:** James Bena, Superintendent

### 1. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to approve the agenda as presented. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

### 2. Consideration of motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute:

19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility

A. Consider Approval of Past Executive Meetings – August 16, 2023

B. Discuss Personnel Matters

Motion by Duncan, second by Thomasgard to adjourn into closed session. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

### 3. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene into Open Session to take any action deemed necessary from the closed session.

Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to adjourn executive session and reconvene into open session. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried

**PRESENT:** John Daven, Leo Thomasgard, Cary Hildebrandt, Dana Duncan

**ABSENT:** Kathy McGrath

**ALSO PRESENT:** James Bena, Superintendent, Lisa Miller, Business Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennie Breitrick, Perry Cook, Emily Wahlquist, Jenna Cooper

5:30 – Business Session

### 4. Report from Student Representatives & Student Recognition

Student Council members, Haley Davidson and Mireya Cueto gave an update on the latest activities at JEHS. Student Council hosted a Back-to-School cookout in the school parking lot. The cookout was well-attended and Student Council thanked all those that helped make it a success. Fall sports are off to a good start and Homecoming will be held the last week of September.

### 5. Guest Speaker

- Harju Foundation Presentation

Dr. Perry Cook, Emily Wahlquist, and Jenna Cooper from UW-Stevens Point representing the Harju Foundation shared information on the Harju Center for Equity in Education. Thanks to a gift of \$5 million dollars from the estate of Dorothea Harju, the Harju Center for Equity in Education was established. The Harju Center will support rural education and prepare elementary education teachers.

Dr. Cook stated that there are plans to offer a \$4000 scholarship to place one student teacher in the Port Edwards School District in the spring and fall of 2024.

### 6. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

President Daven reported that Board members Daven, Thomasgard, Hildebrandt and Duncan were in attendance. Board member McGrath was absent due to a personal obligation.

B. Next Board Meeting

President Daven reported that the next meeting of the School Board will be Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, this will be the October meeting at 5:30 and the Annual Meeting at 6:15

### 7. Administrative Reports

A. District Administrator /Elementary Principal Report - Superintendent Bena

Superintendent Bena updated the Board on the progress of the referendum planning. On August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> staff members assisted with Stuff the Bus, handing out backpacks to families in need from the area. On August 24<sup>th</sup> thirteen staff members participated in CPI training. Mr. Bena stated that 90% of families attended Back-to-School night on August 29<sup>th</sup>. The Port Edwards Education Foundation is working with the local police for a phone app – Inform 911 – for all staff members for assistance in an emergency.

B. Middle School/High School Principal Report - Principal Shroda  
Principal Shroda unable to attend.

**8. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance**  
None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**9. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – August 16, 2023.**

Motion by Thomasgard, second by Duncan to approve the minutes of the past meeting. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**10. Consider Approval of Financial Reports**

- A. Check Summaries August 1-31, 2023  
#34030 – 34089 & 202300055 -202300130 - \$353,056.61
- B. Cash Receipt Summary.....August 1-31, 2023
- C. District Revenue Report August 1-31, 2023
- D. District Expenditures Report August 1-31, 2023
- E. August Cash Balance Report
- G. Budget Revision
- H. Consider Approval of Gifts

Business Director Miller reported that Cary & Kelly Hildebrandt donated the footholds for the new rock-climbing wall and the Blackhawk football team installed a new fence at the football field.

Motion by Duncan, second by Thomasgard to approve the financial reports as presented. Voting yes - Daven, Thomasgard Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**11. Second Reading of Neola Policy Updates**

Motion by Daven, second by Duncan to approve the Neola Policy Updates. Voting yes—all. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**12. Unpaid Leave Procedures**

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Duncan to approve the unpaid leave procedures. Unpaid leave requests will be taken to the Board for approval. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**13. Consider Approval of Curriculum Consultant – Kathi Stebbins-Hintz**

Motion by Duncan, second by Thomasgard to approve Kathi Stebbins-Hintz as Curriculum Consultant. Voting yes – all. Motion carried. Superintendent Bena will be seeking the grant thru the Harju foundation to cover this expenditure.

**14. Consider Approval of Technology Assistant Compensation**

Motion by Duncan, second by Thomasgard to approve an increase to the compensation for the technology assistant. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**15. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment**

John Daven stated that the Fall Region 5 WASB meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Rothschild. Mr. Daven stated that he will be recognized that evening by WASB.

**16. Establish Future Board Meetings**

Monday, October 30, 2023, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. - Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting, 6:15 p.m. – Elementary IMC

**17. Call for Adjournment**

Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to adjourn the meeting. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Lisa Miller, Acting Secretary

# PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:00 p.m., Monday, October 30, 2023 – Elementary IMC, Fifth Street., Port Edwards, WI

# Minutes

Meeting called to order by President John Daven at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

**PRESENT:** John Daven, Leo Thomasgard, Kathy McGrath, Cary Hildebrandt, Dana Duncan

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** James Bena, Superintendent, Lisa Miller, Business Director

### 1. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by McGrath, second by Duncan to approve the agenda as presented. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

### 2. Consideration of motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute:

19.85(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

A. Consider Approval of Past Executive Meetings – September 13, 2023

B. Student Update

Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to adjourn into closed session. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

### 3. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene into Open Session to take any action deemed necessary from the closed session.

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to adjourn executive session and reconvene into open session. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried

**PRESENT:** John Daven, Leo Thomasgard, Kathy McGrath, Cary Hildebrandt, Dana Duncan

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** James Bena, Superintendent, Lisa Miller, Business Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Donna Shroda, Jerene Sillars, Jeanne Breuner

5:30 – Business Session

### 4. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

President Daven reported that all Board members were in attendance.

B. Reading of the National School Lunch Week Proclamation

President Daven shared the National School Lunch Week Proclamation

C. Next Board Meeting

President Daven reported that the next meeting of the School Board will be November 15, 2023.

### 5. Administrative Reports

A. Elementary Principal Report – Principal Bena

Principal Bena reported that the most recent in-service day on October 26<sup>th</sup>, was very productive. He stated that the curriculum leadership committee did a presentation to all staff in the afternoon. This is a multi-year process and making sure there are no gaps in our curriculum and that it is aligned to the state standards. Principal Bena stated that the character trait for November in the elementary school is gratitude. He also reported that there was a 90.2% attendance rate for Parent-Teacher conferences which Mr. Bena was very pleased with. Fall Fest was held on October 19<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Bena thanked the parent organization (PEPO) staff and student council for all of their work, it was a great family night, 265 people attended.

Principal Bena reported that the next PEPO event will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>, Donuts with Grown-ups.

B. MS/HS Principal Report – Principal Shroda

Principal Shroda reported that the drama production, Par for the Corpse, will be performed on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 and November 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 and will be performing for the middle school on Friday afternoon. Ms. Shroda also stated that the in-service day was very productive, discussion regarding a school-wide SLO which will be beneficial to students and staff. Principal Shroda will share the goal once it is complete.

C. District Administrator Report – Superintendent Bena

Superintendent Bena reported on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday count to the Board, the district increased 24 over last year's number. Mr. Bena

shared with the Board that he, Betsy Mancl and Jen Moore met with Dr. Mondeik from MSTC to view the building in the shopping center in downtown Port Edwards as a possible MSTC center. The building is in need of renovation and they will continue discussion. Superintendent Bena stated that the week of October 1<sup>st</sup> was Wisconsin School Board Week and thanked the Board for their leadership. Mr. Bena reported that the state report cards will be made public on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Bena introduced Mr. Bill Karberg, retired Lincoln High School art teacher, JEHS graduate and community member. Mr. Karberg presented the district with one of his paintings, "Sea Life". The district thanks Mr. Karberg for his generous donation.

**6. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**7. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – September 13, 2023**

Motion by Thomasgard, second by Duncan to approve the minutes of the past meeting. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**8. Consider Approval of Financial Reports**

- A. Check Summaries September 1-30, 2023  
#34090 – 34216 & 202300131 -202300249 - \$482,911.07
- B. District Revenue Report September 1-30, 2023
- C. District Expenditures Report September 1-30, 2023
- D. Cash Receipt Summary.....September 1-30, 2023
- E. September Cash Balance Report
- F. September Substitutes Report
- G. Budget Revision
- H. Consider Approval of Gifts

Business Director reported the following:

Budget Revision:

Increase to Carl Perkins Grant Budget: 10 R 800 517 000000 962 - \$412.00 – 02/15/2023

Gifts:

- Joyce Durrant – donation of school supplies to the elementary school
- Crystal Rietveld – donation to PEEF to be used towards the purchase of the 911 app
- Jean Kluender - donation of school supplies to the elementary school
- Solarus - \$1400 – annual donation
- Renaissance - \$1000 – annual donation
- PE Fire Dept. Athletic Association - \$500 donation towards AED
- ERCO - \$500 donation towards AED

Motion by Duncan, second by McGrath to approve the financial reports as presented. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**10. Referendum Update Presentation**

Lindsey Schreiner & Luke Schultz, CESA 10, appeared virtually to update the Board on the current numbers for the upcoming referendum. A list of needs for both buildings was reviewed by the Board. The District is planning to place two questions on the ballot, an operational referendum in the amount of \$850,000/year for 5 years and a capital referendum in the amount of \$7,300,000.

**11. Consider Approval of Placement of Statue**

Jeanne Bruener came to the Board to request the approval of moving the historical statue of John Edwards to John Edwards Middle/High School at no cost to the district.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by McGrath to approve the placement of the John Edwards Statue. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**12. Consider Approval of the Co-Curricular Coaching Positions:**

- A. Kyle Olson – MS Boys Basketball
- B. Carey O'Connor – MS Boys Basketball
- C. Ben Martinson – JV/Asst. HS Boys Basketball
- D. Abby Seipel – JV/Asst. HS Girls Basketball

Motion by Duncan, second by McGrath to approve the coaching positions as presented. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**13. Consider Approval of Teaching Contract:**

- A. Raneisha Keeling

Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to approve a teaching contract for Raneisha Keeling. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**14. Consider Approval of Start College Now Applications**

Motion by McGrath, second by McGrath to approve the Start College Now applications. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**15. Consider Approval of Early Graduation**

Motion by McGrath, second by Duncan to approve an early graduation request. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**16. Designate State Education Convention Board Delegate**

Hildebrandt nominated John Daven as the State Education Convention Board Delegate, nomination seconded by Thomasgard.

John Daven will serve as the 2024 Delegate.

**17. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment**

Kathy – Thanked the three teachers that applied and were awarded PEEF Grants.

John – Stated he looks forward to the upcoming play and thanked all those in attendance for tonight's meeting.

**18. Establish Future Board Meetings**

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

**19. Call for Adjournment**

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to adjourn the meeting. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt and Duncan. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Lisa Miller, acting secretary



**PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**Special Session of the Board of Education**  
6:45 p.m., Monday, October 30, 2023 – Port Edwards Elementary IMC, 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Port Edwards, WI

**Special Session Minutes**

Meeting called to order by President, John Daven at 7:23 p.m.

Roll Call

**PRESENT:** John Daven, Leo Thomasgard, Kathy McGrath, Cary Hildebrandt, Dana Duncan

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** James Bena, Superintendent, Lisa Miller, Business Director

1. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Duncan to approve the agenda as posted. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

2. Adopt the 2023-24 Budget

3. Establish the 2023-24 Tax Levy

4. Consider Approval of Short-Term Line of Credit in the Amount of \$650,000

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Duncan to approve agenda items #2, #3 and #4 as presented.

Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

5. Call for Adjournment

Motion by McGrath, second by Duncan to adjourn the meeting. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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