



# News Release

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## **EVANSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADOPTS WEB-BASED BOARD MANAGEMENT SYSTEM JUST DAYS BEFORE WISCONSIN ENACTS "SAFER AT HOME" ORDER**

### *BoardDocs Solution Enables ECSD to Share Agenda and Crucial Voting Results in Real Time*

**Evansville, WI, March 27, 2020** — In late February, the School Board of the Evansville Community School District (ECSD) made the decision to leverage web-based technology to improve district governance while saving staff time and taxpayer dollars. The board management solution, called BoardDocs Pro, will provide a new level of increased transparency during the "Safer at Home" era and into the future.

The new board management solution proved to be the right investment at the March 25th ECSD board meeting, when seven people—four board members and three members of the administration—were physically in the room while three board members and six administrators telephoned in. All votes were made both by roll call and online so interested public was able to see the results, including the crucial decision to pay hourly staff during the shutdown, in real time. Still new to the district, the easy-to-use service will allow ECSD to provide a new level of increased transparency that will provide a foundation for better and more open communication with the public from now on.

The board management solution, called BoardDocs Pro, uses a structured, collaborative workflow that is specifically designed to meet the unique needs and legal requirements of public school boards and a wide variety of other types of governing bodies.

In addition to providing a critical resource for the district during the "Safer at Home" era, the electronic distribution of materials and real-time voting will save time and resources while providing unprecedented public access via ECSD's website at: [www.ecsdnet.org](http://www.ecsdnet.org). The new process allows all interested parties to review up-to-the-minute information on the ECSD website the Monday before each regular board meeting. Immediately after the meetings, everyone can see actions taken by the board, complete with voting results by member. All documents associated with the meeting are automatically archived on the website and can be accessed by date or the search feature.

ECSD Board President Melissa Hammann is excited about this step forward in governance of the district, "The board has long sought a way to transition to electronic board packets as a way to better utilize both human resources and to minimize our environmental impact. The expense previously eluded the board as it was unwilling to spend on electronic packets to the detriment of programs closer to students. The recent operational referendum has enabled this kind of forward thinking investment across many areas of our district and has already made a big difference for board members, administrators, administrative assistants and anyone involved in putting together the board packet."

ECSD District Administrator Jerry Roth is hopeful that the new platform provides instant information to our staff and public during the current social distancing and online-learning environment and well into the future. "BoardDocs is already proving to be a highly useful tool as it helps the ECSD Board and administration to be more streamlined and efficient. I was impressed with how smoothly our March 25th preparation and meeting ran with BoardDocs given the limitations of the current environment. I was glad to know that all of our hourly

employees could see they would be paid during the shutdown and hopefully understand how much we all value their contributions to our district as soon as the board vote was carried out. We have been looking for ways to make the board meetings more accessible to everyone, and I think we have found an affordable and effective solution in BoardDocs."

For questions regarding ECSD and this new governance initiative, contact Lindsay Krull at (608) 882-3387 or [krulll@evansville.k12.wi.us](mailto:krulll@evansville.k12.wi.us).

For more information about BoardDocs Pro, call (800) 407-0141 or visit [www.boarddocs.com](http://www.boarddocs.com) to experience the premier board management solution firsthand.

***About the Evansville Community School District (ECSD)***

*ECSD, in active partnership with families and the community, provides a positive learning environment that challenges all students to achieve personal excellence and become contributing citizens of the world community. ECSD is a district of approximately 1,820 students that serves the City of Evansville and the townships of Brooklyn, Center, Janesville, Magnolia, Porter, Union and Rutland.*

***About BoardDocs***

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