

BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17
(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska
Monday, April 10, 2023 7:00 p.m.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023 at the schoolhouse. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on April 4, 2023.

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:00 p.m. with members Christman, Merrell, Cumming, Reardon, and Cruise present. Also in attendance were Darren Luebbe, Steve Osborn, Lindsay Tenski, Jean Cumming, Alli Brauner, Lydia Ketelsen, Payton Fitchner

- a. Open Meeting Law Posted
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. President Roberts set the next regular board meeting for May 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

- a. Notice: The agenda sequence is provided as a courtesy. The board reserves the right to consider items in the sequence it deems appropriate.
- b. It was moved by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to approve the agenda as presented.
Roll call vote: Cumming-Yea, Merrell-Yea, Reardon-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Christman-Yea, Roberts-Yea
Motion carried 6-0.

FFA Program Update.

Jean Cumming, Alli Brauner, Lydia Ketelsen, Payton Fitchner invited the board of education members to the annual FFA Banquet on April 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. They also highlighted some of their experience at the State FFA competition.

Mr. Luebbe's Principal Report

Track has started for both the high school and junior high teams. Both teams have started having meets, as well as having weather related changes to schedules. State Speech took place on March 17th. We had several students compete and place. GRC music contest was on March 22nd. We had several students and groups perform. On March 21st, the Junior class took the ACT. Prom took place on March 25th. It was well attended by the students and their dates.

Faculty/Student Recognition

- Congratulations to the Winter Academic All-State Recipients. Grace Tibor (Speech), Payton Fitchner (Speech), Jean Cumming (Girls Basketball), Malaina Francis (Girls Basketball), Ian Reardon (Boys Basketball), and Marcos Paez (Boys Basketball).
- Thank you to Mrs. Tenski for setting up and proctoring the ACT test for the Juniors.
- Thank you to Mrs. Berggren and the Junior class for setting up and creating a great Prom. Thank you to Mrs. MacDonald and the Sophomore class for taking all of the decorations down.
- Congratulations to Payton Fitchner on 3rd place in Poetry, and Malaina Francis and Maddie Reeves on their 5th place finish in Duet at State Speech.
- Congratulations to Isaac Roberts on being named 1st Team All-Conference in basketball, and Anthony Reader, Ian Reardon, and Jean Cumming on being named Honorable Mention All-Conference in basketball.
- Congratulations to Isaac Roberts and Anthony Reader on being named Honorable Mention All-State by the Omaha World Herald. Congratulations to Isaac Roberts, Ian Reardon, and Anthony Reader on being named Honorable Mention All-State by the Lincoln Journal Star. Congratulations to Isaac Roberts on being named to the Norfolk Daily News Elite 8 3rd Team in basketball, and to Ian Reardon and Anthony Reader on being named Norfolk Daily News Elite 8 Honorable Mention in basketball.

Music Individuals and groups receiving honors

Superior Ratings - Division I

Grace Tibor - Bass Clarinet Solo

Izabelle Zurovski - Flute Solo

Gracie Baker - Vocal Solo

Maddy Reeves - Vocal Solo

Girls Ensemble - Gracie Baker, Kianna Cruise, Jasmina Foshee, Maddy Reeves, Nicole Werner, Trinity Sindelar, Kendra Werner

Woodwind Quartet - Gracie Baker, Izabelle Zurovski, Jasmina Foshee, Olivia Reardon,

Clarinet Quartet - Jasmina Foshee, Olivia Reardon, Arlette Irineo-Gallardo, Grace Tibor

Excellent Ratings - Division II

Concert Band

Jasmina Foshee - Clarinet Solo

Sax Trio - Kalvin Sindeldar, Jasmina Foshee, Claire Tibor

Boys Ensemble- Spencer Werts, Grant Gasper, Devin Rivera, Carter Anson, Jerel Matchett, Jacob Reeves

Mixed Duet- Gracie Baker & Spencer Werts

Girls Quintet - Gracie Baker, Kianna Cruise, Maddy Reeves, Nicole Werner, Trinity Sindeldar

Mixed Ensemble - Gracie Baker, Kianna Cruise, Jasmina Foshee, Maddy Reeves, Nicole Werner, Trinity Sindeldar, Kendra Werner, Spencer Werts, Grant Gasper, Devin Rivera, Carter Anson, Jerel Matchett, Jacob Reeves

Boys Trio - Jerel Matchett, Jacob Reeves, Carter Anson

Congratulation to the St. Edward FFA Chapter on a great State FFA Convention

Carter Anson received a blue ribbon individually in Natural Resources; Payton Fitchner received a silver medal for his performance in Employment Skills; Jean Cumming received a blue ribbon and Ryan Cumming received a white ribbon for their performances in the Meats CDE contest; Olivia Reardon received a red ribbon, Josie Sock and Ryan Cumming both earned white ribbons in fetal pig dissection; Jean Cumming received her State FFA Degree

Mr. Osborn's Report

It was reported we were able to get the correct USB device to allow for the reprogramming of the fitness center entry system. We are hoping this will address the problem. If not, we will replace the locks and software to get the system working appropriately. We continue to explore expanding our concession stand serving window and are waiting an estimate on the cost of this project. We are waiting on a bid to get water to the practice football field as watering the field has always been a challenge. Our goal is to get that field in a lot better shape moving forward. The math teacher position is still being advertised with no official interest at this point in time. The advertisement on the Teach in Nebraska website has been broadened to potentially attract applicants. Interviews for the head of maintenance position were completed last week and an offer has not been made at this point in time. Mr. Osborn reported he has other information to share as action items on the agenda, Lindsay Tenski shared information regarding the external school improvement team visit and spring State Testing. CSIP External Visitation verbal report information was provided by Lindsay Tenski. Spring Testing information was also shared and discussed.

Board Committee Reports

The St. Edward Planning Committee has met with the planning committee from Newman Grove to discuss the possibility of a cooperative opportunity in NSSA sports. The St. Edward Planning Committee met on Monday, April 3, 2023 in preparation for our special board meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The Executive Committee met on April 4, 2023 for an update on the agenda for the special meeting. The Negotiation Committee met, Monday, April 10, 2023 to discuss classified wages.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. March 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes.
- b. April 4, 2023 special meeting minutes
- c. Financial Report
- d. Bills and Claims payment for April 2023.

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Merrell to approve items on the consent agenda.

Roll call vote: Cumming-Yea, Merrell-Yea, Reardon-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Christman-Yea, Roberts-Yea

Motion carried 6-0.

4. Personnel issues/concerns

- i. Administration
- ii. Certified staff
- iii. Classified staff

- b. Student issues/concerns
- c. Other discussion items

5. Action Items

- a. Discussion with action to enter into a cooperative agreement with Newman Grove Public Schools for NSAA Sanctioned sport activities beginning with the 2024-2025 School year.

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to enter into a cooperative agreement with Newman Grove Public Schools for NSAA Sanctioned sport activities beginning with the 2024-2025 School year. Junior High Sports will combine with Newman Grove beginning with the 2023-2024 school year

Roll call vote: Reardon - Yea, Cruise - Yea, Christman - Yea, Roberts - Yea, Cumming - Yea, Merrell - Yea,

Motion carried 6-0

- b. Discussion with action to accept the resignation of Kathy Cruise at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 School year. Motion by Cumming and seconded by Merrell to accept the resignation of Kathy Cruise at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 School year.

Roll call vote: Cruise - Yea, Christman - Yea, Roberts -Yea, Cumming - Yea, Merrell – Yea, Reardon - Yea,, Motion carried 6-0

- c. Discussion with action to approve a certified contract for the position of School Counselor beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

It was moved by Merrell and seconded by Roberts to approve a certified contract for the position of School Counselor to Jenna Lordemann beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll call vote: Christman - Yea, Roberts -Yea, Cumming - Yea, Merrell – Yea, Reardon - Yea, Cruise - Yea, Motion carried 6-0

- d. Discussion with action to replace the light fixtures in the Fitness Center with LED fixtures.

No Action Taken

- e. Discussion with action to replace flooring in the cafeteria/kitchen area, main office areas, and the FCS room.

No Action Taken

- f. Discussion with action to replace steel siding and repair roof leaks on the bus barn.

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to accept the bid from Fitchner Construction to replace steel siding and repair roof leaks on the bus barn

Roll call vote: Merrell – Yea, Reardon - Yea, Cruise - Yea, Christman - Yea, Roberts -Yea, Cumming - Yea, Motion carried 6-0

- 6. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 8:31 p.m.

Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer