

BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17
(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 7:00 p.m.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the schoolhouse. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on May 2, 2023.

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:08 p.m. with members Christman, Merrell, Cumming, Reardon, and Cruise present. Also in attendance were Darren Luebbe, Steve Osborn, Lindsay Tenski, Paula Stone, Chris Condrey

- a. Open Meeting Law Posted
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. President Roberts set the next regular board meeting for June 12, 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.

Elementary Reading Program Update.

Paula Stone and Chris Condrey gave an update on the Really Great Reading Program used in the lower elementary grades.

Mr. Luebbe's Principal Report

There was a Pre-Contest Music Concert on Tuesday, April 11, with District Music on Friday, April 21, in Norfolk. The K-6 Spring Music Concert was held on May 8. The students did very well in all of the music groups this year; FFA banquet was held on Tuesday, April 18, and the FCCLA banquet was held on Monday, April 24. Congratulation to all of those students who received awards; Honors Program was held on Tuesday, May 2. Congratulations to all of the students who received academic and athletic honors. Graduation for seniors was held on Saturday, May 6; Semester tests will be held the last week of school. We will have 1:30pm dismissals for Tuesday, May 16, and Wednesday, May 17. The last day for students is Wednesday, May 17; District track will be on Wednesday, May 10, in Osceola. State track will be on May 19-20 in Omaha.

Faculty/Student Recognition

- Thanks to Mrs. Texley and all of the Band and Choir participants on a great spring concert
- Congratulations to the graduating seniors. Special congratulations to the Valedictorian Jean Cumming and Salutatorian Gracie Baker. Thank you to everyone who helped them along their way!
- Congratulations to the new 2023-24 FFA officers: Alli Brauner, Olivia Reardon, Josie Sock, Lydia Ketelsen, Rebekah Ketelsen, and Ryan Cumming;
- Congratulations to the new 2023-24 FCCLA officers: Korina Bittner, Kate Werts, Calvin Sindelar, Bristol Laska, Kendra Werner, Alli Brauner, Madisen Camp, Ryder Beekman, Caden Shotkoski-Roan, and Alexa Strain.
- Thank you to the staff for their amazing work.
- Thank you, Mr. Luebbe, for your seven years of service to the St. Edward School District.

Mr. Osborn's Report

Mr. Osborn reported we were able to get the correct USB device to allow for the reprogramming of the Fitness Center entry system. New fobs were ordered for the system. As an update was given on the possible expansion of the concession stand serving window, with the possibility of using the current 9-foot door from the old concession stand and it appears be in good working order. We are still waiting for a bid on this project. A permanent water supply to the practice football field was installed. It has been difficult getting the field watered last year and I understood it was an ongoing challenge. The field became extremely hard and dangerous this past season. Summer School plans are coming

together and invitation letters to student and parent went out today. “The Bridge” will run for a total of 12 days, six in June and six in July. The areas of focus will math and reading. Amy Melcher and Melissa McIntosh will be teaching the sessions. At this time, we have seven, and possibly nine students eligible for the summer migrant program at ESU 7 in Columbus. Cyndee Merrell will again be driving the St. Edward students for this program.

Mrs. Tenski Assessment Report

Board Committee Reports

- The Building and Grounds Committee met on May 3rd to discuss the projects which are action items on agenda later in the meeting.
 - The Transportation Committee met on May 3rd to discuss the purchase or lease of a “Microbus” which is an action item on the agenda.
 - The Negotiations Committee met prior to this meeting at 6:15 pm to discuss classified pay/benefits. The principal’s salary was also discussed.
 - We had to postpone our Coop Committee Meeting set for May 4th at 12:00 pm and the purpose of the meeting was selecting the mascot. The process is still underway. The top three selections from the Coop Committee have been forwarded to a branding company for edits further development
3. Consent Agenda
- a. April 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes.
 - b. Financial Report
 - c. Bills and Claims payment for May 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 accept a bid to replace flooring in the main office area
It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to accept a bid from Columbus Carpet for \$7955.36 to replace the flooring in the main office area.
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 a bid to replace the light fixtures in the Fitness Center with LED fixtures.
It was moved by Cumming and seconded by Christman to accept a bid from JRK Electric for \$5,917.54 to replace the light fixtures in the Fitness Center with LED fixtures
Roll call vote: Cruise - Yea, Christman - Yea, Roberts -Yea, Cumming - Yea, Merrell – Yea, Reardon - Yea,,
Motion carried 6-0
 - c. Discussion with action to accept a bid to replace concrete at the bus barn entrance and widen the driveway between the Ag Shop and Cafeteria.
It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to accept a bid from Zabka Construction for \$8464.35 to replace concrete at the bus barn entrance and widen the driveway between the Ag Shop and Cafeteria.
Roll call vote: Christman - Yea, Roberts -Yea, Cumming - Yea, Merrell – Yea, Reardon - Yea, Cruise - Yea,
Motion carried 6-0
 - d. Discussion with action to order a 2024 14-passenger bus.
It was moved by Merrell and seconded by Roberts to accept a three-year lease option plan to order a 2024, 14 passenger bus.
Roll call vote: Roberts -Yea, Cumming - Yea, Merrell – Yea, Reardon - Yea, Cruise - Yea, Christman - Yea
Motion carried 6-0

- e. Discussion with action for annual replacement of Chromebooks (40 units)
It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Reardon for annual replacement of Chromebooks (40 units)
From Applied Connective Technologies.
Roll call vote: Cumming - Yea, Merrell – Yea, Reardon - Yea, Cruise - Yea, Christman – Yea, Roberts -Yea
Motion carried 6-0
- f. Discussion with action to approve classified wages for the 2023-2024. No action taken
- g. Discussion with action to approve principal salary for the 2023-2024 school year
It was moved by Merrell and seconded by Christman to approve principal salary for the 2023-2024 school year
Roll call vote: Reardon - Yea, Cruise - Yea, Christman – Yea, Roberts -Yea, Cumming - Yea, Merrell – Yea,
Motion carried 6-0

6. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 9:23 p.m.

Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer