

BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17
(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska
Monday, June 12, 2023 7:00 p.m.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, June 12, 2023 at the schoolhouse. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on June 6, 2023.

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:01 p.m. with members Merrell, Cumming, Reardon present. Cruise arrived at 7:16 and Christman Arrived at 7:30. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn, Lindsay Tenski, Tyler Gray and Jan Green.

- a. Open Meeting Law Posted
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. President Roberts set the next regular board meeting for July 10, 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 Roberts and seconded by Merrell to approve the agenda as presented.
Roll call vote: Cumming-Yea, Merrell-Yea, Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea
Motion carried 4-0.

Jan Green, the District's new Bookkeeper, was present for introductions.

a. Mr. Gray's Athletic Director Report:

Summer activities are underway with open gyms, strength and conditioning sessions, and various sports camps. A program for elementary kids called "Gym Rats" is underway as well. Sports schedules were shared for the 2023-2024 school year, JH uniforms have been ordered for the NG-SE Junior High Coop. An update on the NG-SE golf outing was shared.

b. Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report

Mental Health Committee met and purchased standing desks, rocker chairs, etc with mental health grant money.

Mrs. Tenski and Mr. Osborn attended the End-of-Year Review for Rule 15 at ESU-Columbus and completed the district's program review for our EL program. We currently serve 22 students K-12 in the EL program.

- o 7 students are "Emerging".
- o 14 Students are "Progressing".
- o 1 Student is "Proficient" and have tested out of the EL program.

Mrs. Tenski attended the EL training at the ESU in Columbus on June 5th.

Discussions have begun on participating in the Boone County Parade as well as the Beaver Valley Days Parade.

c. Faculty/Student Recognition

Two students and one alumna attended the 2023 Nebraska Masonic All-Star Marching Band at UNK, a five-day band camp with a concert on June 2nd.

- Izabelle Zurovski, Kendra Werner, and alum Gracie Bake

Isaac Roberts participated in the Goldenrod Conference All-Star Basketball game.

Jean Cumming, Melania Francis and Isaac Roberts participated in the CCC All-Star Basketball game

d. Mr. Osborn's Report

Project Updates: The summer crew is doing an outstanding job getting the list of summer cleaning and painting jobs completed. The office flooring project began today and includes all of the rooms in the main office area. Fitness Center lights project has been completed, and the Fitness Center is a much brighter facility! The concrete project has been completed, and it cleared up some safety issues and looks very nice.

ESSER II, ESSER III Update

The ESSER II Grant Allocations have been amended to allow us to be reimbursed for some of the technology services from ESU 7 for much of the 2022-2023 school year. ESSER III was amended as well to allow for the purchase of tables to replace some desks in grades four and five

Staffing Information

We continue to look for a feasible solution to fill the head maintenance position. I am looking to fill the custodial piece of the position with an inhouse employee. The goal at this point is to ensure that the building is clean, sanitary,

and safe. The custodial staff can report to me anything that is in need of repair, and I will find the appropriate person(s) to address the issues.

Technology Update

Mr. Roscoe has been working with ESU on various projects and updates. Carmen joined some of these meetings as well. Carmen and Mr. Roscoe continue working together renewing our software subscriptions, working on devices, etc. I believe the transition is going well.

e. Board Committee Reports

- The Negotiations Committee met, and we discussed the possible changes to classified staff compensation and benefits. There is an action item on the agenda addressing policy #4265 for classified staff compensation.
- The Coop Committee met on May 22, 2023. It was not a full committee meeting as some members were unable to attend for various reasons. The main topic was discussing the logo, and progress was made. During follow-up discussions, we were able to get three logos sent back to the branding phase. Those were selected on by the committee and a final mascot/logo was selected.
- The administration from both schools met on May 31st and mainly discussed the attendance policy for participation in activities and eligibility policies for participation in activities. We did some homework prior to the meeting, and the discussions and “marrying” of our policies went well. Draft copies of the policies are included in the packet and are on the agenda. The random drug testing policies for the both districts are similar if not identical and the same diagnostic company is utilized.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. May 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes.
- b. Financial Report
- c. Bills and Claims payment for June 2023.

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Cumming 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 amend policy 4265 - classified compensation for the 2023-2024 school year

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to amend policy 4265 classified compensation, removing repetitive wording, and to increase bus driver wages to \$16.55 for activity drivers and \$18.50 for activity drivers holding a CLD endorsement. This is for non-coaches and sponsors for their specific sports/activities.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1 Abstain

- b. Discussion with action to amend policy 5008 - Attendance Requirements to Participate in Activities.

It was moved by Cumming and seconded by Reardon to amend policy 5008 - Attendance Requirements to Participate in Activities.

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

Motion carried 6-0

- c. Discussion with action to amend policy 5203 - Academic Requirements and Eligibility.

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Christman to amend policy 5203 - Academic Requirements and Eligibility.

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 convection oven in the cafeteria.

It was moved by Merrell and seconded by Roberts to accept a bid from Midwest Restaurant and Supply for a Vulcan VC44GD oven for the amount of \$14,420 installed.

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

Motion carried 6-0

- e. Discussion with action to enlarge the concession stand serving window in the school.
It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to enlarge the concession stand window using the roll up door from the old concession stand based on the bid of \$3000 from Fitchner Construction.
Roll call vote: Cumming - Yea, Merrell – Yea, Reardon - Yea, Cruise - Yea, Christman – Yea, Roberts -Yea
Motion carried 6-0

6. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 8:54 p.m.

Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer