

**BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17**  
**(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**  
**St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska**  
**Wednesday, August 16, 2023 7:00 p.m.**

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at the schoolhouse. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on August 9, 2023.

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:00 p.m. with members Merrell, Cumming, Reardon, Cruise and Christman present. 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 September 11, 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, Cruise-Yea, Christman-Yea, Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea  
Motion carried 6-0.

3. Reports:

a. Mr. Gray's Activities Director Report

High School / JH Practices & Season Openers: Football Started on 7/31 with 10 Boys participating. The first varsity game is this Friday at Friend, NE against Pawnee City; Volleyball and Cross Country Started on 8/7 with 12 girls out for Varsity Volleyball. The first game is August 24th at Harvard (Tri with Harvard & Heartland Lutheran); Cross Country has 4-5 participants with the first Meet on August 24th at St. Paul; JH Football has 12 from St. Edward and 7 from Newman Grove with the first Game on August 28th at Nebraska Christian; JH Volleyball has 4-5 From St. Edward and 5 From Newman Grove. The first Game is August 29th at Fullerton; JH Cross Country currently has no participants. The NG-SE Golf Tournament was a success making over \$9000. We are planning to keep \$500 at each school for next year to help set up the tournament. We had 27 teams and 26 Hole Sponsors/Flag Prize Sponsors

b. Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report

Mr. Osborn and I finalized the 2023-2024 Student Handbook. Mr. Osborn and I attended Administrator Days July 26-28. I attended the Orientation Luncheon for New Administrators at the ESU-Columbus on July 13th. Mr. Osborn and I attended the Danielson Day at the ESU in Columbus on August 1st. It was a great day full of learning about our new teaching framework and how we can help grow our teachers. Mr. Osborn and I met with Otis from the ESU to discuss planning for our next Continuous Improvement Process cycle. Mrs. Lordemann and I have been working on students' schedules. Mrs. Lordemann will finalize schedules within the first few days of school. We have had successful days with the staff returning

Faculty/Student Recognition

Elizabeth Wielgus, Eli Galeana, Isaac Roberts, Lainey Werts, and Amanda Steensnes for all of their hard work this summer!

Arlette Irineo Gallardo and Jocelin Bernal attended the WSC Summer Band Camp.

Staff involvement in the Beaver Valley Day's Parade, FFA had a float, St. Edward had another float with Lindsay Tenski, Jennifer Rasmussen, Sheena Werts, Terri Osborn, Brooklyn Tenski and Steve Osborn participating.

c. Mr. Osborn's Report

The summer crew has our buildings and grounds ready to go for the 2023-2024 school year. They did a great job and worked extremely well together. The bus barn siding has been replaced, lower walls reinforced and it looks good. Some roof leaks were fixed as well. The concession stand window expansion project is currently on hold. The new cafeteria convection oven has been installed and is in good working order. The old oven is on the agenda as an action item to sell. The budget process is coming along nicely. I am still waiting for the new property valuations to complete the final documents. An action item regarding tax asking authority is on the agenda. The annual Fall Goldenrod Conference meeting for administrators, coaches and sponsors is schedule for August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Greeley and will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our Open House and Back to School Bash were successful and the students and parents are excited for the school year to get underway.

4. Board Committee Reports

- The Budget Committee met on Monday, July 31, 2023 to review the school district's property tax request authority and the options for the 2023-2024 fiscal year
- The Policy Committee met on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 and reviewed the handbooks, an amendment to the graduation policy, a new teacher evaluation policy, and evaluation instrument for possible implementation for the 2023-2024 school year.

5. Consent Agenda

a. July 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

b. Financial Report

c. Bills and Claims payment for August 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.

6. Personnel issues/concerns

i. Administration

ii. Certified staff

iii. Classified staff

b. Student issues/concerns

c. Other discussion items

7. Action Items

a. Discussion with action to approve a resolution to increase to the school district's property tax request authority by an additional seven (7) percent, or other maximum amount as permitted by law, above the base growth percentage.

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Merrell to approve a resolution to increase to the school district's property tax request authority by an additional seven (7) percent, or other maximum amount as permitted by law, above the base growth percentage.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Discussion with action to approve amendments to Policy 4150 – Evaluation of Teachers.

It was moved by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to approve amendments to Policy 4150 – Evaluation of Teachers

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

Motion carried 6-0

c. Discussion with action to adopt a new Teacher Evaluation Instrument to be used beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to adopt a new Teacher Evaluation Instrument to be used beginning with the 2023-2024 school year

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

Motion carried 6-0

d. Discussion with action to amend Policy 5205 – Graduation Requirement

It was moved by Merrell and seconded by Roberts to amend Policy 5205 – Graduation Requirement

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

Motion carried 6-0

e. Discussion with action to approve the Student/Parent Handbook for the 2023-2024 School year

It was moved by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to approve the Student/Parent Handbook for the 2023-2024 School year

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

Motion carried 6-0

f. Discussion with action to approve the Faculty Handbook for the 2023-2024 School year

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to approve the Faculty Handbook for the 2023-2024 School year

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

Motion carried 6-0

g. Discussion with action to sell the old oven(s) from the cafeteria

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to sell the old oven(s) from the cafeteria using sealed bids.

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

Motion carried 6-0

8. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 8:52 p.m.

Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer