

**BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17**  
**(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**  
**St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska**  
**Monday, December 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on December 6, 2023.

1. **Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting**

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:00 p.m. with members Christman, Merrell, Reardon, Cumming and Cruise present. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn, Lindsay Tenski, Staci MacDonald and Noelia Mejias Alonso
- b. Open Meeting Law Posted
- c. Pledge of Allegiance

President Roberts set the Regular January meeting on January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Gray's Activities Director Report given by Mr. Osborn

Winter Sports girls and boys high school basketball games have begun. The Elba Holiday Tournament seeding/scheduling will happen December 22<sup>nd</sup> and the tournament begins on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Junior high wrestling season wrapped up on Saturday. The first meet was November 9<sup>th</sup> in Madison where our lone competitor, Triton Sindelar earned third place and finish with a first place at Boone Central. Junior high basketball is underway and the girls have played their first two games. The boys will start practice on December 12<sup>th</sup> and practice will rotate between Newman Grove and Saint Edward every other week. The boys and girls will both play in St. Edward on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The One Act season concluded and the team finished 6<sup>th</sup> at Conference and 4<sup>th</sup> at Districts. Outstanding Actor awards at Conference went to: Jerel Matchett, Calvin Sindelar, Korina Bittner, and Claire Tibor. Outstanding Actor awards at Districts went to Yoselin Herrera-Frias, Claire Tibor, Korina Bittner, Calvin Sindelar, Jacob Reeves, Jerel Matchett, and Anthony Reader. Upcoming activities include FFA District LDE's on December 13<sup>th</sup> in Aurora. The Christmas Concert will be December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM and will live stream on Hudl. The FCCLA Christmas Tree is taking donations for hats, gloves, and socks through December 20<sup>th</sup>. Speech currently has 14 participants and the first meet is January 20<sup>th</sup> at Boone Central.

Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report

AQuESTT Classifications were released on November 22, 2023. These AQuESTT ratings are based off of 6 tenets: Educational Opportunities and Access; Transitions; Positive Partnerships, Relationships, and Success; Educator Effectiveness; Student Achievement and Growth; and Postsecondary, Career, and Civic Readiness. Our District classification increased from a rating of 1) Needs Support to Improve from 2021-2022 school year to a 2) Good, for the 2022-2023 school year. Our High School classification remained at a 3) Great from the 2021-2022 school year to the 2022-2023 school year. Our Middle School remained at a 2) Good from the 2021-2022 school year to the 2022-2023 school year. Our Elementary increased from a rating of 1) Needs Support to Improve from 2021-2022 school year to a 2) Good for the 2022-2023 school year. The District saw increases in English Language Arts and Math on the NSCAS since the Spring 2023. Mathematics increased from 26% Proficient to 49% Proficient; ELA increased from 32% to 40% Proficient. As a District, 67% of our 5th and 8th grade students scored Proficient in Science.

Recognition

Kalvin Sindelar and Arlette Irineo-Gallardo made the Kearney Honor Band that will take place January 15, 2024; Calvin Sindelar made the Wayne State College Honor Band that will take place January 27, 2024; Jerel Matchett, Alli Brauner, and Lydia Ketelsen made the UNK Honor Choir that will take place January 29, 2024; Triton Sindelar for a successful wrestling season as we made our return to the mats after a long absence. Mr. Osborn for receiving the Nebraska Association of School Administrators Distinguished Service Award for 30 years of service and 35 years serving in education.

Mr. Osborn's Report

We have confirmation that we have a student teacher coming for the second semester from Fort Hayes State University. He has applied for his local substitute teaching certificate which will allow him to work more independently in some math classes and allowing Mrs. Tenski more time for the principalship duties. We continue to advertise for the math position for the 24-25 school year. I have also advertised for an FCS Teacher opening on the Teach in Nebraska Website

beginning with the 2024-2025 school year due to Mr. Arasmith's resignation at the end of the school year. We have a contract approval as an action item for a second-grade elementary teacher as Mrs. Stone will be taking over the Title 1 duties for the 24-25 school year.

### Board Committee Reports

A joint BOE Negotiation Committee Meeting was held on November 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing compensation for the extra-duty assignments in the activities within the cooperative agreement for the 2024-2025 school year. The Negotiations Committee met again on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to prepare for a joint meeting with the SEEA to continue negotiations for the 2024-2025 school year.

The Building and Grounds Committee met on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to discuss insurance claims from the 2022 hail storm with a focus on two roof sections on the main school building. We need more information before making any decisions for repair and/or replacement. We also briefly discussed the possibility of available property for future use. The reconditioning of the bell in the front of the school.

#### 2. Consent Agenda

- a. Regular November 13, 2023 meeting minutes
- b. Financial Report
- c. Bills and Claims payment for December 2023.

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

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

#### 3. Discussion items

- a. None:

#### 4. Action Items

- a. Discussion with action to approve the renewal of the Districts Insurance for 2024 with EMC

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Merrell to officially approve the renewal of the Districts Insurance for 2024 with EMC.

Roll call vote: Reardon-Abstain, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Christman-Yea, Cumming – Yea.  
Motion carried 5-0-1 Abstain.

- b. Discussion with action to approve resignation of Cletus Arasmith at the end of the 2023-2024 school year

It was moved by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to approve resignation of Cletus Arasmith at the end of the 2023-2024 school year,

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

- c. Discussion with action to Participate in ESU #7 Special Education Expansion Project. No Action Taken

- d. Discussion with action to accept a bid from A & M Contractors for the repair and or replacement of roof areas on the main school building. No Action Taken

- e. Discussion with action to add a certified position of an English Language Learner instructor to the district's staff. Motion by Christman and seconded by Roberts to add a certified position of an English Language Learner instructor to the district's staff.

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

- f. Discussion with action to approve a teaching contract for Ronda Krohn beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Cumming to approve a teaching contract for Ronda Krohn beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

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

g. Discussion with action to replace the main technology server using ESSER III Funding

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Christman to replace the main technology server using ESSER III Funding (\$13,560.00)

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

Motion carried 6-0

h. Discussion with action to recognize the St. Edward Education Association as the exclusive bargaining unit for district's certificated staff for 2025-2026 contract year. No Action Taken

5. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 8:35 p.m.