

**BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17**  
**(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**  
**St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska**  
**Monday, February 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on February 7, 2024.

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:01 p.m. with members Christman, Merrell, Reardon, Cumming and Cruise, present. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn, Lindsay Tenski, Tyler Gray, Alex Meyer, Tami Clay, and Dick Stephens
- b. Open Meeting Law Posted
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. President Roberts set the Regular March meeting on March 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Visitor/Patron recognition: Alex Meyer spoke about FFA month, recognized student accomplishment in FFA (noted in student and staff recognition section of these minutes) and invited the board to the FFA Pancake feed on Sunday February, 18, 2024. She also spoke about the newly developed Career and Technical Education Team. Tami Clay from ESU 7 addressed the services provided by the ESU and what services St. Edward participated in during the 2023-2023 school year as well as the services currently being used during the 2023-2024 school year. She also addressed the ESU 7 SPED Expansion Project providing information and answering questions regarding the program to be offered.

Mr. Gray's Activities Director Report

Winter sports are wrapping up: HS Girls Basketball will play in the D2-3 Subdistrict at Polk on Tuesday, 2/13; HS Boys Basketball will play CWC in Bartlett on Friday, 2/16 & then in the D2-4 Subdistrict at Osceola on Tuesday, 2/20; JH Boys and Girls Basketball Have Concluded Their Seasons; Both groups had growth throughout the season and the Coop with Newman Grove remains strong

Spring sports will be starting soon; HS Track will begin practice on February 26 – First meet is March 15<sup>th</sup> @ Concordia; JH Practice will start in early March – Specific start date has not been set yet. (March 15)

2024-2025 Football Schedules have been set: NG/SE will play Summerland, Lutheran High Northeast and Winside in non-district play and David City, Humphrey, Twin River, Clarkson-Leigh, and Madison in district play; 2024 season starts on August 29<sup>th</sup> against Summerland at Home; Locations of our home games will be determined soon (2 in SE & 2 in NG each year)

The Speech Season is underway: 15 participants – 13 First Year participants; They have attended 2 meets so far; GRC Meet is on February 21 at Elba; Districts on March 11 at Scribner

Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report

Mr. Arasmith traveled to Madison with Katelyn Werts and Korina Bittner for the District 5 STAR FCCLA Competition on January 24, 2024; Mrs. MacDonald, along with ten 5th-8th grade students represented St. Edward in the Boone County Spelling Bee on January 24, 2024; The MTSS Team (Mr. Roscoe, Mrs. Lordemann, Mrs. Beekman, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Rasmussen, and Mrs. Mary Osantowski) traveled to the ESU in Columbus on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 to work on our District's MTSS process; Mrs. Texley and Calvin Sindelar participated in the Wayne State College Honor Band on January 27, 2024; Mrs. Werts traveled with a group of 4th-6th grade students to Central City on Saturday, January 24, 2024 to participate in the Sing Across Nebraska program; Speech season is in full swing and had their first speech meet of the season on Saturday, January 24, 2024 in Osceola; Mrs. Texley traveled to Kearney with Senior Lydia Ketelsen and Junior Alli Brauner to participate in the UNK Honor Choir on Monday, January 29, 2024; Mrs. Texley and the Choir students attended the Boone Central Choral Clinic on Monday, February 5, 2024; Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Thursday, February 8, 2024. The JH/HS saw a 66% attendance and the Elementary saw a 94% attendance; I am currently working on the Master Class Schedule for the 2024-2025 school year with Mrs. Lordemann; Mr. Osborn and I have been doing research on different Student Information Systems (SIS) that would fit our needs better than the SIS we have currently.

## Recognition

Congratulations to the following St. Edward students and staff: Boone County Spelling Bee participants were 5th graders: Kalany Irineo-Gallardo, Brooklyn Tenski, Anhelina Umanskaya, Bennett Werts; 6th grader: Izabelle Laska; 7th grader: Rosie Labenz; 8th graders: Bentley Roan, Bristol Laska, Jocelin Bernal-Gallardo, Zaiden Heusman; Congratulations to Zaiden Heusman for placing 2nd in the Boone County Spelling Bee; Calvin Sindelar for being selected and participating in the WSC Honor Band; Jacob Reardon, Payton Kula, Ali Werts, Isabelle Laska, Blair Peirce, Hayley Werts, Kalany Irineo Gallardo, Kaylynn Steensnes for being selected and participating in the Sing Across Nebraska program; Lydia Ketelsen and Alli Brauner for being selected and participating in the UNK Honor Choir; Katelyn Werts and Korina Bittner for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the District 5 STAR FCCLA Competition; Carter Anson for being selected to Nebraska State FFA Honor Choir; Lydia Ketelsen for being recommended to receive the State FFA Degree; Rebekah Ketelsen for receiving a gold award on her proficiency in Health and Human Services; Ryan Cumming for receiving a silver award on his proficiency in Diversified Agriculture Placement; Thank you to Mrs. Tenski for the implementation of the Staff Career and Technical Education Team.

## Mr. Osborn's Report

I have included the quote to replace our fire system control panel. During the last inspection, some problems were found with the voice dialer and requires replacement with a digital communicator. The system is original equipment, and it needs replaced in order to be more reliable and brought up to code. Roof repair update: We have some updated information and this as an action item on the agenda.

We have offered Nathan Stark, our student teacher, the math position beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Filling the position has been challenging and we are fortunate to have filled our opening. It is an action item on the agenda. We have no certified opening at this time for the 2024-2025 school year.

Mrs. Tenski will be discussing the need to replace our Student Information System. Several years ago, the district switched from PowerSchool to JMC.

Mr. Warren and I sent a message to our staff members requesting applications for high school fall coaching position. The deadline was February 12<sup>th</sup> for these positions. We have one head coach applicant for football and three assistant coach applications; We have four head coach applicants for volleyball; and one head and one assistant application for cross country. As of now, no applications for cheerleading or dance. We are working to set a date and time for the interview process. The interview committee will consist of the two superintendents and the two activity directors.

Many Nebraska schools received State Career and Technical Education funds in the amount of \$7500.00. We are planning to use these funds in separate purchases in the areas of business (accounting software), vocational agriculture, (textbooks) and junior high career education materials/curriculum guidance. The staff in these areas did a nice job putting together a plan for using these funds and we are finalizing these plans in order to move forward with purchases. These funds had to be applied for by January 31, 2024 and must be fully spent by June 30, 2024. It sounds like these funds will be available again next year with an earlier application date to allow for more time to plan and use the funds. (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

NRCSA Registration is still open. I will be attending a legislative update on February 20<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to finding out the latest information affecting our policy development and operations in the upcoming school year. There were over 100 education-measures to monitor over the session and the legislative update will highlight the measures gaining traction that may affect school districts and recommendations for addressing them moving forward.

## Board Committee Reports

We have not held any committee meetings since our January meeting. We are gathering samples of textbooks and materials in the area of Social Studies. We will be looking at a Curriculum Committee Meeting in the near future to review updating our Social Studies Curriculum. This will be an area we want to review closely to make sure the curriculum is accurate and appropriate. Once the materials are in and reviewed by the staff, we will schedule a Curriculum Committee meeting to review materials.

2. Consent Agenda
  - a. Regular January 14, 2024 meeting minutes
  - b. Financial Report
  - c. Bills and Claims payment for February 2024.

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Cumming 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. ESU #7 was represented by Tami Clay and Dick Stephens to discuss the ESU #7 SPED Expansion Project
  - b. Mrs. Tenski discussed the need to switch Student/Staff Information Systems from JMC to PowerSchool

4. Action Items

- a. Discussion with action to Participate in ESU #7 Special Education Expansion Project

Motion by Christman and seconded by Reardon to Participate in ESU #7 Special Education Expansion Project

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

Motion carried 6-0

- b. Discussion with action to approve the Master School Calendar for 2024-2025

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to approve the Master School Calendar for 2024-2025

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

Motion carried 6-0

- c. Discussion with action to proceed with the process of switching to a new student management system to begin using for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Merrell and seconded by Roberts to proceed with the process of switching to PowerSchool management system for a cost up to \$36,000.00 to begin using for the 2024-2025 school year

Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Christman-Yea, Cumming–No.

Motion carried 5-1

- d. Discussion with action to approve a teaching contract for Nathan Stark beginning with the 2024-2025 School year.

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Merrell to approve a teaching contract for Nathan Stark 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

- e. Discussion with action to proceed with recommended roof repairs.

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Cumming to proceed with recommended roof repairs and recoating the elementary and cafeteria roofs

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

Motion carried 6-0

5. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 9:27 p.m.

Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer