

BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17
(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska
Monday, March 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on March 6, 2024.

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:05 p.m. with members Christman, Merrell, Reardon, Cumming and Cruise, present. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn, Lindsay Tenski, Tyler Gray, Sharon Endorf,
- b. Open Meeting Law Posted
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. President Roberts set the Regular March meeting on April 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Visitor/Patron recognition: Sharon Endorf spoke about Nebraska Association of School Boards and services available.

Mr. Gray's Activities Director Report

Spring Sports have begun: First HS Meet is this Friday, at the Concordia Indoor meet; GRC Meet is April 26 in Fullerton; currently there are nine girls and eight boys participating; JH Practice begun today in Newman Grove and we will be alternating weeks at each location; Currently there are no girls and 11 boys participating. The regular speech Season concluded today at the District meet at Snyder with State Qualifiers to be determined. St. Edward is hosting Goldenrod Conference Music on March 27th with over 350 students from conference schools planning to be in attendance. NGSE Coop Update: We will be looking into beginning the purchase of uniforms for the Coop this month; Summer/Weightlifting schedules will also begin to be put together.

Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report

Mrs. Berggren and Mrs. Tenski traveled to Heartland Lutheran on February 13, 2024 with 8 high school students and 6 junior high students to compete in the Goldenrod Conference Quiz Bowl. Our students lost their rounds but represented St. Edward well. The Art Department hosted their annual Art Valentine Sales on February 14, 2024. National FFA week was celebrated February 18th through February 24, 2024 and was kicked off with a community pancake feed on February 18, 2024. The Speech team has been busy with competitions. They traveled to Grand Island Northwest on February 17, 2024, competed in the GRC Speech meet at Elba on February 21, 2024, and the Riverside Speech meet on February 28, 2024. They held a public performance on February 5, 2024. District Speech will be held on March 11, 2024 at Scribner. Mrs. Meyer traveled with the FFA Chapter to District CDE competition on February 23, 2024. Mr. Arasmith and the FCCLA chapter attended the Peer Education Conference in Kearney on February 26, 2024. Mrs. Lordemann, Mr. Osborn, and Mrs. Tenski completed Safe2Help training on February 26, 2024. The St. Edward Explorers (music trip) hosted a Blood Drive on February 27, 2024. The CTE team attended the CTE/CLNA work day at the ESU in Columbus on February 28, 2024 to complete the paperwork needed for the PERKINS Grant. The K-12 students celebrated Read Across America/Dr. Suess Day on March 1, 2024. The secondary students paired up with the elementary students and read a few books while enjoying some popcorn. The CTE team (Mr. Gray, Mr. Roscoe, Mrs. Lordemann, Mrs. Meyer, and Mrs. Tenski) met with Brandy Thompson from the ESU to continue work on our 5-year CTE plan on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. The 3rd Quarter D.E.A.R. Incentive was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. The students making the incentive were given the choice of playing kickball in the park or watching a movie. We had 83% of our 7-12 students earn the DEAR Incentive this quarter. Students and staff had Spring Break on March 7-8, 2024. Work has begun on the transition from JMC to PowerSchool for our Student Information System.

Recognition

Speech: GRC Speech: Alli Brauner placed 5th in Poetry, Claire Tibor placed 2nd in Program of Oral Interpretation. Riverside Speech Meet: Calvin Sindelar & Korina Bittner–Top Novice Medals in Duet Acting, Noah Ketelsen–Top Novice Medal in Humorous Prose, Claire Tibor–6th place overall in POI. Students qualifying for the State Speech Competition: Calvin Sindelar qualified with a 3rd place finish in Humorous; Claire Tibor qualified as a District Champion in POI. FFA: CDE: Livestock Management Team–2nd place (Lydia Ketelsen, Josie Sock, Olivia Reardon, Ryan Cumming, Rebekah Ketelsen). Agriscience: Noah Ketelsen (4th place), Katelyn Werts (12th place), Arlette Irineo

(29th place). Ag Biotechnology Team: Olivia Reardon, Arlette Irineo, Noah Ketelsen, and Rebekah Ketelsen 4th Place, Floriculture, Alli Brauner (16th place). Meats: 7th place team (Ryan Cumming (9th place individual), Mason Steensnes (24th place individual)). Natural Resources Team: 10th place (Carter Anson (9th place individual)). Welding: Cole Jochem–MIG, 6th place; Blake Foshee–OA, 9th place; Carter Anson–TIG, 9th place; Trevin Mowrey–ARC, 16th place

Mr. Osborn's Report

Project Updates: We have an updated cost estimate on the concession stand window enlargement project which we started last year. The project was paused due to the need to remove more block than in the initial plan and leading to the need to relocate some electrical components. You will see the statement, “rewinding” the door from the old concession stand. If Fitchner Construction is unable to rewind this on their own, they will need the assistance from an overhead door company in accomplishing the task which may increase the cost; We have resumed the project of renovating the practice football field which we started last year. This project was also put on hold due to the delay in the installation of the water supply to the area. By the time we were able to have access to water, it was simply too late to complete the renovation process. We have 150 pounds of grass seed already, and we will need at least twice that amount in the \$700 range; We have issues with our other garbage disposer in the kitchen. The disposer was replaced today. The cost of this disposer will be in the hundreds rather than thousands. We replaced the current unit with a single phase, 110-volt unit which will adequately meet our needs for that particular sink area. The electrician is running the new line and should finish up tomorrow.

Staffing: Mrs. Texley announced her retirement last week and this is an action item on the agenda. This position is posted on the Teach in Nebraska Website. We have a para leaving in late March to begin another chapter in her career. We are working on a plan to finish this school year as well as prepare for next year in the area of our paraeducator assistance to students and staff. I have visited with some individuals who have expressed an interest in serving the school in this capacity. I have advertised for a replacement on the same website and locally as well; I have had conversations with a possible candidate for part time maintenance and who might possibly perform some custodial duties with the school. The candidate is giving it some thought and will get back to me.; At this time, I am not aware of any other potential vacancies prior to next school year; Included is a sheet outlining the years of service and the number of contract days on contracts for our certified staff for the 2024-2025 school year. This is an action item on the agenda.

Other information: Our fall 2024 NGSE coaches have been selected and we believe we have quality people ready to serve our students in the upcoming seasons. We are in the process of accepting applications for 2024-2025 winter coaching positions.

Upcoming Meeting and Conferences: The NRCSA Spring Conference is March 13-15, 2024 in Kearney. Cumming, Christman, Roberts, Merrell and Osborn are planning to attend; Boardmanship Workshop on June 17, 2024 at the ESU 7 facility in Columbus.

Board Committee Reports

The Executive Committee met on Thursday, February 29th to discuss Administrative Salaries. This as an action item on the agenda.

The Building and Grounds Committee met on March 5th to discuss the Interlocal Agreement for the use of the football field; summer flooring projects; summer concrete project to replace the southeast elementary entryway; the practice football field project; the concession stand window enlargement project; The interlocal agreement and flooring projects are action items on the agenda.

The Curriculum Committee met on March 5th and reviewed Social Studies Curriculum. This is an action item on the agenda

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Regular February 12, 2024 meeting minutes
- b. Financial Report
- c. Bills and Claims payment for March 2024.

It was moved by Cumming 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. NASB Membership possibilities.
4. Action Items
 - a. Discussion with action to approve Secondary Principal's salary for the 2024-2025 school year
Motion by Cumming and seconded by Merrell to approve Secondary Principal's salary for the 2024-2025 school year as presented
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 Superintendent/PK-6 Principal's salary for the 2024-2025 school year
Motion by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to approve Superintendent/PK-6 Principal's salary for the 2024-2025 school year as presented
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Christman-Yea, Cumming – Yea.
Motion carried 6-0
 - c. Discussion with action to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of St. Edward for use of the football field for the 2024 football season.
Motion by Reardon and seconded by Roberts; Roberts moved to table to April meeting and seconded by Cumming.
Roll call vote: Reardon-No, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Christman-Yea, Cumming–Yea.
Motion carried 5-1
 - d. Discussion with action to accept Contract Renewals of Certificated Staff
Motion by Merrell and seconded by Reardon to accept Contract Renewals of Certificated Staff
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Christman-Yea, Cumming – Yea.
Motion carried 6-0
 - e. Discussion with action to approve Social Studies curriculum purchase
Motion by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to approve Social Studies curriculum purchase
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 bid for new flooring in the FCS room
Motion by Merrell and seconded by Reardon to approve bid for new flooring in the FCS room by Rollie's Flooring
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Christman-Yea, Cumming – Yea.
Motion carried 6-0
 - g. Discussion with action to approve bid for new flooring in the 6th grade classroom
Motion by Roberts and seconded by Christman to approve bid for new flooring in the 6th grade classroom by Rollie's Flooring
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Christman-Yea, Cumming – Yea.
Motion carried 6-0
 - h. Discussion with action to approve the Emergency Operation Plan for St. Edward Schools and to be review annually.
Motion by Roberts and seconded by Cumming to approve the Emergency Operation Plan for St. Edward Schools and to be review annually.
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Christman-Yea, Cumming – Yea.
Motion carried 6-0
 - i. Discussion with action to accept the resignation of Tamera Texley at the end of the 2023-2024 contract agreement.
Motion by Roberts and seconded by Merrell to accept the resignation of Tamera Texley at the end of the 2023-2024 contract agreement.
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 9:55 p.m.
Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer