

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

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, November 11, 2024. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on November 6, 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, Cumming and Cruise, present. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn, Lindsay Tenski, and Tyler Gray
- b. Open Meeting Law Posted
- c. Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Roberts seconded by Merrell to excuse: Reardon from the board meeting.

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

Motion carried 5-0

- d. President Roberts set the next board meeting date and time:
  1. Regular Monthly Meeting date: December 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**Visitor/Patron recognition:** None

**a. Mr. Gray’s Activity Director Report**

Winter Sports are beginning:

- JH Wrestling started practice October 28th - First meet is this Thursday, November 14th in Madison
- High School Boys and Girls Basketball and High School Wrestling started Conditioning week November 11th and will start official practices next Monday, November 18th.
- Bowling will also start with practice next Monday, November 18th.

Boys Basketball - 16 participants

- First game on December 5th at Osceola
  - One change to the schedule-We will play only a JV Boys game on December 20th. JV Boys will play at 6:00 PM and Varsity Girls will play at 7:30 PM.

Girls Basketball - 10-12 participants

- First game on December 5th at Osceola

Girls and Boys Wrestling - 3 girls and 10 boys

- First meet on December 7th at Creighton

Bowling - TBD on participants (6 students from SE signed up)

- First meet on December 7th at Newman Grove

Junior High Girls Basketball will start practice on Monday, November 18th. Their 1st game is at Madison on December 9th.

Junior High Boys Basketball will start practice on December 9th. Their 1st game is January 7th at Elba.

Booster Club Winter Sports Rally is being planned for either November 25th or 26th here in St. Edward to help kick off the winter seasons.

One Act Practices have begun.

- 18 Students Participating
- Goldenrod Conference Meet @ Central City - November 26<sup>th</sup>  
Districts @ Elgin Pope John - December 4<sup>th</sup>

## **b. Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report**

- Mrs. Lordemann took a group of high school students to the Northeast Nebraska Career Day at Wayne State College on October 15, 2024.
- The end of the first quarter was on October 16, 2024 and report cards were sent home on October 25, 2024.
- The certified staff finished up a data dig on October 17, 2024 to determine what our academic School Improvement goals should be for this current CIP (Continuous Improvement Process) cycle.
- The Sophomores completed the Pre ACT on October 29, 2024.
- The MTSS/CIP team worked with Otis from ESU 7 to write our School Improvement Goals for the current CIP cycle on November 1, 2024.
- The 26 students in AG classes attended Livestock Judging on November 5, 2024.
- The Veteran's Day Program was held at 10 am on November 11, 2024 and the Veteran's Day remembrance walk was held at 2:30 pm.

## **c. Faculty/Student Recognition**

- Thank you to Ms. Rachel Tharnish Meeks for speaking at our Veteran's Day Program.
- Thank you to the Legion Representatives that contributed to our Veteran's Day Program and to all of the Veterans who attended the program.

## **d. Mr. Osborn's Report**

### **Project Updates**

- The equipment grant for the dishwashing machine has been submitted. The amount we are requesting in our application is \$18,909.00. \$16,400.00 for the machine and \$2,509.00 for delivery and installation. With or without the grant, we will have to plan to move forward with the project. Notification of grant awards will be sent on November 15, 2024. In this case no news is not good news.

### **Staffing**

- I continue to advertise on Teach in Nebraska website seeking a K-12 Instrumental/Vocal music instructor beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. As I shared in the October update, I added our Southeast Foundation into the job ad. I have had zero inquiries thus far.

### **Standing Committee Meetings**

- There was a Climate Committee Meeting at 1:45 on October 16<sup>th</sup>. There was a follow-up meeting on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- The committee working on the community building/football field agreement met on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and shared a statement on social media. I heard nothing back regarding the post. I did get a message from the City with a counteroffer. The committee met on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> to review the offer.
- We had a Negotiations Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of reviewing the negotiation process. There is an action item on the agenda.
- We had a Policy Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of reviewing our 9000 series policies – Bylaws of the Board. There are three policies the committee will be recommending for revision.

### **Other Information:**

- The two pianos have been posted for sale on the social media sites that we normally use for advertising. We have no offers so I will find a method of disposal.

- I attended the Farm to School Conference in Kearney over fall break, October 17 & 18, in Kearney. It was the first conference, and I was hoping for more NDE personnel to be in attendance. I learned that finding vendors is one of the biggest challenges and vendors getting products to schools is also equally as challenging. The cost of Farm2School products is generally more expensive than the traditional forms of purchasing products.
- The concern from NDE regarding the reimbursement payments for meals served through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs in September 2024 have been addressed and payments were made to districts on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Both new vehicles are here and in service. I received the paperwork from the dealership on Friday to get them licensed so I will be taking care of that this week. Mrs. Tenski had a great idea to get St. Edward Public Schools placed on the two Suburbans.
- We will be renewing our Hudl license for the new year. It will cost both Newman Grove and us \$4,000.00.

### **Upcoming Meeting and Conferences:**

- The State Education Conference will be held at the CHI Health Center in Omaha and is scheduled for November 20-22, 2024. Vanessa and I are planning to attend the preconference sessions on that Wednesday as well. Now that we are members of NASB, both the preconference and conference prices are much more reasonable.
- I am registered to attend the NCSA Legislative preview session on December 11<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln.

#### **e. Consent Agenda**

- October 14, 2024 regular meeting minutes
- October 14, 2024 special meeting minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills and Claims payment for November 2024.

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

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

Motion carried 5-0.

## **2. Discussion items**

None

## **3. Action Items**

a. Discussion with action to approve resignation of John Weidner at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Motion by Roberts and seconded by Christman to approve resignation of John Weidner at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Motion carried 5-0

b. Discussion with action to recognize the St. Edward Education Association as the exclusive bargaining unit for district's certificated staff for 2026-2027 contract year

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to recognize the St. Edward Education Association as the exclusive bargaining unit for district's certificated staff for 2026-2027 contract year

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

Motion carried 5-0

c. Discussion with action to approve the revisions to policies 9110, 9210 and 9300

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Cumming to approve the revisions to policies 9110, 9210 and 9300 on first reading

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

d. Evaluation of the Superintendent

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to approve the evaluation of the superintendent

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

Motion carried 5-0

4. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 10:34 p.m.

Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer