

BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17
(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska
Sunday, December 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Sunday, December 8, 2024. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on December 4, 2024.

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
- b. Open Meeting Law Posted
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. President Roberts set the next board meetings, hearings: date and times:

1. Regular Monthly Meeting date: Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Visitor/Patron recognition:

a. Mr. Gray's Activity Director Report

Winter Sports have begun:

- JH Boys Wrestling will finish their season Saturday, December 14th at Boone Central
- High School Boys and Girls Basketball started their competition season Thursday December 5th at Osceola and December 6th at Nebraska Christian
 - First Home Game @ Newman Grove - Saturday, December 14th
 - First Home Game @ St. Edward - Tuesday, December 17th
 - Elba Holiday Tournament - December 30 and 31
- High School Wrestling started their competition season on Saturday, December 7th at Creighton
 - Next Girls Wrestling Meet - December 12th at Aurora
 - Next Boys Wrestling Meet - December 14th at Osceola
 - Home Meet (Boys Only) - December 28th @ Newman Grove
- High School Bowling started their competition season on Saturday, December 7th with a Home Dual in Newman Grove against Humphrey-Lindsay
 - Next Bowling Match - December 12th at Dodge
 - Next Home Match - January 14th in Newman Grove against Plainview
- Junior High Girls Basketball will have their 1st game at Madison tomorrow, December 9th.
 - Will play Palmer on December 16th (game is a Zion Lutheran Gym in Worms-Palmer gym in use for Christmas Concert)
- Junior High Boys Basketball will start practice tomorrow, December 9th.
 - JH Wrestlers that want to play basketball will start practice the following Monday, December 16th.
 - Their 1st game is January 7th at Elba.
- One Act has finished their season.
 - Goldenrod Conference Meet @ Central City - November 26th
 - Districts @ Elgin Pope John - December 4th

- Placed 5th Overall

- Speech will begin their season in January

First Meet is January 11, 2025 at Twin River

b. Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report

- The Juniors took the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on November 12, 2024.
- The Center for Survivors from Columbus presented their Revolution presentation to the 7-12 graders on November 13, 2024. They addressed topics such as dating violence and drug/alcohol abuse.
- Mrs. Werts organized the week's festivities to celebrate American Education Week during the week of November 18th.
- Mrs. Lordemann took the Senior Class to Hawk Days at Northeast Community College on November 21, 2024.
- The Junior Class participated in Junior Interview Day with the Columbus Chamber on November 22, 2024.
- I met with 7-12 students and staff to address the current cell phone policy and stressed the need to enforce the policy that is in place. After looking into other districts' policies, our policy is very similar. This is listed as a discussion item on the agenda.
- The One Act presented their play to the public on December 3, 2024. They competed at Conference on November 26, 2024 and at Districts on December 4, 2024.
- Winter NSCAS testing has begun and will be concluded before Christmas break for grades 3-6. Winter NSCAS testing is optional but gives the students a chance to practice for the Spring tests. I attended the 2024 State Principals Conference on December 5, 2024 in Lincoln.

c. Faculty/Student Recognition

- Congratulations to Claire Tibor, Rebekah Ketelsen, Calvin Sindelar, Josie Sock, and Korina Bittner for receiving Outstanding Actor awards at the Goldenrod Conference One Act competition.
- Five students auditioned for UNK Honor Choirs, and three were selected to perform on Monday, January 27, 2025 at the UNK Campus. Ryder Beekman-UNK Festival Choir, Kaylee Applegarth-Girls Treble Choir, Madisen Camp-Girls Treble Choir

d. Mr. Osborn's Report

Project Updates

- The grant writing for the electronic mapping of school districts as required in policy 3241 is underway with ESU 7's new grant writer. I have provided them with information which includes our policy, and we have received an estimate of the costs for our building which is \$3,797.00. I have included the policy in the packet for your reference. I am waiting for further instructions from Michelle.

Staffing

- I began advertising for a PK Paraprofessional with a start date of January 6, 2025
- I continue to advertise on Teach in Nebraska website seeking a Music Instructor beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. Various combinations of vocal and instrumental courses and levels will be considered based on student needs and strengths of the candidate. Mrs. Osborn is willing to continue with elementary music and high school vocal music if necessary.

Other Information:

- I included a copy of the Audit Report for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for your review. The same information from previous years is included report. The main one being the separation of accounting duties due to the size of our district.
- The second inspections of school vehicles is underway and should be completed by the start of the second semester.

Upcoming Meeting and Conferences:

- Mrs. Tenski and Mr. Osborn will be attending the ESU 7 Annual Planning Session – December 10, 2024
- I am registered to attend the NCSA Legislative preview session on December 11th in Lincoln.
- NRCSA March 19-21, 2025 Spring Conference Registration is open, and I have registered the following for the pre-conference and main conference: Lindsey Christman, Dave Roberts, Dave Merrell and myself. I have five rooms booked at the Crown Plaza. I can reserve more additional rooms if necessary

Board Committee Reports

- There was a Negotiations Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. on December 8th prior to the regular meeting to review the updates to the negotiated agreement document.
- There is a Curriculum Committee meeting scheduled for December 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- There is a Climate Committee meeting scheduled for December 19, 2024 at 1:45 p.m.
- A copy of the BOE updated meeting schedule/calendar is included in the packet.

e. Consent Agenda

- November 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes
- November 11, 2024 special meeting minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills and Claims payment for December 2024.

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

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

2. Discussion items

Cell phone usage regulations. We do not have a policy/regulation amendment at this point in time. We have looked at other districts' policies are revisiting our current regulations and how they are being implemented and enforced.

3. Action Items

- a. Discussion with action approve the 2025-2026 Master Calendar

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to approve the draft #1 copy of the 2025-2026 Master Calendar

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 interlocal agreements with the City of St. Edward for use of the Community Building

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Christman to approve the interlocal agreements with the City of St. Edward for use of the Community Building

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 agreements with the City of St. Edward for use of the Football Field

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Cumming to approve the interlocal agreements with the City of St. Edward for use of the Football Field from August 1, 2024 -November 30, 2024

Roll call vote: Reardon- No, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- No, Christman-No, Cumming–Yea.
Motion fails 3-3

d. Discussion with action to amend Policy 3132 - Internal Controls

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Reardon to amend Policy 3132 - Internal Controls

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

4. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 8:19 p.m.
Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer