

BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17
(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska
Monday, January 13, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on January 8, 2025

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting
 - a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:02 p.m. with members Christman, Merrell, Reardon, Cumming and Cruise present. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn, Lindsay Tenski, and Tyler Gray.
 - b. Open Meeting Law Posted
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Osborn accepted nominations for President
Dave Roberts was nominated by Cumming and second by Reardon
Board member Roberts was elected president by unanimous consent.

President Roberts accepted nominations for Vice-President
Cumming was nominated for Vice-President by Roberts second by Christman
Board member Cumming was elected vice-president by unanimous consent.

President Roberts accepted nominations for Secretary/Treasurer
Cruise was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer by Christman and second by Roberts
Board member Cruise was elected Secretary/Treasurer by unanimous consent.

President Roberts appointed members to the following committees:

Executive Chair-Roberts, Cumming, Cruise
Finance: Chair-Cruise, Roberts, Merrell.
Building & Grounds: Chair- Reardon, Roberts, Christman
Negotiations: Chair-Cumming, Merrell, Cruise
Planning: Chair-Reardon, Merrell, Christman
Policy: Chair-Roberts, Cumming, Cruise
Transportation: Chair-Merrell, Reardon, Roberts
Americanism/Curriculum: Chair-Christman, Cumming, Cruise
Climate: Chair-Cumming, Roberts, Christman
Wellness: Cumming

1. Regular Monthly Meeting date: February 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. A possible planning session may be scheduled if needed.

Visitor/Patron recognition:

- a. **Mr. Gray's Activity Director Report**

Winter Sports:

- High School Boys and Girls Basketball are about halfway done with their seasons
 - Goldenrod Conference Tournament starts on Saturday
 - Brackets will be set tomorrow, January 14th

- High School Wrestling is also about halfway done with their seasons
 - Next Boys Meet: Saturday, January 18th at Palmer
 - Next Girls Meet: Friday, January 17th at Schuyler
- High School Bowling will be ramping up their season the next few weeks after weather cancellations and postponements
 - Bowling Matches this week: January 13th at Dodge, January 14th at Newman Grove, January 17th at Newman Grove
- Junior High Girls Basketball continued their season today at Greeley
 - Next Home Game: January 21st in St. Edward
- Junior High Boys Basketball started their season last January 7th in Elba and continued today at Greeley - Next Home Game: January 21st in St. Edward

b. Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report

- The K-12 Christmas Concert was held on December 10, 2024 and was well attended.
- Mr. Osborn and I attended the annual Superintendent/Principal Planning meeting at the ESU on December 10, 2024.
- The FFA competed in LDEs on December 18, 2024. We had 16 students compete.
 - QUALIFYING FOR STATE:
 - Ag Demo - Team of Carter Anson, Ryan Cumming, Olivia Reardon, and Josie Sock - Purple Ribbon, District Runner-Up
 - ALTERNATE TO STATE:
 - Junior Public Speaking - Kalvin Sindelar, Purple Ribbon, 4th Place
 - OTHER RESULTS:
 - Junior Public Speaking - Arlette Irineo, Blue Ribbon
 - Junior High Ag Literacy Speaking - Jacob Reardon, Red Ribbon
 - Creed Speaking - Jocelin Bernal, White Ribbon
 - Natural Resources Speaking - Korina Bittner, Blue Ribbon
 - Employment Skills - Olivia Reardon, Blue Ribbon & Rebekah Ketelsen, Blue Ribbon
 - Conduct of Chapter Meetings - Team of Kolten Alder, Parker Fitchner, Andrew Foshee, Jocelin Bernal, Zaiden Heusman, Triton Sindelar, and Nolan Werts - Red Ribbon
- The 2nd quarter D.E.A.R. Incentive was held on December 19, 2024. Incentive earners enjoyed hot chocolate, popcorn, and a movie on the big screen in the gym.
- All staff attended the ESU 7 Professional Development Day in Columbus on January 3, 2025 where they were able to attend break-out sessions of their choice.
- School resumed on Monday, January 6, 2025.

c. Faculty/Student Recognition

- Thank you to Mrs. Osborn and Mr. Weidner for organizing and hosting the Christmas concert.
- Congrats to our Fall 2024 NCPA Academic All-State Award Recipients! To be selected, students must maintain a 3.7 GPA or higher along with making a significant contribution to the activity/sport!
 - Boys Cross Country – Noah Ketelsen
 - Girls Cross Country – Rebekah Ketelsen
 - Football – Marcos Paez

- Play Production – Calvin Sindelar, Claire Tibor
- Volleyball – Olivia Reardon

d. Mr. Osborn's Report

Project Updates

- The channel drain grates have been replaced in the bus barn.
- Unexpected furnace failure. The furnace in the Vo Ag classroom quit working last week and was not recommended for repair due to the poor condition of the heat exchanger. It is a 1990 unit and parts are more than likely no longer available. The unit was replaced on Wednesday, January 8th.

Staffing

- Kaitlyn Fritzges will begin serving as part-time preschool para on January 23, 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:

- Included in your packet you have a document from the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission for each member to sign. I do not believe anyone has a potential conflict of interest at this point in time.
- It is time to order NGSE High School Track warm-ups. The cost will be \$4,712.50 to be divided between both schools (\$2,356.25) An invoice is included in the packet. Although the amount is under \$5000,00, since it is a uniform purchase. It is as an action item on the agenda.
- Dish Machine survived one more repair with a motor replacement. I believe it will last at least until December. Having said that, I will try the equipment grant again this fall. Third time might be the one! This would make the replacement a Christmas break project. I will have replacing the machine as an action item once the grant is submitted as the project cannot begin prior to the grant process being completed. I do not believe we will need to replace any plumbing as previously thought we would have to according to our inspector which is great news. We will still be looking at \$19,000.00 to \$20,000.00 price tag for the machine, delivery and installation.

Upcoming Meeting and Conferences:

- At this time, I am planning to attend a legislative Conference on Sunday January 26th and Monday, January 27th in Lincoln.
- NRCSA Spring Conference Registration is open, and I have registered the following for the pre-conference and main conference: Lindsey Christman, Dave Roberts, Dave Merrell, Vanessa Cumming and myself. I have five rooms booked at the Crown Plaza.

Standing Committee Meeting

- The Facility Committee attended the City Council meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025 to discuss the use of the football field. A new agreement for the 2025 football season is expected in June or July and at that time we will have it on the agenda. The fee is expected to be set at \$500.00. We agreed to pay \$500.00 to cover electricity for the 2023 and 2024 football seasons.
- The Climate Committee met on December 19, 2024 and a follow-up meeting was held on Wednesday, January 8th.

The Executive Committee met today at 5:00 pm prior to the planning session to review administrative compensation. Administrative compensation is an action item on the agenda.

e. Consent Agenda

- December 8, 2024 regular meeting minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills and Claims payment for January, 2025.

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.

2. Discussion items

3. Action Items

a. Discussion with action on principal salary for the 2025-2026 school year

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to increase the salary by 3 percent for the 2025-2026 school year

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Discussion with action on Superintendent salary for the 2025-2026 school year

Motion by Roberts and seconded by to Merrell increase the salary by five percent for the 2025-2026 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 approve purchase of NGSE high school track uniforms

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to approve purchase of NGSE high school track warm-ups

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

Motion carried 6-0

4. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 7:46 p.m.

Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer