

**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 10, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on February 5, 2025

**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, Tyler Gray and Alex Meyer
- 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: March 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

**Visitor/Patron recognition:** Mrs. Alex Meyer shared information regarding FFA Week and various activities taking place. She also shared recent accomplishments of FFA participants and thanked all who support the program.

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

Winter Sports have completed their seasons or are wrapping up soon:

- High School Girls have 2 games and HS Boys has 4 games left in the regular season
    - Home Games Remaining:
      - Girls and Boys vs. Central Valley on 2/13 @ Newman Grove
      - Boys vs. Bancroft-Rosalie on 2/15 @ St. Edward
      - Boys vs. CWC on 2/21 @ St. Edward
    - Girls Subdistricts will be released tomorrow and will be played February 18 & 20
    - Boys Subdistricts will be released February 18 and be played on February 24, 25 & 27
  - Girls High School Wrestling completed their season at the B-3 District in Pierce last Friday and Saturday.
  - Boys High School Wrestling will complete their regular season this Friday and Saturday at the D-1 District in Shelton.
  - High School Bowling completed their season at the B-3 District in Columbus last Tuesday.
    - Colton Wissenburg placed 4<sup>th</sup> individually and competed at the State Meet today (2/10).
  - Junior High Girls Basketball completed their season at the Riverside Tournament on January 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Junior High Boys Basketball completed their season tonight against Madison in Newman Grove.
- Spring Seasons will start practice on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you to 1<sup>st</sup> Bank & Trust – St. Edward for donating popcorn bags for our Concession Stand to use during Fall & Winter Activities in St. Edward. Thank you to Boone County Health Center for donating and hosting free popcorn and free T-Shirt night on February 13<sup>th</sup> versus Central Valley.

Thank you to Ted Jensen, Dave Merrell, Paula Stone, Michael Roscoe, Cyndee Merrell, Bob Adam, Nathan Stark, Vanessa Cumming, Cheyenne Green, Carsen Choat, Amy Melcher, and Terri Osborn for their help with bus-driving, scorebook, score clock, shot clock, and gate during NG/SE basketball games this winter.

Thank you to Mr. Osborn, Cheyenne Green and Staci MacDonald for their tremendous help with transporting our student athletes to Newman Grove this winter.

Thank you to our NG/SE Junior High and High School Coaches for their time and dedication to helping our student athletes this winter.

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

- The FCCLA competed in the District STAR competition on Friday, January 17, 2025 in Schuyler.
  - Qualified for State FCCLA Competition:
    - Bristol Laska, received Silver in Career Investigation
    - Payton Kula, Isabelle Laska, and Ali Werts, received Silver in Chapter Service Project Display
    - Damien Jones, received Silver in Chapter Service Project Display
    - Korina Bittner and Katelyn Werts, received Gold in Food Innovations
    - Jace Jones, received Gold in Job Interview
- The Radio Quiz Bowl team consisting of Rebekah Ketelsen, Ali Brauner, Olivia Reardon, and Jerel Matchett, competed on January 8, 2025, winning against Lutheran High NE and then competed against Oakland-Craig on January 23, 2025.
- Mrs. Osborn, Ryder Beekman, and Kaylee Applegarth attended the UNK Honor Choir on January 27, 2025.
- ELPA testing for our English Language Learners began on January 27, 2025.
- We hosted FAFSA night for the Seniors and their parents on January 29, 2025.
- PT Conferences were held Thursday, February 6, 2025
  - Elementary had 96% attendance
  - Secondary had 70% attendance
- Our students who are in our Advanced Spanish classes take the AAPPL (ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages) exam every year.
  - The AAPPL assesses the ability of a candidate to engage in linguistic tasks on topics of personal, social, and academic relevance across the three modes of communication.
- FCCLA week is February 9th-15th and many events are scheduled to celebrate the program.
- FFA week is February 16th-22nd, kicking off with the FFA Pancake Feed on Sunday, February 16, 2025.
- FFA News:  
Congratulations to the team of Ryan Cumming, Parker Fitchner, Josie Sock, and Olivia Reardon for placing 2nd at the Haskell Ag Lab CDE Meats Contest. Ryan placed 2nd individually and Parker placed 12th. The team of Kalvin Sindelar, Korina Bittner, and Katelyn Werts competed in the Natural Resources Contest.

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

- Congratulations to Carter Anson for making the State FFA Choir!
- Congratulations to Carter Anson and Rebekah Ketelsen on earning their State FFA Degree and to Ryan Cumming for earning Gold in District FFA Proficiency.

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

- The Building and Grounds committee met on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and discussed the following items: Property purchase (607 Main St), Preschool Playground, Tree trimming/removal, West Entry upgrade, rocked area south side of green space, Rocked drop off area, Cafeteria Floor, Math room floor repair, Annual concrete repair/replacement, Fans in the cafeteria, Vape detector.
- The Policy Committee met on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and there are policy recommendations as action items.
- The Finance Committee met today prior to this meeting.
- The Coop Committee meeting is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. followed by an NGSE BOE/Administrator & Spouse social event.

Upcoming Meeting and Conferences:

- There will be a legislative forum meeting in Lincoln on February 10<sup>th</sup>. I will see what the agenda is looking like before I commit to attend. The bills and such seem to change often in language and the amount of traction they are getting.
- NRCSA Spring Conference Registration is still 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

**e. Consent Agenda**

- January 13, 2025 regular meeting minutes
- January 13, 2025 special meeting minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills and Claims payment for February, 2025.

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**

Mrs. Tenski discussed some changes we will be implementing in the Extended Learning Time program

**3. Action Items**

a. Discussion with action to approve the amendments to policies, 4171, 4171.5, 8110, 8130, 8151, 8342, 9300

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Christman to approve the amendments to policies 4171, 4171.5, 8110, 8130, 8151, 8342, 9300

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Discussion with action to select Perry, Guthery, Haase, Gessford, P.C., L.L.O as the District's Legal Counsel

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to select Perry, Guthery, Haase, Gessford, P.C., L.L.O as the District's Legal Counsel

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

Motion carried 6-0

c. Discussion with action to select Cornerstone Bank and First Bank and Trust of Fullerton as the District's Depository banks

Motion by Merrell and seconded by Roberts to select Cornerstone Bank and First Bank and Trust of Fullerton as the District's Depository banks

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

d. Discussion with action to select Albion News-Boone County Tribune as the District's newspaper of record

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Christman to select Albion News-Boone County Tribune as the District's newspaper of record

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 the Secondary Principal contract for Lindsay Tenski for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Merrell to approve the Secondary Principal contract for Lindsay Tenski 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

f. Discussion with action to approve the Superintendent/Elementary Principal contract for Stephen Osborn for the 2025-2026 school year

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to approve the Superintendent/Elementary Principal contract for Stephen Osborn 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

g. Discussion with action to approve annual Chromebook replacement purchase

Motion by Christman and seconded by Reardon to approve annual Chromebook replacement purchase

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 a bid for tree trimming and removal

No Action Taken

i. Discussion with action on the main entrance door remodel/replacement

No Action Taken

j. Discussion with action to transfer General Fund CD interest earned into the Deprecation Fund

Motion Roberts and seconded by Christman to transfer General Fund CD interest earned into the Deprecation Fund

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 9:19 p.m.

Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer