

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 10, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:05 p.m. with members 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

Motion made by Roberts seconded by Cumming to excuse: Christman from the board meeting.

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

Motion carried 5-0

- d. President Roberts set the next board meetings, hearings: date and times:

1. Regular Monthly Meeting date: April 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Visitor/Patron recognition: none

a. Mr. Gray’s Activity Director Report

Winter Sports seasons have been completed

- High School Girls Basketball completed their season at Nebraska Christian on February 20th. The girls finished with a record of 2-20.
- High School Boys Basketball completed their season at Cross County against Arcadia-Loup City on February 24th. The boys finished with a record of 7-13.
- All Conference Teams will be finalized tomorrow at the GRC AD Meeting. All State teams will be coming out in the next few weeks.

High School Track practice started on March 3rd in St. Edward. The track team has roughly 25 total students participating with 12 of those coming from St. Edward.

- Their first meet is on March 21st at the Concordia Indoor Meet in Seward.

Junior High Track will begin practice together on March 24th.

Their first meet is on April 8th at Boone Central

b. Mrs. Tenski’s Principal Report

The Junior High and High School Quiz Bowl teams competed in the Goldenrod Conference Quiz Bowl tournament on February 25, 2025.

- The Junior High team: Riley Steensnes, Max Kula, Isaiah Ketelsen, Rosie Labenz, Ali Werts, Payton Kula, and Isabelle Laska.

- The High School team: Olivia Reardon, Claire Tibor, Rebekah Ketelsen, Ryan Cumming, Noah Ketelsen, Calvin Sindelar, Arlette Irineo Gallardo, Bristol Laska, and Josie Sock.

The Speech team competed at the Osceola Speech Meet on February 1, 2025.

- The OID team of Josie Sock, Claire Tibor, and Calvin Sindelar placed 6th.
- Claire Tibor placed 4th in Program of Oral Interpretation.
- Calvin Sindelar placed 1st in Humorous Prose.
- The team placed 5th overall.

The Speech team competed at the Grand Island NW Speech Meet on February 22, 2025.

- Noah Ketelsen placed 6th in Honors Extemp.

The Speech team competed at the Goldenrod Conference Speech Meet in Newman Grove on February 26, 2025.

- The OID team of Josie Sock, Claire Tibor, and Calvin Sindelar placed 4th.
- Noah Ketelsen placed 6th in Humorous.
- Calvin Sindelar placed 3rd in Humorous.
- Claire Tibor placed 3rd in POI.
- Rebekah Ketelsen placed 3rd in Extemp.
- Noah Ketelsen was the Conference Champion in Extemp!
- Overall, the team placed 4th.

The Speech team competed at the Centura Speech Meet on March 1, 2025.

- St. Edward took nine events and medaled in eight of them.
- Josie Sock placed 3rd in Serious Prose.
- Lakin Prososki placed 6th in Serious Prose.
- Noah Ketelsen placed 5th in Extemp.
- Rebekah Ketelsen placed 10th in Extemp and 11th place POI.
- Claire Tibor placed 6th in POI.
- Calvin Sindelar placed 5th in Humorous.
- The OID of Calvin, Claire, and Joie placed 2nd.
- The team placed 4 out of 20+ teams!

The DEAR incentive activity for the high school will take place on March 14th

Mrs. Beekman and I attended the TIP (Target Improvement Plan) planning meeting at the ESU on March 6, 2025 and completed the work for our District TIP.

c. Mr. Osborn's Report

Project Updates

- The Building and Grounds committee met on Monday, March 3rd and discussed the Tree trimming/removal, West Entry upgrade, fitness center equipment potential purchases, and an upgrade to the patron entry systems for the fitness center and gym. The possible purchase of some additional property and the preschool playground renovation remain discussion items. Some of these items are action items later in the agenda.
- The work order document for staff to list items they would like to see put on the summer maintenance list is live and items are being added. As always, we will do our best to address all needs but no guarantee all will be completed.

Staffing

- We have some teacher resignations and new teacher contracts as action items later in the agenda. Mrs. Tenski and I will have more to share at that time in the meeting.

Other Information:

- We have a calendar amendment on the agenda to add a 1:30 dismissal for April 17, 2025 to allow for staff in-service. This in-service is a follow-up to our February 7th in-service and will continue staff development in the inclusionary process for our special education program and general education programs. This session will be a bridge from our February 7th in-service to one we have schedule for our back-to-school in-service activities.
- Mrs. Stone and I participated in the Title I, ESSA, and ESSER five-year review via zoom with NDE and ESU personnel on March 5, 2025. St. Edward did well and are in a good place with the programs moving forward. ESSER of course has ended.

Upcoming Meeting and Conferences:

- NRCSA Spring Conference - March 19th - 21st – Rooms are booked at the Crowne Plaza
- There will be a final legislative update session on April 2nd which I will attend if necessary.
- Jan is planning to attend the Nebraska Association of School Business Officials again this year. This takes place April 24th and 25th in Lincoln.

Board Committee Reports

- As mentioned earlier, the Building and Grounds committee met on Monday, March 3, 2025. We have some action items on the agenda from the committee
- The next committee meeting is a Policy Committee meeting on March 24th at 6:00; A Coop Committee Meeting on March 28th at 5:00 p.m. followed by an NGSE BOE/Administrator & Spouse social event. There will not be an agenda for the social gathering and no business will be conducted

d. Consent Agenda

- February 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes
- February 10, 2025 special meeting minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills and Claims payment for March, 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, Cumming- Yea:

Motion carried 5-0.

2. Action Items

a. Discussion with action approve the football field use agreement with the City of St. Edward

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Cumming to approve the football field use agreement with the City of St. Edward for the 2025 season.

Roll call vote: Reardon-No, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Cumming – Yea.

Motion carried 4-1

b. Discussion with action to approve the bid for tree trimming and removal

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to accept the bid for tree trimming and removal from T&A Tree Service \$5,650.

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

Motion carried 5-0

c. Discussion with action to on the main entrance door remodel/replacement
Motion by Reardon and seconded by Merrell to approve the bid for the main entrance door remodel/replacement project from The Glass Edge for the amount of \$51,723.

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

d. Discussion with action to purchase new equipment for the Fitness Center
Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to purchase new equipment for the Fitness Center up to \$10,000 from the Fitness Center Account
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Cumming–Yea.
Motion carried 5-0

e. Discussion with action to accept resignation of Carsen Choat at the end of the 2024-2025 school year
Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to accept resignation of Carsen Choat at the end of the 2024-2025 school year

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

f. Discussion with action to approve a teaching contract for Taylor Wilke beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.
Motion by Merrell and seconded by Reardon to approve a teaching contract for Taylor Wilke beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

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

g. Discussion with action to accept resignation of Amy Melcher at the end of the 2024-2025 school year
Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to accept resignation of Amy Melcher at the end of the 2024-2025 school year
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Cumming–Yea.
Motion carried 5-0

h. Discussion with action to accept resignation of Amanda Redler at the end of the 2024-2025 school year
Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to accept resignation of Amanda Redler at the end of the 2024-2025 school year
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Cumming–Yea.
Motion carried 5-0

i. Discussion with action to approve a teaching contract for Kathy Cruise beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.
Motion by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to approve a teaching contract for Kathy Cruise beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Cumming–Yea.
Motion carried 5-0

j. Discussion with action to accept resignation of Sheena Werts at the end of the 2024-2025 school year
Motion by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to accept resignation of Sheena Werts at the end of the 2024-2025 school year
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Cumming–Yea.
Motion carried 5-0

k. Discussion with action to approve a teaching contract for Roseclaire VandeVegt beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to approve a teaching contract for Roseclaire VandeVegt beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

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

Motion carried 5-0

l. Discussion with action to amend the 2024-2025 school calendar to add a 1:30 dismissal on April 17, 2025 to allow for teacher in-service activities

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Merrell to amend the 2024-2025 school calendar to add a 1:30 dismissal on April 17, 2025 to allow for teacher in-service activities

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

Motion carried 5-0

m. Discussion with action to upgrade the patron entry system for the fitness center and gym

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Cumming to upgrade the patron entry system for the fitness center and gym up to \$8,000.

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

Motion carried 5-0

3. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 8:23 p.m.

Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer