

BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17
(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska
Monday, April 14, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on April 9, 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
- 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: May 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
 2. Planning Meeting: May 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Visitor/Patron recognition: FFA Sponsor – Alex Meyer. FFA Students – Josie Sock, Olivia Reardon, Ryan Cumming, Arlette Irineo Gallardo, Calvin Sindelar,

a. Mr. Gray's Activity Director Report

Spring Sports for both Junior High and High School are both in full swing

- HS Track has competed in 4 meets thus far (out of 9)
 - Goldenrod Conference Meet – May 2nd @ Humphrey
- JH Track has competed in 2 meets thus far (out of 6)
 - Goldenrod Conference Meet – May 5th @ Fullerton

St. Edward will be hosting the Goldenrod Conference Art Show on April 30th

- Mrs. Hayley Koch has done a great job of getting things prepared for us to host this event.
- Artwork will be showcased in the High School Gym.

Upcoming Activities:

- April 15th – FFA Banquet
- April 25th – District Music Contest @ Norfolk
- April 28th – Honors Program
- April 30th – Goldenrod Conference Art Show @ St. Edward
- May 9th – Elementary Field Day

NG/SE Coop

- ADs are finalizing schedules for both Junior High and High School sports for next year. Locations on where home games will be played for all sports will be finalized.
- Junior High Winter Sports will be split next year to allow girls and boys to both wrestle and play basketball without any overlap.
 - Girls JH Basketball & Boys JH Wrestling will be before Christmas break
 - Boys JH Basketball & Girls JH Wrestling will be after Christmas break

Summer Camps with dates are being finalized and forms are being/have been sent home to our Elementary, Junior High, and High School students.

Surveys will be sent out to students again to get a sense of numbers for each sport next year for planning purposes

b. Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report

The Speech team competed at the Riverside Speech Meet on March 10, 2025.

- The OID team of Josie Sock, Claire Tibor, and Calvin Sindelar placed 9th.
- Josie Sock placed 6th in Serious Prose
- Claire Tibor placed 4th in POI
- Calvin Sindelar placed 6th in Humorous
- Noah Ketelsen placed 10th in Extemp.
- The team placed 8th overall out of 19 schools

The Speech Team competed at Elgin Pope John for Districts on March 20, 2025. Eight students competed in eleven events. Ten events out of eleven medaled! Six of those ten earned their way to State.

- Rebekah Ketelsen–POI 4th and 2nd Extemp
- Noah Ketelsen–Humorous Prose 4th and Extemp 3rd
- Calvin Sindelar–Humorous Prose Champion
- Josie Sock–Serious Prose 5th
- Claire Tibor–POI 2nd
- Kaylee Applegarth–Poetry 4th Unified
- Korina Bittner–Poetry 2nd
- Josie Sock, Calvin Sindelar, and Claire Tibor--OID 6th place
- Qualifying for State are: Calvin in Humorous, Noah in Extemp, Rebekah in Extemp, Korina in Poetry, Claire in POI, and Kaylee in Unified Poetry.

The Junior class participated in the Fire Training Day that was hosted by the St. Edward Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad on March 31, 2025. The students learned a great deal about what volunteer firefighters and EMTs do, the training they have to complete, and resources available if they are interested. LifeNet was also brought in to show the students the helicopter and talk about their training. Our district earned an EXCELLENT AQuESTT rating for the 2023-2024 school year. The AQuESTT ratings are based on six tenants and are a large part of our Continuous School Improvement Process. 6 Students completed the AAPPL (apple) exam in March to qualify for the Nebraska State Seal of Biliteracy.

- **Seniors:** Marcos Campaya earned the gold seal, and Rebekah Ketelsen earned the silver seal.
- **The following Juniors and Sophomore** all qualified for the gold seal, which they will be eligible to apply for their senior year.
- **Juniors:** Dennis Gallardo Bernal, Narali Irineo Gallardo, Olivia Reardon
- **Sophomore:** Arlette Irineo Gallardo

The FFA Chapter competed at State FFA April 2-4, 2025.

The FCCLA Chapter competed at State FCCLA April 6-8, 2025.

NSCAS testing has been completed for the Spring 2025.

MAPS testing for K-11 will be completed over the next two weeks

c. Faculty/Student Recognition

- Congratulations to Calvin Sindelar, Korina Bittner, Kaylee Applegarth, Rebekah Ketelsen, Claire Tibor, and Noah Ketelsen on qualifying for State Speech! Calvin Placed 5th at state!
- Thank you to the St. Edward Volunteer Fire and Rescue for organizing the Fire Training Day program!
- Congratulations to the Students and Staff of St. Edward Public School on earning an EXCELLENT AQuESTT rating for the 2023-2024 school year!
- Congratulations to the AG Demo team of Ryan Cumming, Olivia Reardon, Josie Sock, and Carter Anson on receiving Silver at State FFA!
- Congratulations to Rebekah Ketelsen and Carter Anson on receiving their State FFA Degrees!
- Congratulations to the band and choir students at the conference music contest.
 - Concert Band II Excellent Rating
 - Calvin Sindelar Saxophone Solo - I Superior Rating
 - Concert Choir II Excellent Rating
 - Ali Brauner Vocal Solo II Excellent Rating
 - Bristol Laska Vocal Solo II Excellent Rating
 - Rebekah Ketelsen Vocal Solo I Superior Rating
 - Claire Tibor Vocal Solo I Superior Rating
- Congratulations to Korina Bittner for making the State Peer Family team, serving as the Chairperson, and also for serving as the Vice Chairperson on the State SPOT Council for FCCLA!
- Congratulations to the State FCCLA medalists:
 - Bristol Laska received Gold in Career Investigation.
 - Jace Jones received Gold in Job Interview.
 - Payton Kula, Ali Werts, and Isabelle Laska received Silver in Chapter Service Project Display.
 - Katelyn Werts and Korina Bittner received Silver in Food Innovations

d. Mr. Osborn's Report

Project Updates

- The tree removal and trimming work is planned to begin after May 16th.
- Glass Edge will begin the door replacement project after the 16th of May.
- Applied Connective is hoping to begin the patron entrance system to the fitness center and gymnasium Thursday or Friday.
- All of the equipment for the Fitness Center has arrived with the exception of the two treadmills. I have an action item on the agenda to increase the amount up to \$11,100.00
- Summer maintenance requests are coming in and are mostly routine requests such as painting and some minor repair type work. The gym floor refinishing is schedule to take place the first two weeks in July.

Staffing

- Mrs. Osborn will be teaching 6-12 Band next year. This will be taught first period and Mrs. Osborn's 6th grade students will part of the band. She will continue with vocal music as she did this year.
- We are advertising for the art teaching position but are planning to move forward covering in house as the availability of art teachers is much like music teachers. Mrs. Faust will be offering some art courses and Mrs. Tenski is planning to offer a scrapbooking class as an art offering next year as well. Elementary grades will be responsible for incorporating art into their weekly schedules which should not be too difficult. They currently do various art projects during the year.

Other Information:

We are recipients for the “mapping” grant in the amount of \$3,797.00. This is to meet the requirements of policy 3241 Emergency Response Mapping. I am now working with the vendor with details for completing the project, and I will share additional information as it becomes available. We will pay 50% of the cost to start the project and the other 50% upon completion. All funds will be reimbursed.

- We held preschool open house for incoming three-year-olds on Monday, April 7th. We had four families attend and we normally have others that will decide to join between now and the start of the school year. We currently have eight in the three-year-old section and nine in the four-year-old section.
- I have applied for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant for School Year 2025-2026. If selected as recipients, this would be for grades K-6, and we would offer the students fresh vegetables and/or fruits two times per week. This cannot take place during breakfast or lunch or before or after school. If we are selected, I will share more information as far as the amount of the grant and plans for implementation. It would be a great addition for our Wellness Committee to incorporate in our overall wellness activities.

Upcoming Meeting and Conferences:

- 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

- The Policy Committee met at the NRCSA Conference and reviewed two, 6000 Series Policies needing updates, and these are action items on the agenda. We are planning to meet again in early June for our annual Perry Policy updates and mandate recommendations
- The Coop Committee met Friday, March 28th and discussed the year in review and the possibility of adding Twin River to our girls wrestling. The addition of baseball with Twin River was discussed but did not gain much traction at this point.
- The Building and Grounds Committee met on Thursday, April 10th to review the PK playground equipment bids. There will be additional costs for the trike trail, chain link fencing, mulch, etc. There is an action item on the agenda.

Consent Agenda

- March 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes
- March 10, 2025 special meeting minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills and Claims payment for April, 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 to accept resignation of Hayley Koch at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to accept resignation of Hayley Koch at the end of the 2024-2025 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 to approve amendments to Policies 6121 and 6212
Motion by Christman and seconded by Roberts to approve amendments to Policies 6121 and 6212

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 purchase and installation of new preschool playground equipment
Motion by Roberts and seconded by Cumming to approve the purchase and installation of new preschool playground equipment up to \$65,000.00

Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- No, Christman-Yea, Cumming–Yea.
Motion carried 5-1

d. Discussion with action to increase the amount from \$10,000.00 to up to \$11,100.00 for the purchase of new Fitness Center equipment.

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Christman to increase the amount from \$10,000.00 to up to \$11,100.00 for the purchase of new Fitness Center equipment.

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 8:19 p.m.
Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer