

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

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

**1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting**

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:01 p.m. with members Merrell, Cumming and Cruise, present. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn, Lindsay Tenski and Michael Roscoe.
- b. Open Meeting Law Posted
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Excuse board members who are absent

Motion made by Roberts seconded by Cumming to excuse: Dan Reardon and Lindsey Christman from the board meeting.

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

Motion carried 4-0

- e. President Roberts set the next board meetings:
  1. Special Planning Meeting date: November 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
  2. Regular Monthly Meeting date: November 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

**Visitor/Patron recognition:**

**a. Mr. Gray's Activity Director Report presented by Mr. Osborn**

- Fall Sports Seasons are Wrapping Up
  - HS Football has 1 more game – vs. Madison - Thursday @ Newman Grove - 7:00 PM
    - Parent's Night starting at approximately 6:30 PM
- HS Volleyball - 3 Regular Season Games left before Subdistricts
  - The Conference Tournament begins Thursday at Central Valley vs. Palmer - 4:30 PM.
    - All teams will play Saturday, with semifinals, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, and Championship taking place in Fullerton. The other 6 teams will play at the highest remaining seed starting at 10:00 AM.
  - Subdistricts begin on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- HS Cross Country competed at the Goldenrod Conference Meet in Fullerton last Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>
  - NG/SE had 2 medal winners – Micah Cuevas placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Noah Ketelsen placed 10<sup>th</sup>
    - i. The Boys team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.
  - The High School team will compete at the D-3 District in Ainsworth on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>
  - State Meet is at Kearney on October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- JH Cross Country completed their season at the Goldenrod Conference Meet
- JH Football completed their seasons today at Creighton.
- JH Volleyball competed today at Creighton and will finish their season next Monday at Elba.
- Winter Sports will begin in late October into November.
  - JH Girls Basketball and JH Boys Wrestling will start practices on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
    - JH GBB first game is November 13<sup>th</sup>
    - JH BWR first meet is also November 13<sup>th</sup>
  - High School Sports will begin November 10<sup>th</sup> with Conditioning week and start November 17<sup>th</sup> with the 1st official day of practices.
- Co-op Renewal for Football:
  - November 1, 2025 – Deadline to submit application for a cooperative sponsorship in football for the 2026 and 2027 seasons.

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

- The St. Edward FFA Chapter attended Husker Harvest Days on September 9, 2025. Mrs. Meyer had 41 students attend.
- FFA News:
  - Students attended Area 4 Range Judging in Aurora on September 10, 2025.
  - Students attended FFA Careers in Ag Day in York on September 24, 2025.
  - St. Edward FFA Chapter hosted their annual Feed the Farmer at CVA on September 25, 2025.
- Ms. Osantowski and students attended the FCCLA Leadership Conference in Kearney on September 17, 2025.
- The Freshman Class attended the HWY 91 Career Fair on September 24, 2025.
- Fall MAPS testing began on September 9th and all testing has been completed.
- Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on September 25, 2025.
  - 90% of Elementary and 70% of Secondary families attended.
- A Continuous School Improvement (CIP) inservice was held with all certified staff on September 26, 2025 with Otis Peirce from ESU 7. We participated in our annual suicide prevention training under the direction of Merridie Kaup.
- The St. Edward chapter of the National Honor Society visited residents at Cloverlodge on October 7, 2025. They did a lot of different activities with the residents. The residents really enjoyed the visit.
- The FCCLA participated in their annual Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt on October 8, 2025.

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

- Thank you to the St. Edward PTO for the walking taco supper and treats at Parent/Teacher Conferences and the refreshments provided at our inservice on the following day.
- Thank you to all of the families who attended Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Thank you to the SEVFD for taking time in assisting with our October fire drill and providing an opportunity for the students to see and ask questions about the vehicles and other equipment.
- Thank you to Ella Heath and those who assisted her in putting together a great book fair for the students, staff and parents.

## **d. Mr. Osborn's Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report**

### **Elementary News**

- On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Ella Heath worked with the Public Library and provided our elementary students with a planetarium experience at the Community Building.
- On Tuesday, September 16, 2025, the St. Edward 4th-6th graders took a field trip to the State Capitol Building and Nebraska History Museum in Lincoln, NE. Thirty-three students, Mrs. Rasmussen, Mrs. Cruise, Mrs. Osborn, and Mrs. Beierman had a wonderful time learning facts about how the Capitol Building was constructed, what happens with a Unicameral State Legislature, and how the NE Supreme Court deals with important decisions. The students and staff ate lunch outside the museum and were so excited to be so close to Memorial Stadium! It was fun listening to the students' excitement on the way home; they really enjoyed the day! Thanks to Mr. Osborn, our bus driver, we had a safe trip there and back. It was a great day for our St. Edward family!!
- The kindergarten class had a field trip on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to our local floral shop to kick off their year-long social studies unit - learning about jobs.
- The elementary students will be participating in another program with the Public Library on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. "Amazing Bubbles" is the program for younger kids at the community building and "The Five Tribes" will be the program for the older kids held at the Public Library.

- Our Fresh Fruits and Vegetables program is underway. It has been a learning experience but seems to be going well so far. The old concession stand is now the new FFVP preparation and storage area. We have been able to purchase all of our product from Werts G.W. this far and plan to continue doing so.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- We conducted two teacher work sessions on September 26<sup>th</sup> focusing on the Continuous School Improvement Process and our annual suicide prevention training.

### **Project Updates**

- The boss from the playground installing company stopped by on Wednesday to look at the site and will return to put a temporary fence around the site. Once they have completed the installation of the equipment, we will get mulch delivered from Bellwood NE, the trike track poured, and the fencing installed. It will be good to have this project wrapped up.

### **Staffing**

- I have still have no inquiry for the music position.

### **Other Information:**

- We were able to get all 11 vehicles through the second round of 80-day inspection this past week. These went well with less issues this go around. We may be looking at a brake job for activity bus #2 and U-Joint replacement on the 2003 suburban this summer depending on the usage over the next several months. I will be taking them for the next inspections over the Christmas break.
- It is time again for the superintendent evaluation process. I have included the form in your packets. Last year there was a short discussion in the October meeting regarding the process, and the formal evaluation was conducted at the November meeting. The BOE can proceed however they choose with the process for this year.

### **Upcoming Meeting and Conferences:**

- The State Education Conference will be held at the CHI Health Center in Omaha and is scheduled for November 19-21, 2025. Dave Roberts, Vanessa and I are currently registered to attend.

### **Standing Committee Meeting**

- We have a Climate Committee meeting scheduled for 2:30 on October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- I am anticipating the next committee meeting to be scheduled will be the Negotiations Committee, and I am expecting that to be in the near future.

#### **e. Consent Agenda**

- September 8, 2025 meeting minutes as amended
- Special September 23, 2025 meeting minutes as amended
- Financial Report
- Bills and Claims payment for October 2025.

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Merrell to approve the consent agenda with the minutes of the September 8, 2025 regular meeting and the September 23, 2025 Special Meeting amended as presented. Roll call vote: Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Cumming- Yea:  
Motion carried 4-0.

#### **2. Discussion items**

Superintendent evaluation process.

#### **3. Action Items**

a. Discussion with action to renew the cooperative agreement with Newman Grove Public Schools for NSAA Sanctioned sport activities beginning with the 2026-2027 School year.

Motion by Merrell and seconded by Roberts to renew the cooperative agreement with Newman Grove Public Schools for NSAA Sanctioned sport activities beginning with the 2026-2027 School year.

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

Motion carried 4-0

b. Discussion with action to update Student Policy 5006 – Option Enrollment

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Merrell to update Student Policy 5006 – Option Enrollment

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

Motion carried 4-0

c. Discussion with action to recognize the St. Edward Education Association as the exclusive bargaining unit for district's certificated staff for 2027-2028 contract year.

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Merrell to table the motion to recognize the St. Edward Education Association's as the exclusive bargaining unit for district's certificated staff for 2027-2028 contract year.

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

Motion carried 4-0

d. Discussion with action to approve the interlocal agreement with the City of St. Edward for use of the Community Building for 2025-2026

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Cumming to approve the interlocal agreement with the City of St. Edward for use of the Community Building for 2025-2026

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

Motion carried 4-0

4. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 8:02 p.m.

Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer