

BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17
(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska
Monday, November 10, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:03 p.m. with members Merrell, Cumming, Christman, Reardon and Cruise, present. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn, Lindsay Tenski and Tyler Gray.
- b. Open Meeting Law Posted
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Excuse board members who are absent
- e. President Roberts set the next board meetings:
 1. Regular Monthly Meeting date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Visitor/Patron recognition: None

a. Mr. Gray's Activity Director Report

- Fall Sports Have Wrapped Up. Appreciate our High School and Junior High coaches and athletes for working hard throughout the Fall season.
 - HS Football
 - HS Football completed their season on October 16th
 - Saw good growth throughout the season with lots of young players stepping up at the Varsity level as the season went along
 - All District
 - 1st Team – Ryan Cumming
 - 2nd Team – Billy Fyfe, Keoni Loyd, Parker Fitchner, Nolan Werts
 - Honorable Mention – Zane Potter and Kolten Alder
 - HS Cross Country
 - State Meet - Micah Cuevas placed 30th out of 130 Runners at the Class D State Cross Country Meet
 - HS Volleyball
 - HS Volleyball completed their season at Subdistricts on October 27th
 - The team finished with a record of 14-16 and saw tremendous growth throughout the season, led by the 6 Seniors.
 - All Conference will be voted on and approved on Wednesday, November 12th
- Winter Sports Getting Going
 - Conditioning Week started today, November 10th, for HS Girls and Boys Basketball, and HS Girls and Boys Wrestling
 - G/B HS Basketball
 - 9 Girls / 20 Boys participating in HS Basketball
 - Practice starts November 17th
 - First game on December 4th in St. Edward against Osceola
 - HS Wrestling
 - 3 Girls / 4 Boys participating in HS Wrestling
 - First meet on December 5th at O'Neill

- HS Bowling
 - Looking at around 10-12 Total Participants
 - Practice Starts on November 17th
- JH Wrestling
 - Practice started October 27th in Newman Grove
 - 5 Boys from St. Edward – Around 10 Total
 - First meet is November 13th in Madison
- JH Girls Basketball
 - JH Girls started practice on October 27th
 - 19 Girls Total Participating
 - Girls first game is November 13th against Palmer in St. Edward
- One Act Season is Ongoing
 - 17 Total 7th-12th Grade Students Participating
 - Goldenrod Conference Meet is Tuesday, November 25th in Central City
 - Districts are at Bartlett on December 3rd

b. Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report

- Fall MAPS testing is completed – done in October
- The St. Edward FCCLA Chapter officers attended the District Leadership Conference on October 13, 2025.
- Mrs. Lordemann, Mrs. Tenski, and the Sophomore Class attended the WSC Career Fair in Wayne on October 14, 2025.
- FFA News:
 - 7 students attended the North Central Area Land Judging in Royal, NE on October 15, 2025.
 - 4 students traveled to Lincoln for a Huskers Youth Meats Workout on October 20, 2025.
 - 7 welding students attended Columbus Manufacturing Day on October 21, 2025.
 - 7 students attended State Land Judging in Wahoo on October 22, 2025.
 - 9 students attended the Nebraska Cattleman's Classic Education Day in Kearney on October 30, 2025.
 - 28 students attended Livestock Judging in Central City on November 4, 2025.
 - Ryan Cumming - 22nd place Sr. Division
 - Rosie Labenz - 27th place Jr. Division

Junior High - 2nd place team

- Anhelina Umanska - 5th place
- Bennett Werts - 9th place
- Brandtley Christman - 10th place
- Brooklyn Tenski - 14th place
- Mrs. Faust and Mrs. Tenski took their Art students to the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha on October 24, 2025.
- The Sophomore Class took the Pre ACT on October 28, 2025.
- The St. Edward FCCLA Chapter and the NGSE Cheer Squad hosted a Blood Drive at the St. Edward Community Building on October 29, 2025.
- The 7-12 grade classes hosted a Halloween Parade on October 31, 2025 for the Elementary students to show off their costumes and get high-fives/fist bumps from the junior high & high school students.

- The District MTSS/CIP team have begun meeting monthly (the first Wednesday of each month). That team is composed of Marianne Osantowski, Jennifer Rasmussen, Paula Stone, Jenna Lordemann, Michael Roscoe, Tonya Beekman, and Lindsay Tenski.
- The Junior Class took the ASVAB test on November 10, 2025.
- The ASVAB test measures skills in areas like general science, math, and electronics to identify potential career paths within the armed forces. Scores from four specific sections—Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Arithmetic Reasoning, and Mathematics Knowledge—are combined to form the AFQT (Armed Forces Qualification Test) score, which determines enlistment eligibility

c. Faculty/Student Recognition

- Congratulations to the Area Land Judging Team for placing 3rd and qualifying for the State Land Judging contest!
 - Team Members: Macy Reardon, Olivia Reardon, Calvin Sindelar, Ryan Cumming, Arlette Irineo, Dennis Bernal, and Katelyn Werts
- Thank you to Merrell Farms for facilitating the annual preschool combining field trip

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

Elementary News

- On November 28th the sheriff's department came to visit the afternoon preschool to talk about Halloween safety. The students always love to see the sheriff!
- The elementary students participated in another program with the Public Library on Wednesday, October 22nd. "Amazing Bubbles" was the program for younger kids at the community building. "The Five Tribes" was the program for the older kids held at the Public Library on November 6th.
- The 4-year-old preschool class traveled to the Merrell Family harvesting operation on October 23rd. The had the opportunity to ride in the combine and a tractor pulling the grain cart. They also saw how the corn was unloaded from the grain cart into the storage bin. David Merrell also taught the students about the parts of the corn plant and how it is separated as it travels through the combine. The kids all had a great time.
- K-6 students all participated in the first quarter "Beaver Buck" rally held on the last day of the quarter. The program has been much improved from previous years! Thank you to Mrs. Rasmussen and Mrs. Krohn for leading the new and improved Beaver Buck program. Teachers from every grade gave various awards to student for academic achievements or positive behaviors in the classroom. A "Century Club" has been incorporated for Accelerated Reader this year which has set a goal for students to reach 100 points by the end of the year. Students reaching this goal will be awarded a field trip for a fun adventure to be determined. Currently, five students who have reached 25 points. These students are: Jace Nitzel, Iker Franco Urbina, Randy Bidente, Bristol Tenski and Reese Fritzges. One student has surpassed the 25 mark and is already over the 50-point mark. Congratulations to Morgan Cumming! Another new addition this year is the Outstanding Role Model Awards. The K-2 Rule Rockstar Award went to kindergarten student Cecelia Fritzges. The 3-6 Rockin' Role Model Award went to 6th grader Tony Irineo

Project Updates

- The playground installing company returned the week of October 27th to get our project underway and completed the majority of the grading work

Staffing

- The music position remains open
- We are advertising for another paraeducator at the elementary level.

Other Information:

- We created an opportunity for each elementary regular education teacher to meet with the special education teacher to review individual education programs and ensure all needs are being met as necessary and appropriate. This is a goal that we are able to complete this year.
- The equipment grant I have worked on the past two years for our dish washing machine replacement has usually been opened by now. However, it will be delayed until closer to the end of the calendar year. I am hoping to replace the machine over Christmas break. However, for this grant, we cannot start a project we are asking to be funded prior to the end of the granting process. I am hopeful the process will open sooner rather than later

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 had a Climate Committee meeting on October 15th and a follow up meeting with me on that same day. It was probably one of the most positive meetings we have had.
- We had an Executive Committee Meeting on November 5th at 2:30 p.m. to discuss personnel considerations beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.
- We had a BOE Negotiation Committee meeting on November 5th at 3:15 p.m. and another meeting today at 5:00 p.m.
- We had a negotiations meeting on November 5th at 3:45 p.m. with the BOE Negotiation Committee and the Certified Staff Negotiation members. The committees plan to meet again Wednesday morning

e. Consent Agenda

- October 13, 2025 Regular meeting minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills and Claims payment for November 2025.

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Cumming to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

2. Discussion items - None

3. Action Items

- a. 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 Roberts and seconded by Cumming to recognize the St. Edward Education Association as the exclusive bargaining unit for district's certificated staff for 2027-2028 contract 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 update Student Policy 5006 – Option Enrollment

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

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

c. Discussion with action to increase substitute teacher pay

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to increase substitute teacher pay from \$125.00 per day to \$150.00 per day

Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- abstain, Christman-Yea, Cumming- Yea:
Motion carried 5-0-1 abstention.

d. Discussion with action to approve the Master Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year

Motion by Merrell and seconded by Reardon to approve the evaluation of the superintendent

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

e. Evaluation of the Superintendent

Motion by Merrell and seconded by Cumming to approve the evaluation of the superintendent

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 9:45 p.m.
Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer