

BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17
(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska
Monday, January 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, January 12, 2026. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on January 7, 2026

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting
 - a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:06 p.m. with members Christman, Merrell, Reardon, Cumming and Cruise present. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn, Lindsay Tenski, and Michael Roscoe.
 - b. Open Meeting Law Posted
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Osborn accepted nominations for President
Dave Roberts was nominated by Cumming
Board member Roberts was elected president by unanimous consent.

President Roberts accepted nominations for Vice-President
Cumming was nominated for Vice-President by Roberts
Board member Cumming was elected vice-president by unanimous consent.

President Roberts accepted nominations for Secretary/Treasurer
Cruise was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer by Cumming
Board member Cruise was elected Secretary/Treasurer by unanimous consent.

President Roberts appointed members to the following committees:

Executive Chair-Roberts, Cumming, Cruise
Finance: Chair-Cruise, Roberts, Merrell.
Building & Grounds: Chair-Reardon, Roberts, Cumming
Negotiations: Chair-Cumming, Merrell, Cruise
Planning: Chair-Merrell, Christman, Roberts
Policy: Chair-Cruise, Christman, Reardon
Transportation: Chair-Merrell, Reardon, Roberts
Americanism/Curriculum: Chair-Christman, Cumming, Cruise
Climate: Chair-Cumming, Roberts, Christman
Wellness: Christman, Roberts

1. Board Work Session – February 1, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.
2. Regular Monthly Meeting date: February 8, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.
3. Visitor/Patron recognition:

Mr. Gray's Activity Director Report

Winter Sports Update:

- G/B HS Basketball

- Girls and Boys will begin the Goldenrod Conference Tournament on Saturday, January 17th, running through January 24th.
- Seeds and Game Locations will be determined at the GRC AD Meeting tomorrow, January 13th.
- HS Girls Basketball will do their Parent's Night ceremonies tomorrow, January 13th before their game against Osmond.
- HS Wrestling
 - Both Boys and Girls Wrestling are about halfway through their seasons. Next Girls meet was today at Summerland. Next Boys meet is Saturday at Palmer.
 - Girls District Wrestling will be on February 6th and 7th.
 - Boys District Wrestling will be on February 13th and 14th.
- HS Bowling
 - The HS Bowling teams have 3 more Home Duals in Newman Grove on January 20, 22 & 26 against Columbus Lakeview, Hartington-Newcastle, and Humphrey-Lindsay respectively.
 - HS Boys Bowling Districts will be held on a date TBD between January 28-30.
 - HS Girls Bowling Districts will be held on a date TBD between February 2-4.
- JH Girls Wrestling
 - JH Girls Wrestling started practice on January 6th.
 - Their 1st meet will be on January 19th at O'Neill.
- JH Boys Basketball
 - JH Boys Basketball participated in their 1st game of the Season on January 6th against Elba in St. Edward.
 - They hosted Palmer earlier this afternoon in St. Edward. Next home game will be January 29th in Newman Grove against Archangels Catholic.

Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report

- FFA News:
 - 18 students attended District LDEs on December 17, 2025 in Aurora, NE.
 - Ag Demo team of Ryan Cumming, Arlette Irineo Gallardo, Macy Reardon, Olivia Reardon, and Josie Sock...District Champions and State Qualifier!
 - Junior High Ag Literacy Speaking: Jacob Reardon...District Runner Up and State Qualifier!
 - Employment Skills: Olivia Reardon...3rd Place and State Qualifier!; Josie Sock...7th place/purple ribbon.
 - Senior Public Speaking: Calvin Sindelar...4th place and Alternate to State.
 - Extemporaneous Speaking: Noah Ketelsen...5th place/purple ribbon.
 - Natural Resources Speaking: Korina Bittner...blue ribbon; Kaden Albert...blue ribbon.
 - Conduct of Chapter Meetings team of Caden Shotkoski-Roan, Eli Case, Riley Steensnes, Max Kula, Rosie Labenz, Isaiah Ketelsen, and Jaxon Reader...9th place/red ribbon.
- Second Quarter and First Semester ended on December 19, 2025 and report cards for all K-12 students were mailed out on December 23, 2025.
- Third Quarter/Second Semester began on January 5, 2026 and is off to a great start!
- a. Faculty/Student Recognition
 - Congratulations to all of the FFA students on their success at District LDEs!

- Congratulations to Paisley Fitchner (1st grade) and Bristol Tenski (4th grade) for their winning drawing for The Boone County Development Agency winter drawing contest. Their winning artwork was featured in the Albion News/Boone County Tribune.
- The Boone County Spelling Bee will be held on January 28, 2026 in Albion. The following will be representing St. Edward Public Schools:
 - Isabelle Laska, Payton Kula, Brooklyn Tenski, Kalany Irineo Gallardo, Riley Kassian, Alana Mendez, Tyson Shotkoski, and Morgan Cumming. Alternates are Erik Vargas Bernal, Angelina Umanska, Payton Matchett, Khale Allen, and Randy Velasquez Vicente.

Mr. Osborn's Report

Elementary News

- On December 18, 2025, PK-6 grades had their very own movie theater experience at St. Edward Public Schools. Students were given movie tickets to attend the new Grinch movie. They each received a box of popcorn with candy and a pop. Thank you to the PTO for supplying the snacks!
- K-6 celebrated another successful quarter with a Beaver Buck Rally. Several awards were given out by teachers. We had some new additions to the AR Club. 25-point additions were Kohen Fritzes, Tyson Shotkoski, Jasper Ditter, Addie Trube, Tony Ireneo, and Hailey Werts. 50-point additions were Tyson Shotkoski, Randy Velasquez Vicente, Bristol Tenski, and Jace Nitzel. We had our first Century Club Member with well over 100 points. Congratulations to Morgan Cumming! All students played a game followed by our Outstanding Role Model Awards. These went to Azalea Gallardo in K-2 and 3-6 was awarded to Evelin Vargas Bernal. Some staff performed a surprise parody of the 12 Days of Christmas at the conclusion of the celebration. You may likely see a new improved version of this at the 2026 K-12 Christmas Program.
- 4th graders celebrated National 4th grade Day today. I did not know there was such a day. They did a couple of activities and had cookies.
- Our ESU speech provider and Miss McIntosh started doing some whole grade speech inclusion lessons which is new. It's something neither of them has done before and has worked well so far. The kids really look forward to it! The plan is to finish the year with this activity which takes place on Friday's.

Project Updates

- We were able to complete several projects over the Christmas break. In the gym, a projector screen was installed, some new light fixtures were installed, and a bottle filler/drinking fountain combination unit was added to replace an old fountain. We still have a light above the floor to get repaired. In the shop area, we added new outlets to power our new wood planer purchased with Perkins funds. In the kitchen, we replace the chemical mixer for our dish washing machine. New paint was added in the cafeteria which we did not get to this past summer. We are brightening the "blue-gray" walls with fresh, slightly off-white coat of paint. 'Wings of an Angel', which we are using in all of our classrooms.
- Brian Zabka came and we looked again at the playground. The plan is to pour concrete next week. Following that, Steve and I will install the chain link fencing.

Staffing

- We are still advertising for music and for a part-time elementary para-educator.

Other Information:

- Our third round of 80-day inspections have been completed. No major problems found. We did have an air brake spring canister and a clearance light needed replaced on the International activity bus.

- Crisis Management (Psychological First Aid) Team attended a training on January 9, 2026. Our current team members are Steve Osborn – Superintendent/Elementary Principal, Lindsay Tenski – Secondary Principal, Jenna Lordemann – Counselor, Tonya Beekman – Teacher, Kenna Gray – Administrative Assistant, Michael Roscoe – Technology Coordinator.

Upcoming Meeting and Conferences:

- At this time, I am planning to attend and NASB legislative Conference on Sunday January 26th and Monday, January 27th in Lincoln.
- I am planning to attend the NRCSA Legislative Forum on February 26, 2026 in Lincoln.
- NRCSA Spring Conference is scheduled March 18th (Pre-Conference), 19th, and 20th (Main Conference) in Kearney. We have currently five BOE members and I planning to attend.

Standing Committee Meeting

- The Finance Committee met at today at 5:15 p.m. The Committee reviewed Revenue and Expenditures to date.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. December 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes
- b. Financial Report
- c. Bills and Claims payment for January, 2026.

It was moved by Cumming and seconded by Reardon to approve the consent agenda.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

3. Discussion items

- a. It was discussed to begin discussion/planning for the NG/SE Cooperative school board social. There will be no agenda, and no business will be conducted.

4. Action Items

- a. Discussion with action approve the 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement with the certified teachers for the 2026-2027 school year

Motion by Merrell and seconded by Roberts to approve the 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement with the certified teachers for the 2026-2027 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 on the superintendent’s salary for the 2026-2027 school year

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Cumming to approve the superintendent’s salary of \$124,804.00 for the 2026-2027 school year

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

Motion carried 6-0

- c. Discussion with action to designate Perry, Guthery, Haase, Gessford, P.C., L.L.O as the District’s Legal Counsel

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Christman to designate 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

- d. Discussion with action to designate the Cornerstone Bank and the First Bank and Trust as the District's Depository banks
Motion by Roberts and seconded by Merrell to designate the Cornerstone Bank and the First Bank and Trust 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
- e. Discussion with action to designate Albion News/Boone County Tribune as the District's newspaper of record
Motion by Christman and seconded by Roberts to designate 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
- f. Discussion with action to appoint the Title IX Coordinator and Compliance Coordinator
Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to appoint Stephen Osborn as the Title IX Coordinator and Compliance Coordinator
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Christman-Yea, Cumming-Yea.
Motion carried 6-0

5. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 8:28 p.m.
Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer