

BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17
(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska
Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2025. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on December 3, 2025.

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 6:01 p.m. with members Merrell, Cumming, Christman, Reardon and Cruise, present. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn and Lindsay Tenski
- 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. Special Planning Meeting date: Monday, January 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
 2. Regular Monthly Meeting date: Monday, January 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Visitor/Patron recognition: None

a. Mr. Gray's Activity Director Report

- Academic All State – Fall Athletics/Activities
 - Congratulations to the following students who received Nebraska Chiropractic Physician's Association Academic All State for our Fall Sports and Activities. In order to be considered for Academic All State, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or better and be a Varsity contributor
 - Volleyball – Olivia Reardon and Kailey Patzel
 - Football – Parker Fitchner
 - Cross Country – Noah Ketelsen and Zaiden Heusman
 - Play Production – Claire Tibor and Calvin Sindelar
- Most Winter Sports Athletic Contests Have Begun:
 - G/B HS Basketball
 - Girls have played 2 games thus far and the Boys have played 3
 - Holiday Tournament is in Creighton this year on December 29th and 30th
 - HS Wrestling
 - Both Girls and Boys have participated in 1 Meet so far
 - Newman Grove will host a Boys Wrestling Holiday Meet on December 30th
 - High School Girls Wrestling will travel to Fremont Bergan for their Holiday Meet on December 30th
 - HS Bowling
 - Boys Bowling started their season on Monday, December 8th at Spalding
 - Before the Holiday Break, Girls and Boys have Duals scheduled for December 11th and December 16th in Newman Grove, and a Tournament in York on December 13th
 - JH Wrestling
 - JH Boys Wrestling will wrap up this weekend with a meet at Boone Central
 - JH Girls Basketball
 - JH Girls Basketball has 3 games remaining: December 11th at St. Edward, December 15th at Central Valley and December 17th at Newman Grove.
 - JH Boys Basketball

- JH Boys Basketball will start practice on December 15th in St. Edward. Their first game is January 6th.
 - JH Girls Wrestling
 - JH Girls Wrestling will start practice on January 5th. Their first meet is January 17th.
- One Act
 - One Act placed 7th Overall at the Goldenrod Conference One Act competition on November 25th
 - Outstanding Actor Awards went to Josie Sock, Calvin Sindelar, Claire Tibor, and Noah Ketelsen
 - At the D2-2 Districts on December 3rd, the One Act team placed 4th Overall.

b. Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report

- Our district hosted the annual Veterans Day Program on November 11, 2025.
- FFA News:
 - 7 students attended a welding competition in York, NE on November 18, 2025.
 - District LDEs will be held on December 17, 2025 in Aurora, NE.
- One Act News:
 - The One Act team (14 members) competed at the Goldenrod Conference One Act competition on November 25, 2025. The team placed 7th out of 11 teams.
 - The One Act team competed at District One Act at Bartlett on December 3, 2025. The team placed 4th!
- The K-12 Christmas concert was held on December 8, 2025 at 6 pm
- 2024-2025 AQuESTT Classifications:
 - Our Elementary School received an EXCELLENT rating.
 - Our Middle School and High School received a GOOD rating.
 Our District collectively received a GOOD rating.

c. Faculty/Student Recognition

- Thank you, Mrs. Osborn, for organizing the Veterans Day Program and the Christmas Concert.
- Thank you to the St. Edward Public School PTO and Mrs. Crystal Werts for planning a week of appreciation for our staff during American Education Week.
- Thank you to US92 and Medica for awarding our district with a \$500 donation through the Stretch Across Nebraska program and the winning photo submission from Bryistol and Brooklyn Tenski.
- Congratulations to Kaylee Applegarth, Bristol Laska, and Ryder Beekman for being selected to the UNK Festival Choir and will perform on January 26, 2026.
- Congratulations to Emily Cruz Sanchez and Olivia Reardon for being awarded the Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish from The Nebraska Department of Education and the Nebraska Seal of Biliteracy Advisory Committee.

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

Elementary News

- 4-6 grades have been participating in the Health Rocks Program through 4-H. It involves a 5-week program learning about Healthy Habits.
- Fist bump Friday with local service providers has been a big hit with the students.
- Thanksgiving dinner for K-3 went great! Sign up for the event was accurate and we plan to continue hosting an annual Thanksgiving lunch event.
- 1st grade experimented with different fruits/vegetables regarding whether they float or sink in water. Then we read about cranberries, why they float, their life cycle, and how they are

harvested. They were able to try cranberries afterward and then were very excited to have cranberries for the FFV program.

Project Updates

The playground is installed and the wood chips are in place. We are hoping to get the concrete poured in the near future and S. Thompson and I will install the fence. It will be very nice when it is all complete. We will want to put some sort of a storage unit outside the fence for toys and such.

Staffing

- We are still advertising for music. We have hired a Brittany Dake to provide assistance in our morning pre-school program. We could still use additional part-time para help in the afternoon pre-school

Other Information:

- I will be shuttling vehicles for 80-day inspections over the Christmas Break.
- You have a copy of the Audit Report for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for your review.

Upcoming Meeting and Conferences:

- Crisis Management (Psychological First Aid) Team training January 9, 2026. Our current team is Steve Osborn – Superintendent/Elementary Principal, Lindsay Tenski – Secondary Principal, Jenna Lordemann – Counselor, Tonya Beekman – Teacher, Kenna Gray – Administrative Assistant, Michael Roscoe – Technology Coordinator
- NRCSA Spring Conference. March 18th (Pre-Conference), 19th, and 20th (Main Conference) in Kearney. So far, Vanessa, Dave Merrell, Dave Roberts, and I are planning to attend.

Standing Committee Meeting

- We had successful negotiation meetings on November 5th, 12th, and the 14th. We plan to have an agreement for the 2026-2027 school year on the agenda for approval. Hopefully for our January meeting. We still need some additional information to complete one of the extra-duty pay scales.

e. Consent Agenda

- November 10, 2025 Special meeting minutes
- November 10, 2025 Regular meeting minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills and Claims payment for December 2025.

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Reardon 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 approve a contract for Michael Roscoe as the 7-12 Principal/District Technology Coordinator beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Merrell upon completion of his administrative certification to approve a contract for Michael Roscoe as the 7-12 Principal/District Technology Coordinator beginning with the 2026-2027 school year with leaves and other fringe benefits to match the SEEA negotiated agreement.
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Christman-No, Cumming- Yea:

Motion carried 5-1.

b. Discussion with action to amend the master calendar to move the date for the hosting the Conference Music Contest.

Motion by Christman and seconded by Roberts to amend the master calendar to move the date for the hosting the Conference Music Contest.

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 updates to policies 3131 and 3132

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Christman to approve updates to policies 3131 and 3132

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

Motion carried 6-0.

4. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 6:56 p.m.

Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer