

BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17
(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska
Sunday, February 8, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Sunday, February 8, 2026. Advance notice of the meeting was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on January 28, 2026.

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 2:22 p.m. with members Merrell, Cumming, Christman, Reardon and Cruise, present. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn, Lindsay Tenski, Tyler Gray, Michael Roscoe, and Jennifer Rasmussen
- 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: Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Visitor/Patron recognition: Mrs. Rasmussen shared an overview of a DonersChoose project she submitted and that was chosen for funding. She has received materials on behalf of the school relating to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities. The students are spending more of their activity choice times on hands-on activities which has reduced student screen time choices. Mrs. Rasmussen shared that she had a visitor come and present a 1 hour and 15-minute presentation to the 4th graders on Soybeans, from A to Z. The program was very much enjoyed by the students. In celebration of the 100th day of school, Mrs. Rasmussen shared that on the following day (as Mr. Osborn was attending a meeting on the 100th day), 101 photos of Mr. Osborn were hidden throughout the school. Students searched for the photos and placed them on a numbered chart as part of the celebration.

a. Mr. Gray's Activity Director Report

Winter Sports have completed their seasons or are wrapping up soon:

- b. High School Girls have 1 regular season game remaining and HS Boys have 2 games left in the regular season
 1. Girls and Boys vs. Fullerton on 2/10 @ Newman Grove
 2. Boys @ CWC on 2/20
 - c. Girls Subdistricts will be released on Thursday, February 12th and will be played February 17 & 19
 - d. Boys Subdistricts will be released February 17 and be played on February 23, 24 & 26
 - e. Girls High School Wrestling completed their season at the B-1 District in Plainview this last Friday and Saturday. No state qualifiers this year.
 - f. Boys High School Wrestling will complete their regular season this Friday and Saturday at the D-3 District in Shelby.
 - g. High School Boys Bowling competed at the B-3 District in Lexington on January 28th completing their season.
 - h. High School Girls Bowling competed at the B-6 District in Wayne on February 2nd.
 - i. Serenity Strong qualified for the NSAA Class B Girls State Bowling Championship as an individual qualifier. She will compete at the State Competition on February 9, 2026
 - j. Junior High Boys Basketball will complete their season this coming Monday, February 9th and Tuesday, February 10th with games at Madison and High Plains.
 - k. Junior High Girls Wrestling will complete their season this coming Thursday with a meet at Battle Creek.
- Spring Seasons will start practice on March 2nd for High School Track and March 9th for Junior High Track.
 - 2026-2027 High School Football Schedules will be released on Wednesday, February 11th.

- Thank you to 1st Bank & Trust – St. Edward, Big Iron, and Channel Seeds for donating popcorn bags for our Concession Stand to use during Fall & Winter Activities in St. Edward.
- Thank you to Ted Jensen, Dave Merrell, Jerry MacDonald, Michael Roscoe, Vanessa Cumming, Cyndee Merrell, Jen Rasmussen, Alex Meyer, Hailey Osantowski, Bob Adam, Cheyenne Green, Jan Cumming, Brenda Buechter and Terri Osborn for their help with bus-driving, scorebook, score clock, shot clock, gate, and pep band respectively during NG/SE basketball games this winter. As well as Kenna Gray and our Class/Activity Sponsors for their help with the Concession stand during games.
- Thank you to Mr. Osborn, Cheyenne Green, Steve Thompson, Michael Roscoe, Bob Adam and Hailey Osantowski for their tremendous help with transporting our student-athletes to Newman Grove this winter.
- Lastly, thank you to our NG/SE Junior High and High School Coaches for their time and dedication to helping our student athletes this winter.

b. Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report

▪ Speech:

- The Speech team competed at Twin River on Saturday, January 10, 2026.
 - Claire Tibor earned 6th place in Serious Prose
 - Calvin Sindelar earned 5th place in Humorous Prose
 - Noah Ketelsen received 9th place in Extemporaneous Speaking
- The Speech team competed at High Plains on Saturday, January 17, 2026.
 - Noah Ketelsen received 5th in Extemporaneous Speaking
 - Calvin Sindelar earned 2nd place in Humorous Prose and 3rd place in Entertainment
 - Claire Tibor medaled 5th place in Program of Oral Interpretation and 4th in Serious Prose
 - Kaden Albert competed in Poetry, Josie Sock competed in Serious Prose, and Lakin Prososki performed a Program of Oral Interpretation
- The Speech Team competed at the Boone Central Speech Meet on January 25, 2026.
 - Noah Ketelsen placed 9th in Extemporaneous.
 - Calvin Sindelar placed 10th in Humorous Prose.
 - Claire Tibor placed 6th in Serious Prose and 8th in Program of Oral Interpretation (POI).
- Speech members competed at the Bellevue Speech Meet on February 6, 2026.
 - Calvin Sindelar, Claire Tibor, and Noah Ketelsen. Claire Tibor placed 23rd which earns one bid toward nationals.
- Speech members competed at the Osceola Speech Meet on February 6, 2026.
 - Lakin Prososki and Kaden Albert
- The FCCLA competed in the District STAR competition on January 21, 2026 at St. Edward.
 - Students who competed: Calvin Sindelar, Josie Sock, Korina Bittner, Bentley Roan, Eli Case, Isabelle Laska, Bristol Laska, Saphira Pohl, Payton Kula, Ali Werts, Jacob Reardon
 - Qualified for State FCCLA Competition:
 - Damien Jones competed in Job Interview Level 3. He received a Silver medal and placed third, advancing to State.
 - Bristol Laska competed in Focus on Children Level 2. She received a Silver medal and placed third, advancing to State.
 - Isabelle Laska, Payton Kula, and Saphira Pohl competed in Food Innovations Level 1. They received Silver medals and placed third, advancing to State.
- Mrs. Osborn, Ryder Beekman, Kaylee Applegarth, and Bristol Laska attended the UNK Honor Choir on January 26, 2026.
- ELPA testing for our English Language Learners began on January 26, 2026.

- The Boone County Spelling Bee was January 28, 2026 at Albion.
 - Isabelle Laska, Payton Kula, Brooklyn Tenski, Kalany Irineo Gallardo, Riley Kassian, Alana Mendez, Tyson Shotkoski, and Morgan Cumming represented St. Edward. Alternates were Erik Vargas Bernal, Angelina Umanska, Payton Matchett, Khale Allen, and Randy Velasquez Vicente.
 - The Radio Quiz Bowl team consisting of Olivia Reardon, Claire Tibor, Arlette Irineo and Calvin Sindelar, competed on January 30, 2026 against Wynot and won the match. They moved on to compete against Creighton on February 6, 2026 and lost.
 - PT Conferences will be held Thursday, February 12, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - FCCLA week is February 9th-15th. Ms. Osantowski and the FCCLA chapter have events planned for each day including an FCCLA Logo Scavenger Hunt for the students.
 - FFA week is February 22nd-28th, kicking off with the FFA Pancake Feed on Sunday, February 22, 2026.
 - FFA News:
 - Senior FFA members Ryan Cumming, Macy Reardon, Olivia Reardon, and Josie Sock participated in FFA State Degree interviews on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 in Central City.
- c. Faculty/Student Recognition**
- Thank you to the St. Edward Public School Staff for all of their help and support while hosting the District FCCLA Star event!
 - Congratulations to Ryder Beekman, Kaylee Applegarth, and Bristol Laska on making the UNK Honor Choir!

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

Elementary News

- The collaboration with other teachers was a great experience for all involved. The feedback from all levels was very positive. We are working on scheduling our next round of meetings.
- The 6th graders are enjoying the opportunity to work with their future teachers and are getting excited about moving on to 7th grade next year!

Project Updates

- The fencing is the next item to complete for the pre-school playground. Steve, and I are working on this part of the project. We will also be looking for or constructing some form of storage unit for toys and equipment.
- The Building and Grounds will be meeting on Monday, February 9th to review some of the potential projects listed on the facilities WANT – NEEDS – WISHES list, some of which we talked about at our planning session on February 1st.

Staffing

- We have a candidate scheduled to interview for the music position on Thursday morning. He is seeking to return to full-time teaching and brings experience primarily in private/parochial education, along with some international education experience. We are looking forward to the interview and hoping he will be a good fit for our school

Other Information:

- Renewal Agreements were given to the certified and classified staff on February 5, 2026. Staff will be required to sign the document and return them by 4:00 p.m. on March 16, 2026 (as March 15 is a Sunday) confirming their return to the St. Edward Public School District for the 2026–2027 school year.

Upcoming Meeting and Conferences:

- NRCSA Spring Conference. March 18th (Pre-Conference), 19th, and 20th (Main Conference) in Kearney.
- I am planning to attend the next legislative update in Lincoln on February 26th

Standing Committee Meeting

- Our next scheduled committee meeting is Building and Grounds. This meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026.

e. Consent Agenda

- January 12, 2026 Special meeting minutes
- January 12, 2026 Regular meeting minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills and Claims payment for February 2026.

It was moved by Cumming and seconded by Roberts 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** – Use of the Community Building was discussed and members of the board plan to attend to the next City Council meeting on March 2, 2026

3. Action Items

- a. Discussion with action to approve the purchase of new computers for the computer lab

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Christman to approve the purchase of 20 new computers for the computer lab using REAP funding

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

Motion carried 6-0.

- b. Discussion with action to approve the purchase of replacement student Chromebooks

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Cumming to approve the purchase of replacement student Chromebooks using REAP funding.

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 superintendent’s contract for the 2026-2027 school year

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to approve superintendent’s contract for the 2026-2027 school year

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 3:18 p.m.

Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer