

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 14, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, October 14, 2024. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on October 9, 2024.

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:00 p.m. with members Christman, Merrell, Reardon, Cumming and Cruise, present. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn, Lindsay Tenski, and Jack Moles
- b. Open Meeting Law Posted
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. President Roberts set the next board meetings, hearings: date and times:

1. Regular Monthly Meeting date: Monday, November 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Visitor/Patron recognition: Mr. Jack Moles – Nebraska Rural School Communities Association.

a. Mr. Gray's Activity Director Report

- Fall Sports Seasons are Wrapping Up
 - HS Football has 1 more game - Friday @ Madison - 7:00 PM
 - HS Volleyball - 3 Regular Season Games left before Subdistricts which begin on Monday, October 28th. The Conference Tournament begins Thursday at Central Valley vs. Palmer - 4:30 PM.
 - HS Cross Country will compete at the D-3 District in Ainsworth on Thursday, October 17th - State Meet is at Kearney on October 25th
 - The HS Boys Cross Country team placed 2nd overall at the Goldenrod Conference Meet last Thursday, October 10th.
 - Micah Cuevas placed 6th, Zander Jarecki placed 7th, Damien Jones placed 12th, and Noah Ketelsen placed 16th
 - JH Cross Country completed their season at the Goldenrod Conference Meet
 - JH Football and Volleyball completed their seasons today at home in Newman Grove
- Winter Sports will begin in late October into November
 - JH Wrestling will start practice October 28th - First meet November 14th

All other JH/HS Sports (besides JH Boys Basketball) will begin either November 11th with Conditioning week or on November 18th for the 1st official day of practices.

b. Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report

- FFA News:
 - The members of the FFA program attended the Area Range Judging on September 19, 2024.
 - The FFA officers attended the Connecting Chapters Training on September 23, 2024.
 - Most of the FFA members attended the Careers in Ag Day at York on September 25, 2024.

- The Ag Demo Team consisting of Carter Anson, Olivia Reardon, Josie Sock, and Ryan Cumming traveled to Raymond, NE on October 3, 2024 to tour the company JAV.
- The FFA competed in the North Central Area Land Judging event on October 9, 2024 in Albion.
- On October 10, 2024, the FFA officers hosted the annual Feed the Farmer event at CVA, St. Edward.
- Homecoming was held the week of September 16, 2024 with the dance on September 20, 2024.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on September 26, 2024 and were well attended (70% attendance rate for the Junior High/High School) (at the elementary, parents of 80 of 81 students were in attendance)
- Members of the CIP/MTSS team (Mary Osantowski, Paula Stone, Jenna Lordemann, Tonya Beekman, and Lindsay Tenski) attended the NDE/NeMTSS Regional Continuous Improvement Workshop in Kearney on October 1, 2024. We were given many great resources and opportunities to ask questions.
- The 7-12 band participated in the Harvest of Harmony Parade in Grand Island on October 5, 2024.
- The FCCLA group (13 members) attended the District Leadership Conference at Central Community College in Columbus on October 11, 2024.
- The High School members of the FCCLA Chapter attended the Fall Leadership Workshop at Wayne State College on October 14, 2024.
- Fall MAPS testing has been completed. Overall, most classes increased in proficiency in most of the areas (Reading, Math, Language Arts, and Science).

c. Faculty/Student Recognition

- Congratulations to Shae Murphy for earning Homecoming King Honors and Trinity Sindelar for earning Homecoming Queen Honors.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Congratulations to Carter Anson for qualifying for the State Land Judging competition that will be held on October 16, 2024!

d. Mr. Osborn's Report

Project Updates

- I am working on the 2024 equipment grant for a new cafeteria kitchen dishwashing machine. The guidelines are different this year so we will be as creative as possible to check as many boxes as possible in the application.

Budget Information

- All budget documents have been submitted to the appropriate places for the 2024-2025 fiscal year
- The Auditor was here on Monday, September 30th. All seemed to go well, and we should receive a report and have it available in November.

Staffing

- I continue to advertise on Teach in Nebraska website seeking a K-12 Instrumental/Vocal music instructor beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. We are one of approximately 30 schools currently looking for music teachers.

Other Information:

- I have contacted Classen Beef out of Albion and worked with them to purchase 4 cases (40 pounds each) of ground beef. They are well versed in the Farm2School Local Food Source program. This purchase will use just about 25% of our LFS Grant Funds for the school year. I did enclose a copy of the invoice for your information.

Upcoming Meeting and Conferences:

- The State Education Conference will be held at the CHI Health Center in Omaha and is scheduled for November 20-22, 2024.
- I am scheduled to attend a Farm to School Conference in Kearney over fall break, October 17th and 18th; this will be held in Kearney. I will be looking for additional information in the possibility of getting more “locally produced” items into our school nutrition program.

Standing Committee Meeting

- We held a meeting, Monday, September 23rd at 5:30 p.m. with our group working on the interlocal agreement with the city for the use of the community center and football field. (*L. Christman, S. Cruise, D. Roberts, S. Osborn*) We met again with members of the City Council on Monday, September 30th at 6:00 p.m. I have an action item on the agenda for this.
- We held a Building and Grounds Committee meeting to review the ALICAP insurance program and proposal on Thursday, October 10th. The committee will have a recommendation for the board as an action item. We would also be required to join NASB.
- We held a Transportation Committee meeting last Friday, October 11th to discuss an opportunity to replace our school car. There is an action item on the agenda. The committee met and met again at 6:00 p.m. prior to our regular meeting for a regular planning session.
- Our new suburban is in at the Norfolk dealership and will be ready for pickup when we get our funds moved from the General Fund CD into the Depreciation Fund. We have this as an action item on the agenda to transfer the funds.
- There is a Climate Committee Meeting scheduled for 1:45 on October 16th which is the end of the 3rd quarter and a 1:30 p.m. dismissal. I will send out a reminder next week.
- We have a Policy Committee Meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 21st for the purpose of reviewing our 9000 series policies – Bylaws of the Board.

e. Consent Agenda

- September 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes
- September 9, 2024 special meeting minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills and Claims payment for October 2024.

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

2. Discussion items

- Superintendent Evaluation process

3. Action Items

a. Discussion with action on transferring funds from a General Fund CD into the Depreciation Fund

Motion by Merrell and seconded by Roberts to approve transferring funds from a General Fund CD into the Depreciation Fund

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Discussion with action to declare items obsolete and to be disposed of or recycled.
Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to declare items obsolete and to be disposed of or recycled.
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Christman-Yea, Cumming – Yea.
Motion carried 6-0

c. Discussion with action to purchase an electric piano
Motion by Cumming and seconded by Christman to purchase an electric piano and accessories
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Christman-Yea, Cumming–Yea.
Motion carried 6-0

d. Discussion with action to recognize the St. Edward Education Association as the exclusive bargaining unit for district’s certificated staff for 2026-2027 contract year.
No Action Taken

e. Discussion with action to approve the interlocal agreement with the City of St. Edward for use of the Community Center and Football Field
Motion by Cumming and seconded by Reardon to approve the interlocal agreement with the City of St. Edward for use of the Community Center and Football Field
Roll call vote: Reardon-No, Roberts-No, Cruise-No, Merrell- No, Christman-No, Cumming–No.
Motion Fails 0-6

f. Discussion with action to accept the insurance proposal from ALICAP (All Lines Interlocal Cooperative Aggregate Pool)
Motion by Roberts and seconded by Cumming to accept the insurance proposal from ALICAP (All Lines Interlocal Cooperative Aggregate Pool) beginning on December 5, 2024
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Christman-Yea, Cumming–Yea.
Motion carried 6-0

g. Discussion with action to join The Nebraska Association of School Boards
Motion by Roberts and seconded by Christman to join The Nebraska Association of School Boards for the 2024-2025 School year.
Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell- Yea, Christman-Yea, Cumming–Yea.
Motion carried 6-0

h. Discussion with action to approve the purchase of new school car
Motion by Roberts and seconded by Merrell to approve the purchase of new school car in the amount up to \$26,245.00
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 8:56 p.m.
Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer