

BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17
(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska
Sunday, January 14, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Sunday, January 14, 2024. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on January 10, 2024.

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting
 - a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 2:00 p.m. with members Christman (joined remotely), Merrell, Reardon, Cumming and Cruise (joined remotely) present. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn, Lindsay Tenski, and Jan Green.
 - b. Open Meeting Law Posted
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

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

President Roberts appointed members to the following committees:

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

- d. President Roberts set the Regular February meeting on February 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Gray's Activities Director Report given by Mr. Osborn

High School Basketball - GRC Tournament Rescheduled: Tuesday - Play In Games at Heartland Lutheran and Burwell; Wednesday - Quarterfinals at HSF (Doubled Up- Girls @ 3:00 & 4:30 / Boys @ 6:00 & 7:30) and at Nebraska Christian & Burwell; Thursday - Girls Semifinals at Central Valley; Friday - Boys Semifinals at Central Valley; Saturday - Finals and 3rd Place Games at Central Valley; High Plains game rescheduled to February 5th. Still working on a rescheduled date for Heartland Lutheran. Junior High Basketball - Humphrey St. Francis JH Girls and Boys games have been rescheduled to January 25th at Newman Grove; Still working on a rescheduled date for the Central Valley games that are to be played in St. Edward. Speech Meets are Starting next Weekend - Most Saturday's: First Meet is Saturday, January 20th in Albion; GRC Meet is February 21st at Elba.

Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report

The FFA traveled to Aurora to compete at District LDE's on December 13, 2023; The K-12 Christmas Concert was held on December 18, 2023 and was well attended; Mrs. Texley and Mrs. Osborn wowed the audience with a fun duet and all of the students did a nice job as well; The first semester concluded on December 21, 2023 and report cards were sent out

on Friday, January 5, 2024; Mr. Stark, the mathematics student teacher, joined us on January 3, 2024. We are excited to have him with us; Teacher Inservice was held on January 3, 2024; All certified staff participated in a data workshop to begin our process of setting our goals for the next 5-year cycle of the District's Continuous Improvement Process; The CTE (Career and Technology Education) Team participated in a workshop to begin the building process of the District's CTE program. We are excited to get this program moving and offer more opportunities for students to explore careers within our community; We welcomed students back on January 4, 2024; Mrs. Texley and the Choir students plan to attend the rescheduled Boone Central Choral Clinic on Monday, February 5, 2024.

Recognition

Thank you to Mrs. Tami Texley for organizing and hosting a wonderful Christmas Program; Congratulations on a job well done to all of the K-12 students who participated in the Christmas concert

Mr. Osborn's Report

The walk-in freezer broke down and all frozen food was placed in an enclosed trailer for Mother Nature to keep frozen. It is scheduled to be repaired as early as Monday. The vehicles have all undergone the second inspection for the year and are in good shape ready for second semester activities; JRK Electric was able to make it to our building and complete several minor repairs and some light fixture replacements. We have been growing our list basically since school started so it was good to get some things crossed off the list! We still have a few items to complete but they are in process; Nathan Stark for FHS has begun his student teaching experience in math under the direction of Mrs. Tenski; The annual audit report is basically a sequel to previous years reports. The information I shared last year at the meeting is found on pages 49-50 of the enclosed audit report. We are a small school so some separation of duties is difficult and simply not cost effective; We will need to use regular General Fund money to pay for the server we approved at the last meeting using the ESSER III funds. We were approved through NDE and the Federal reviewers to use the grant for a server purchase. However, we are required to spend 20% of the grant funds directly related to learning loss due to Covid, which means curriculum, textbooks, software programs etc. Purchasing a new server to keep our technology devices up and running to support online learning is not considered to be in this category; NRCSA Registration is still open and the last day for registration is March 4, 2024.

Board Committee Reports

The Negotiations Committee met on December 21st with the SEEA and met again on January 3rd and January 11, 2024 to conclude the negotiations process.

The Wellness Committee met on December 21, 2023 and discussed the following items: Kids Health Challenge Kickoff in January for Elementary; Building Healthy Relationships for Freshman completed; Mental Health SABERS for 3-12 for Fall was completed, Winter screener will be given in January; Ping Pong tables in commons area; Vending Machine-other organization taking it over, survey on items to be available; Substance Abuse Speaker for Jr. High was presented in Mrs. Lordemann class was well received; K-12 Bullying Concern was addressed, Bringing in a presenter for NG/SE 7-12

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Regular December 11, 2023 meeting minutes
- b. Financial Report
- c. Bills and Claims payment for January 2024. Was noted that milk prices will be raised to at least cover the cost of the product. \$45 for K-3 and remain at \$35 for PK.

It was moved by Cumming and seconded by Roberts 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. Audit was a very similar report from last year's report. Everything was in good order. We are a small school and separation of duties is difficult and not cost effective.

4. Action Items

- a. Discussion with action to approve the Negotiated Agreement with the SEEA for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Merrell to approve the Negotiated Agreement with the SEEA for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Discussion with action to approve a teaching contract for Abby Reicks beginning with the 2024-2025 school year
Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to approve a teaching contract for Abby Reicks beginning with the 2024-2025 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 approve a teaching contract for Hailey Osantowski beginning with the 2024-2025 school year

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to approve a teaching contract for Hailey Osantowski beginning with the 2024-2025 school year

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 entire certificated staff for 2025-2026 contract year. No Action Taken

5. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 3:38 p.m.