

BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17
(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska
Monday, May 12, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on May 7, 2025

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:02 p.m. with members Christman, Merrell, Reardon, Cumming and Cruise, present. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn, Lindsay Tenski, and Tyler Gray
- 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: June 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Planning Meeting: June 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Visitor/Patron recognition:

a. Mr. Gray's Activity Director Report

- High School Track and Field wraps up their season this week
 - C-5 District at David City on Thursday, May 15th starting at 10:00 AM
 - State Track at Omaha Burke on Friday, May 23rd and Saturday, May 24th
 - Athletes have performed well throughout the year, breaking many previous PR's and PR's set throughout the season.
- Junior High Track and Field completed their season last week
 - Completed season at the Goldenrod Conference Meet
 - Goldenrod Conference Meet – May 5th at Fullerton
 - JH had a good season with lots of PR's set and broken throughout the year
- NG/SE Coop
 - Summer Camps are set with many of our sports hosting camps for Elementary, Junior High, and High School – Many dates filled throughout late May, June, July
 - High School Coaches have been having meetings with High School Athletes to talk about expectations for the summer.
 - Each school will hold their own Weightlifting sessions 4 days a week
- Surveys have been sent out to get a sense of numbers for our Junior High and High School Sports for next season. Have not received all responses yet, but numbers look like about what I was expecting on our side for many of our JH and HS Sports. As of now, no coaching changes moving forward.

b. Mrs. Tenski's Secondary Principal Report

- The K-12 Spring Concert was held on April 1, 2025 and was well attended.
- The FFA Banquet was held on April 15, 2025 and was well attended.
- The Band and Choir students competed at the District Music Contest on April 25, 2025.

- Our annual Honors Program was held on April 28, 2025.
- Our Art program hosted the Goldenrod Conference on April 30, 2025.
- Graduation for the Class of 2025 was held on May 3, 2025.
- The FCCLA Banquet was held on May 6, 2025.

c. Faculty/Student Recognition

- Thank you to Mrs. Osborn, Mr. Weidner, and all of the Band and Choir students for presenting a wonderful Spring concert!
- Congratulations to the 13 Seniors of the Graduating Class of 2025!
- Carter Anson, Alejandra Brauner, Jace Jones, Rebekah Ketelsen, John Laska, Luke Laska, Jerel Matchett, Shae Murphy, Marcos Paez Campaya, Anthony Reader, Trinity Sindelar, Mason Steensnes, and Kendra Werner. Best of luck in your future endeavors!
- Congratulations to the following for their District Music ratings:
 - Concert Band: received one Excellent rating and two Good ratings from the panel of three judges.
 - Concert Choir: received three Excellent ratings from the panel of three judges.
 - Calvin Sindelar: II sax solo
 - Claire Tibor: II sax solo
 - Rebekah Ketelsen: II vocal solo
 - Alli Brauner: III vocal solo
 - Bristol Laska: III vocal solo
 - Kaylee Applegarth: III vocal solo

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

Elementary News

- The Annual Elementary Field Day was held at the City Park/Football Field area on Friday, May 9th and the weather was nearly perfect.
- Three-year-old preschool ended on Thursday and four-year old concluded today with graduation ceremonies taking place in the gym at 2:30 this afternoon
- The kindergarten class will have graduation ceremonies on Wednesday at 2:30 and will officially end their year with the rest of the K-12 students on Thursday at 1:30.
- The first-grade class attended Vehicle Day in Columbus. This was an opportunity for the students to see the many different service vehicles that make our towns work and run smoothly. This is the second year we have attended.
- The second-grade class participated in National Picnic Day, World Book Day and Earth Day. They had a picnic at the park and then spent some extra time enjoying the weather, reading outside. and discussed the importance of keeping our Earth clean, picking up after ourselves, and ideas on how we could help improve our Earth. In early May, they also celebrated National Space Day with activities relating to the solar system
- The third-grade class had an enjoyable time at Farm Safety Day at the Boone County Fairgrounds on May 1st. They were eager to share that they had a great learning experience.

- The fourth-grade classroom had some new additions with nine of the twelve eggs successfully hatching. Apparently three of the eggs were never fertilized. This was a great experience for the students, and they also learned the importance of not counting the chickens before the eggs hatch.
- The fifth-grade class recently had success with a planting project as they planted marigolds and beans sprout and are already growing into fine young plants. They are excited for their trip to CCC in Grand Island for the Annual Waterworks Festival which we began attending last year. This is a great opportunity for students.
- The sixth-grade class has been working on publishing a class book that just made its way back from the publisher. This is something they had to work together on to decide on characters, plot, etc. Families were given the option of purchasing a book.

Project Updates

- The tree removal and trimming work is planned to begin after May 16th and Glass Edge will begin the door replacement project after the 16th of May.
- Applied Connective has finished up the install. I have ordered new fobs and when they arrive, Applied will bring them and make sure all is up and running and working well. I am hoping this will be in the next few days.
- Summer maintenance requests are in and are mostly routine requests such as painting and some minor repair type work. We plan to begin the work on Monday, May 19th. The gym floor refinishing is still scheduled to take place the first two weeks in July. We have a new company doing our floors this year and they are Shepard Flooring. They have a great reputation, and I have used them at other districts. Shepard's quote is \$1,975.00 compared to a cost of \$2,932.00 last year and a similar amount for 2023.
- Our summer staff will consist of Steve Thompson, Elizabeth Wielgus, and Cheyenne Green. Ella Heath will work part time as needed. I will work on some of our summer projects as well

Staffing

- We are adding an additional para to our staff for next school year. The plan, at this point, is to have Madison McCoy work in 3-year-old preschool and older students in the afternoon. At this point, all classified staff are planning to return for the 2025-2026 school year

Other Information:

- The compressor in the other kitchen cooler/refrigerator went out late last week. This cooler was purchased in the 70's. The price of a new compressor is \$1,629.00 and the cost for a new cooler will be \$3,700.00 delivered, installed and the old one removed. We have ordered the new cooler, and it will be replaced after school is out. The new one will be very similar to the other stainless-steel unit that we recently repaired

Upcoming Meeting and Conferences:

- Perry Law is presenting an end of the legislative session update via zoom on June 3, 2025. With this meeting, it makes me wonder if the new policy updates will come after this session. If so, it could change the date of our Policy Committee Meeting. I will keep the committee informed

Board Committee Reports

- The Climate Committee met on the April 16th and with a follow-up meeting taking place with Mr. Osborn on April 30th. This committee met again at 6:15 p.m., prior to this regular meeting.

e. Consent Agenda

- April 14, 2025 regular meeting minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills and Claims payment for May, 2025.

It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Cruise 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

None

3. Action Items

None

4. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 7:43 p.m.

Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer