

**BOONE COUNTY DISTRICT No. 17**  
**(aka ST. EDWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL)**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**  
**St. Edward School Science Room – St. Edward, Nebraska**  
**Monday, July 14, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025. Advance notice of the meeting agenda was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on July 9, 2025

**1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting**

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:07 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: August 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

**Visitor/Patron recognition:**

**a. Mr. Gray's Activity Director Report**

- Sports Schedule Posters and Tri-Fold Calendars are being planned and started this month
- St. Edward and Newman Grove businesses have been contacted to sponsor the poster
- Also have the option for ads on the website, programs, and Hudl broadcasts
- We are working to figure out the details to have a picture of our athletes on the poster
- Fall Sports schedules are on the District Calendar. I will be working on getting the rest of the schedules on this week.
- Fall Sports Conditioning week starts on August 4<sup>th</sup>, with practices starting the following Monday on August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- We will be doing Concussion Testing on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> for St. Edward athletes.

**b. Mrs. Tenski's Secondary Principal Report**

- I attended the Number Sense & Numeracy conference at ESU 7 in Columbus on June 26, 2025. Number Sense is one of our Continuous School Improvement goals.
- All scheduling for the 2025-2026 school year has been completed on PowerSchool. Students will have the opportunity to switch classes within the first week of school.
- Volleyball Net System replacement bids were discussed

**c. Faculty/Student Recognition**

- Ryan Cumming attended the Music Ambassadors in June and toured Europe proudly representing St. Edward Schools and community
- Anhelina Umanska was recognized in Lincoln for the second year in a row in the Nebraska Endangered Species art contest. She placed second this year and first last year.
- Korina Bittner and Miss. Hailey Osantowski attended the National FFA Conference in Orlando, Florida the first week in July. Korina Bittner represented St. Edward Schools and Nebraska, serving as the Vice Chairperson on the State SPOT Council for FCCLA

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

##### Project Updates

- Summer maintenance is well underway and making great progress.
- The preschool playground (message from the vendor) Your equipment is scheduled to ship around 7/30. We will have an install date closer to your ship date. Our guys are doing great, but the rain is a factor right now. It's hard to give exact dates when they work outside. We will keep you posted.
- The front entry door replacement project is nearly complete. I am anticipating the "buzz in system" to be installed this week. When that is complete, Fitchner Construction can finish their work.
- The gym floor refinishing has been completed and will be ready for use today. It was given two coats of oil-based finish rather than a single coat of water-based finish and it looks great.

##### Staffing

- We are ready to begin the 2025-2026 school year.

##### Other Information:

- Staff inservice for the 2025-2026 school year will begin on Thursday, August 7, 2025. Mrs. Tenski and I have been working on inservice activities and have a very good plan in place. We met with ESU on the 24<sup>th</sup> to finalize their involvement, and they will be assisting in several of the activities addressing various topics. These include continuous school improvement process including our number sense and vocabulary goals, inclusion for all students, and MTSS activities. We are looking forward to a great school year!
- On June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> I participated in a Threat Assessment zoom training with NDE. I had attended this is person two years ago, so this was a good review.
- We completed the work on this round of the COPS Grant to replace our current surveillance camera system with a new updated digital system. We will not be recipients of the grant for this go around. That is the bad news. The good news is we are in the bottom tier of needs as our school is safe and not in urgent need of interventions. We will try again next go around. Our next grant project will be for the new dish washing machine in the cafeteria. That will be around the \$20,000.00 mark.

##### Upcoming Meeting and Conferences:

- Mrs. Tenski and I will be attending Administrator Days in Kearney on July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Roscoe continues to work on his administrative endorsement and is planning to attend as well.

##### Board Committee Reports

- The Policy Committee met on June 30<sup>th</sup> and reviewed several documents and have prepared new policies and policy amendments for approval at the regular meeting. Information was delivered to you in a policy packet.
- The Finance Committee met at 5:00 p.m. prior to this meeting. We reviewed some preliminary budget information for 2025-2026. We are a little over a month away from getting valuation information so much of the information was based on estimates.

#### **e. Consent Agenda**

- June 9, 2025 regular meeting minutes
- June 9, 2025 special meeting minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills and Claims payment for July, 2025.

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.

## **2. Discussion items**

None

## **3. Action Items**

- a. Discussion with action to approve a resolution to increase to the school district's property tax request authority by an additional seven (7) percent, or other maximum amount as permitted by law, above the base growth percentage

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Merrell to approve a resolution to increase to the school district's property tax request authority by an additional seven (7) percent, or other maximum amount as permitted by law, above the base growth percentage

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 policies 1200, 3131, 3132, 3410, 4003, 4009, 5001, 5004, 5103, 5201, 5202, 5202z, 5301, 5401, 5414, 5507, 6113, 6400, 6410, 6439

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Roberts to approve policies 1200, 3131, 3132, 3410, 4003, 4009, 5001, 5004, 5103, 5201, 5202, 5202z, 5301, 5401, 5414, 5507, 6113, 6400, 6410, 6439

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 the 2025-2026 Student Handbook

Motion by Merrell and seconded by Christman to approve the 2025-2026 Student Handbook

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

Motion carried 6-0

- d. Discussion with action to approve the 2025-2026 Faculty Handbook

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Christman to approve the 2025-2026 Faculty Handbook

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

Motion carried 6-0

- e. Discussion with action to approve the purchase new volleyball standards and associated equipment. Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to approve the purchase new volleyball standards and associated equipment. Bison pole system with stand VB73A.

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

Motion carried 6-0

- f. Discussion with action to transfer funds from General Fund to the School Nutrition Fund

Motion by Christman and seconded by Roberts to transfer \$25,000.00 from General Fund to the School Nutrition Fund

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

Motion carried 6-0

- g. Discussion with action to transfer funds from General Fund to the Activity Fund

No Action Taken

## **4. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 8:15 p.m.**

Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer