

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 11, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026. Advance notice of the meeting was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on April 22, 2026.

1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:00 p.m. with members Merrell, Cumming, Christman, Reardon and Cruise, present. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn, Tyler Gray, Michael Roscoe, Ron Laska, Ron Benson, Kathy Benson.
- b. Open Meeting Law Posted
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Excuse board members who are absent
- e. President Roberts set the next board meetings:
 - Regular Monthly Meeting date: Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Visitor/Patron recognition: None

Mr. Gray's Activity Director Report

Spring Sports for both Junior High and High School are completed or close to completing

- HS Track will compete at the D-2 District at Osceola on Wednesday at 10:00 AM.
 - State Track is May 22-23 at Omaha Burke
- The JH Track team completed their season at the Goldenrod Conference Meet on May 4th in Humphrey
 - JH had a good season with lots of PR's set and broken throughout the year
 - JH had 5 qualifiers for the A-Town Showdown in Aurora on May 2nd.
 1. McKinlee Marker-Brezina
 2. Morely Warren
 3. Bennett Werts
 4. Brooklyn Benson
 5. Cali Kerres
 - JH has 2 Qualifiers that will compete at the Nebraska Championship Meet in Gothenburg on Saturday, May 16th.
 1. Morely Warren: 200 M Dash & Long Jump
 2. Brooklyn Benson: 100 M Hurdles

NG/SE Coop

- Coaches have had meetings with High School Sports to discuss summer plans and to gauge interest for next year.
- Weightlifting for our JH and HS athletes will start May 26. HS Boys @ 7 AM – HS Girls @ 8 AM – JH Boys/Girls @ 9 AM

Mrs. Tenski's Principal Report

- FFA News:
 - The annual FFA Banquet was held on April 14, 2026.
 - The annual FFA Points trip was held on April 27, 2026 for those earning enough points through their commitment and performance in FFA. They went bowling in Columbus.

- Prom was held on April 18, 2026 for students in grades 9-12.
- Our band and choir students competed at the District Music Contest in Norfolk on April 24, 2026.
 - Calvin Sindelar - Baritone Sax Solo - I (Superior)
 - Bristol Laska - Vocal Solo - II (Excellent)
 - Addison and Kaylee Applegarth - Vocal Duet - II (Excellent)
 - Kaylee Applegarth - Vocal Solo - I (Superior)
 - Claire Tibor - Vocal Solo - I (Superior)
 - Choir received a 2 (Excellent)
- The Honors Program for students in grades 7-12 was held on April 29, 2026.
- Goldenrod Conference Art was held on April 29, 2026 at Central Valley.
 - Katelyn Werts-Honorable Mention in ceramic/clay
 - Emily Cruz Sanchez-4th place in black/white any medium
 - Anhelina Umanska-2nd Place in pencil art, 2nd place in scratch art, 3rd place ceramic/clay
 - Kalany Irineo Gallardo-1st Place scratch art
 - Payton Kula-3rd place colored drawing
 - Riley Kassian-3rd place black/white any medium
 - Marley Roberts-Honorable Mention for scratch art
 - Zaiden Shotkoski-Roan-Honorable Mention for scratch art
 - Ali Werts-3rd place watercolor painting
 - Camila Herrera Bernal-1st place ceramic/clay
 - Payton Matchett-2nd place ceramic/clay
- Spring NSCAS/MAPS Testing is complete! We had 94% of our K-12 students grow in at least one subject area and 86% grow in at least two subject areas.
- Graduation was held on May 2, 2026. We have 12 graduates this year.
- We had 6 of our 19 English Language Learner students reach Proficiency on the ELPA (English Language Proficiency Assessment) this spring!

Faculty/Student Recognition

- Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2026! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!
 - Kaden Albert
 - Emily Cruz Sanchez
 - Ryan Cumming
 - Dennis Gallardo-Bernal
 - Narali Irineo Gallardo
 - Cole Jochem
 - Victor Lagunes
 - Lakin Prososki
 - Macy Reardon
 - Olivia Reardon (Co-Valedictorian)
 - Josie Sock
 - Claire Tibor (Co-Valedictorian)
- Congratulations to the following for earning their Seal of Biliteracy:
 - Emily Cruz Sanchez-Gold Seal

- Dennis Gallardo Bernal–Gold Seal
- Narali Irineo Gallardo–Gold Seal
- Olivia Reardon–Gold Seal

Mr. Osborn’s Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

Elementary News

- The four-year-old preschool class graduated on Thursday, May 7, at 2:00 p.m. It was a very nice ceremony, and the students are excited to become kindergarteners this fall.
- Kindergarten “graduation” activities will take place on May 13 in the classroom. Students have been working very hard on their program. They will return on May 14 for a final day of classroom activities.
- The 5th grade class to attend the annual Waterworks Festival at the CCC Campus in Grand Island, Tuesday, May 12th. Mrs. Merrell, Mrs. Osborn, and I will supervise the trip.
- The Annual Field day was held Friday, May 8th and it went well.

Project Updates

- The transformer needed to complete repairs to the office air conditioning unit has arrived and awaiting installation.
- Carpet installation is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 18, 2026, and is expected to be completed during the same week.
- I have not received a confirmed start date for the east-side door replacement project.
- Regular summer cleaning and maintenance will begin on May 18. At this time, we do not anticipate many additional summer projects.

Staffing

- We are continuing to seek an assistant for the cafeteria.

Other Information:

- The annual Perry policy recommendations have been received. There are 12 recommended policy updates for this summer’s review process. Receiving five recommendations earlier in the spring helped streamline the process. I have completed both EDITED and FOR APPROVAL versions of each policy for the Policy Committee review.
- The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on May 20, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. to review the policies and prepare recommendations for approval at the June 13, 2026 regular Board meeting.
- The old football field scoreboard has been removed, and the new scoreboard has been put in place. There is an action item on the agenda.

Standing Committee Meetings

- A Negotiations Committee meetings were held on Monday, May 4, and again on May 11 to discuss classified staff compensation and benefits. A recommendation is on the agenda regarding updates to Personnel Policy 4265 – Benefit/Leave Information. The goal is to better align classified staff leave benefits and related information with those provided to certified staff.
- The Policy Committee will meet on May 20, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. to review policy updates for recommendation and approval at the June 13 regular Board meeting.
- The Finance Committee is planning to meet on Monday, June 29th or Monday, July 6th for budget planning purposes.

Upcoming Meeting and Conferences:

- Chronic Absenteeism Workshop for administrators — June 2 at the ESU in Columbus
 - Mr. Osborn plans to attend.
- Administrator Days Conference — July 29–31
 - Mr. Roscoe and Mr. Osborn plan to attend the full session.
 - Mrs. Tenski plans to attend the NDE session on Wednesday, July 29.
- **Consent Agenda**
 - April 13, 2026 Regular meeting minutes
 - Financial Report
 - Bills and Claims payment for May, 2026.

It was moved by Cumming and seconded by Merrell 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 - None

3. Action Items

a. Discussion with action to approve a resolution to increase 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 Policy 7050

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to approve Policy 7050

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 Policy 4265

Motion by Cumming and seconded by Christman to approve Policy 4265

Roll call vote: Reardon-Yea, Roberts-Yea, Cruise-Yea, Merrell-Abstain, Christman-Yea, Cumming-Yea:
Motion carried 5-0-1.

d. Discussion with action regarding the old football field scoreboard.

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon to allow the City to handle selling the old scoreboard and any proceeds will be used to defray costs of the new scoreboard.

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 8:23 p.m.
Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer