

**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 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**

The St. Edward Public School Board of Education conducted a regular meeting on Monday, October 12, 2026. Advance notice of the meeting was published in The Albion News/Boone County Tribune on October 6, 2026.

**1. Opening Procedures - Regular Meeting**

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 7:00 p.m. with members Cumming, Christman, Cruise, Merrell, and Reardon, present. Also in attendance were Steve Osborn, Terri Osborn, and Jennifer Rasmussen.
- b. Open Meeting Law Posted
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. President Roberts set the next board meeting for November 9, 2026

**Visitor/Patron recognition:**

Mrs. Jennifer Rasmussen and Mrs. Terri Osborn were in attendance and shared information regarding the new recognition programs, the newly formed elementary student council, as well as some highlights from classroom visitors and field trip experiences.

**2. Reports**

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

- Fall Sports Seasons are Wrapping Up
  - HS Football has 2 more games – Next game vs. Superior - Friday @ St. Edward - 7:00 PM
    - Parent's Night starting at approximately 6:30 PM
  - HS Volleyball - 5 Regular Season Games left before Subdistricts
    - The Conference Tournament begins Thursday at Riverside vs. Palmer - 4:30 PM.
      - All teams will play Saturday, with Semifinals, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, and Championship taking place in Grand Island. The other 6 teams will play at the highest remaining seed starting at 10:00 AM.
    - Subdistricts begin on Monday, October 26th.
  - HS Cross Country competed at the Goldenrod Conference Meet in Humphrey last Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>
    - NG/SE had 2 medal winners – Riley Steensnes placed 11<sup>th</sup> and Noah Ketelsen placed 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - The High School teams will compete at the D-2 District in Oakland on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - State Meet is at Kearney on October 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - JH Cross Country completed their season at the Goldenrod Conference Meet.
    - NG/SE had 1 medal winter – Liam Rozmiarek placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - The NG/SE JH Boys team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall
  - JH Football completed their season today vs. Neligh-Oakdale at Newman Grove.
  - JH Volleyball competed today against Creighton in Newman Grove and will finish their season next Monday against Elba in St. Edward.
- Winter Sports will begin in late October.
  - JH Girls Basketball and JH Boys Wrestling will start practices on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
    - JH GBB first game is November 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - JH BWR first meet is also November 12<sup>th</sup>.

- High School Sports will begin November 9<sup>th</sup> with Conditioning week and start November 16<sup>th</sup> with the 1st official day of practices.

### **Mr. Roscoe's Principal Report**

- Mrs. Meyer took 37 students to Husker Harvest Days on Tuesday Sept. 15th
- High school staff had a successful inaugural Late Start Collaboration Meeting on Wednesday Sept. 16th
- Thank you to Mrs. Meyer and the FFA Chapter for conducting Elementary Ag Literacy on Thursday September 17th
  - FFA members taught the elementary classes about Ag through readings and crafts
- Thank you to the PTO for providing a Yogurt Bar during the Late Start on Wednesday Sept. 16th
- High School MAPS testing was completed on Monday Sept. 21st and Tuesday Sept. 22nd
  - Thank you to Mrs. Tenski for organizing and running MAPS Testing for both the Elementary and Secondary
- Thank you to Mrs. Meyer and the FFA for hosting the Ag Olympics on Thursday September 24th
  - Congratulations to Caden Shotkoski and the Senior Class for winning Ag Olympics and a Pizza Party sponsored by the FFA
- Parent Teacher Conferences were held on Thursday Sept. 24th
  - Percentage for PT Conferences was about 85%
- Thank you to Mrs. Heath for running a very successful Book Fair during the week of September 21st
- Thank you to the PTO for providing Soup, Sliders, and Apple Crisp during PT Conferences on September 24th, it was delicious and much appreciated
- Mrs. Meyer took 3 seniors to the Highway 91 Career Fair on Wednesday September 30th in Leigh
- Mrs. Lordemann took 3 students to the NECC Cops Day in Norfolk on Thursday October 1st
- Thank you to the St. Edward Volunteer Fire Department for helping conduct the Fire Drill on Tuesday October 6th
- Thank you to Mrs. MacDonald for inviting Mr. Mottl to talk to the Juniors and Seniors twice this past month about his time in Vietnam and life lessons he learned during his service
- Mrs. Meyer took 12 students to District Land Judging on Wednesday October 7th by Ord
- Mrs. Lordemann took 3 students to Criminal Justice in Action Day on Wednesday October 7th at CCC in Grand Island.

### **Faculty/Student Recognition**

- Congratulations to Kalvin Sindelar for winning the Lunch Pail Award for the Week of September 7th
- Congratulations to Nolan Werts for winning the Lunch Pail Award for the Week of September 14th
- Congratulations to Zaiden Shotkoski for winning the Lunch Pail Award for the Week of September 21st
- Congratulations to Marley Roberts for winning the Lunch Pail Award for the Week of September 28th
- Congratulations to the Elementary Citizenship Award winners:
  - August
    - Lower Elementary - Paisley Fitchner
    - Upper Elementary - Evelin Vargus Bernal
  - September
    - Lower Elementary - Lilith Peters
    - Upper Elementary - Aubree Maslonka

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

#### **Elementary News**

- The first quarter will conclude next Wednesday, October 14. We have teacher inservice scheduled for October 15 and no school on the 16<sup>th</sup> for fall break. Classes will resume on Monday, October 19 to begin our second quarter.

## **Project Updates**

- The repairs to the boiler chimney have been completed.

## **Staffing**

- We are in good shape with our staffing needs at this point

## **Other Information:**

- No new updates regarding the COPS grant. We are hoping to hear something soon.
- We are in the early stages of participation with ESU 7 and a grant to assist with mental health training opportunities. The last mental health grant with ESU 7 was very beneficial in helping us establish the programs we currently have in place.
- Our first late start of the year, held in September, was successful. The elementary participated in grade level collaboration meetings to discuss and share ideas regarding how well the students were prepared for the next grade. It appears from the note taker documents the teachers returned that they were candid with one another and shared things that were positive and ideas for potential improvement moving forward.
- St. Edward is scheduled for a Rule 10 compliance visit during the 2026–2027 school year. We began the process with a Zoom meeting with NDE on this past Friday. The review process will conclude on November 12, 2026 with an onsite visit from NDE. The process requires a considerable amount of time and preparation. My goal is to take advantage of this process and use it as an opportunity to identify any possible areas for improvement our district.
- I attended the Annual Labor Relations Conference on September 29–30 in Lincoln. The biggest takeaway from the conference for most attendees was that we can be fairly confident in planning for approximately a 13% increase in insurance costs for the 2027–2028 school year. It appeared that a significant portion of the conference this year focused on staff leave issues and not as much information/discussion relating to salaries and benefits.
- Mary Jo Reynolds, Reading Specialist from ESU 7, worked with us today and we performed IPG ELA walkthrough evaluations for grades K-7. These are brief classroom visits used to look at how curriculum and instructional practices are being implemented. The purpose is to see what is working well and identify opportunities to improve teaching and student learning. At St. Edward, our walkthroughs focus on the implementation of our Wonders ELA curriculum and the instructional practices being used in the classroom. These walkthroughs are not teacher evaluations. They are a way for us to learn together, support our teachers, and gather information to help determine whether our current curriculum is meeting the needs of our students. This is all part of the plan to improve literacy in Nebraska schools. These reports are to be completed in the fall and winter and submitted to NDE. We completed the fall documents today and Mary Jo and I are putting together an overall summation of the how we are doing. This is called a Glow and Grow document which will be shared with the staff.

## **3. Upcoming Meeting and Conferences:**

- Dave Roberts and I are registered to attend the State Education Conference scheduled for November 18-20, 2026 at the CHI Health Conference Center.
- For Planning purposes, registration will open in December for the 2027 NRCSA Spring Conference. The conference will be held April 1-2, 2027 at the Crowne Plaza & Younes North Convention Center in Kearney.

## **4. Standing Committee Meeting**

- The Policy Committee met at 6:00 PM prior to the regular meeting. The committee discussed changes being made to how Perry delivers annual and other policy updates. ESU is no longer facilitating the process, and NASB will become the new facilitator. I have an action item on the agenda addressing this.

- The first semester Climate Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14 at 1:45 PM.

## **5. Consent Agenda**

- a. September Meeting Minutes
  1. Budget Hearing
  2. Tax Asking Hearing
  3. Regular meeting minutes
- b. Financial Report
- c. Bills and Claims payment — October 2026.

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Reardon 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.

## **6. Discussion items**

- a. Annual Report to the Public & School Improvement Update - 2025-2026 School Year.
- b. Superintendent evaluation process.

## **7. Action Items**

- a. Discussion with possible action to recognize the St. Edward Education Association as the exclusive bargaining unit for district's certificated staff for 2028-2029 contract year..

Motion by Merrell and seconded by Cumming to table recognizing the St. Edward Education Association as the exclusive bargaining unit for district's certificated staff for 2028-2029 contract year.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

- b. Discussion with possible action to subscribe to Perry Law policy update services provided through Nebraska Association of School Boards.

Motion by Roberts and seconded by Cumming to approve the full policy subscription service to be provided through the Nebraska Association of School Boards working in conjunction with Perry Law Firm.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

8. The meeting was adjourned by Executive Authority at 9:05 p.m.

Sherri Cruise, Secretary/Treasurer