

# HARTSBURG-EMDEN COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT # 21 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, May 17, 2021  
7:00 P.M.

THE PUBLIC CAN ATTEND THIS MEETING  
IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE WILL BE LIMITED TO 20  
(in the Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria at 7:00pm)

Due to the Phase IV guidelines regarding COVID-19 and the relaxing of the Open Meeting Act requirements, this School Board Meeting will be held in the Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria as to maintain 6 feet social distancing requirements. If the public wishes to attend, please call the Superintendent, Terry Wisniewski, at 217-642-5244 and request a seat (face masks will be required for public attendance). If seats fill up, you will also be able to attend by phone, dial in and listen to the School Board Meeting and/or provide comment during public comment period.

Prior to the meeting, you may also submit a public comment remotely by email, please send an email to the Superintendent at [twisniewski@hartem.org](mailto:twisniewski@hartem.org), and inserting in the subject line for the email "Public Comment for School Board Meeting on 5-17-21". Your comments will be read during the "Persons Wishing to Address the Board" section of the meeting. Please call the Superintendent at 217-642-5244 between 8:00am – 1:00pm or by email at [twisniewski@hartem.org](mailto:twisniewski@hartem.org) and we'll make sure you are set up to attend the meeting.

Call to Order – Time: **7:00pm**

Roll Call:

Miller - **X**  
Cross - **X**

Aper - **X**  
Craig - **X**

Phillips - **X**

Introduction of Guests

Persons Wishing to Address the Board

Focus on Education

Cari Rohlfs-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade Special Ed; 4 kids on caseload which is great for one-on-one instruction; this was a tough year but we made it through

Nichole Folkman-15<sup>th</sup> year at Hartem-3<sup>rd</sup> year as Librarian; ran a state-wide learning seminar; Post Card field trip; 2 virtual author visits in the district; Twitter giveaways-free to the district; FEA is nationally known as Educators Rising; would like to have more time for STEM/STEAM

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve minutes of the April 19, 2021 Board Meeting
- b. Approve minutes of the April 26, 2021 Special Board Meeting
- c. Approve payment of payroll and monthly bills
- d. Approve Activity Report
- e. Approve Financial Report
- f. Approve Treasurer's Report
- g. Approve Agenda

Motion by **Craig** to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by **Cross**.

Roll Call:

Craig - **X**  
Cross - **X**

Phillips - **X**  
Aper - **X**

Miller - **X**

## Correspondence Received

Thank you card from JH/HS teachers for teacher appreciation week

## Administrative Reports

- a. Principal's Report
- b. Superintendent's Report

## New Business – Information

- a. Legislative Update
- b. Fiscal Year 2021 Amended Budget-**on display for 30 days**
- c. Hearing for Amended Budget – June-**10 minute hearing**
- d. Hearing for tuition-free waiver – June-**5 minute hearing**
- e. Hearing for e-learning in place of school emergency days waiver – June
- f. Prevailing Wage Resolution-**5 minute hearing**
- g. Approval of Superintendent for Transportation Requirements
- h. Interviews of School Board Member Candidates
- i. Employment/Resignations
- j. Negotiations

Motion by **Miller** to enter into Closed Session . . . (state reason below). Seconded by **Cross**.

Closed Session under 5 ILCS 120/2c(9) Student disciplinary cases, 5 ILCS 120/2c(1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity, under 5 ILCS 120/2c(2) Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and under 5 ILCS 120/2 © (3) The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.

### Roll Call:

Cross - **X**                      Aper - **X**  
Phillips - **X**                      Miller - **X**                      Craig - **X**

Time entering into Closed Session: **7:57pm**

***{Closed Session}***

Motion by **Cross** to return to Open Session. Seconded by **Miller**.

Time returning to Open Session: **9:27pm**

### Roll Call:

Phillips - **X**                      Cross - **X**  
Craig - **X**                      Miller - **X**                      Aper - **X**

## New Business – Action

- a. Approval of Superintendent for Transportation Requirements
- b. Employment/Resignations

Adjournment – Time: **9:34pm**

# Suggested Motions

May 17, 2021

Motion by **Cross** to approve the superintendent to perform the duties for all transportation requirements needed by the district. Seconded by **Craig**.

Aper - X                      Craig - X  
Phillips - X                  Cross - X                      Miller - X

Motion by **Craig** to approve the superintendent's acceptance of the retirement of Ruth Coers as District School Bus Driver. Seconded by **Miller**.

Craig - X                      Aper - X  
Cross - X                      Miller - X                      Phillips - X

Motion by **Miller** to approve David Zastrow as 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher for the 2021-22 school year per salary schedule. Seconded by **Cross**.

Phillips - X                  Miller - X  
Aper - X                      Craig - X                      Cross - X

Motion by **Cross** to employ Hunter Langley as District Bookkeeper at a Salary for \$15.50 beginning July 1, 2021. Seconded by **Craig**.

Craig - X                      Cross - X  
Miller - X                      Phillips - X                      Aper - X

Motion by **Craig** to approve Lauren Stanfield as Emden Elementary Secretary for \$13.50 for the 2021-22 school year. Seconded by **Miller**.

Miller - X                      Phillips - X  
Aper - X                      Craig - X                      Cross - X

Motion by **Cross** to approve Madison Farris as Jr./Sr. High School Special Education Aide for \$12.50 for the 2021-22 school year. Seconded by **Craig**.

Phillips - X                  Miller - X  
Aper - X                      Craig - X                      Cross - X

Motion by **Miller** to employ Jessica Hoefker as Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Cook/Dishwasher for \$12.50 for the 2021-22 school year. Seconded by **Craig**.

Aper - X                      Cross - X  
Phillips - X                      Miller - X                      Craig - X

Motion by **Craig** to employ Tammy Hawley as Emden Elementary Teacher's Aide at a rate of \$12.50 & School District Bus Driver at a rate of \$12.50 for extracurricular & \$15.50 for routes for the 2021-2022 school year. Seconded by **Miller**.

Cross - X                      Aper - X  
Craig - X                      Miller - X                      Phillips - X

Motion by **Cross** to employ Nolan Lessen as Emden Elementary Custodian at a rate of \$13.50 beginning May 24, 2021. Seconded by **Miller**.

Aper - **X**  
Cross - **X**

Craig - **X**  
Miller - **X**

Phillips - **X**

Motion by **Craig** to employ Austin Hayes, all for a salary of \$11.30 per hour and Gage Klein, Violet Merz, and Dani Phillips as full-time summer maintenance workers, all for a salary of \$11.00 per hour. Seconded by **Miller**.

Craig - **X**  
Aper - **X**

Cross - **X**  
Miller - **X**

Motion by **Miller** to adjourn **at 9:34pm**. Seconded by **Craig**.

All in favor:  
Yea - **5**  
Nay -

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Greg Phillips, President

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Lisa Miller, Acting Secretary