

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

**Monday, October 19, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

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Call to Order

Roll Call:

Booth - P	Aper - P	
Zinzer - P	Cross - P	
Groth - P	Hopkins - P	Phillips - P

Introduction of Guests

Persons Wishing to Address the Board

- a. J.M. Abbott & Associates, LTD
 - a. Have an adverse opinion due to cash basis; our financial profile would allow borrowing due to no long term debt; 4 minor adjustments for ISBE purposes

Focus on Education

John Robinson-Business/Accounting teacher, SR Beta Club sponsor and website “keeper”-1st blood drive is done-next one in March (afternoon/evening); working on check writing-then onto credit cards; personally-will be finished with Master’s classes in April

Amanda Feltes-K-12 guidance counselor; previously foster care therapist; has been conducting graduation audits; reaching out to students that need extra help; conducted PSAT for juniors; would like to get small groups started

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve minutes of the September 21, 2015 meeting
- b. Approve minutes from September 23, 2015 Special Board Meeting/Board Retreat
- c. Approve payment of payroll and monthly bills
- d. Approve Activity Report
- e. Approve Financial Report
- f. Approve Treasurer’s Report
- g. Approval of Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits 2015 Report
- h. Approve Agenda

Motion by **Aper** to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by **Booth**.

Roll Call:

Booth - Y	Cross - Y	
Groth - Y	Zinzer - Y	
Phillips - Y	Aper - Y	Hopkins - Y

Correspondence Received

Administrative Reports

- a. Principal's Report
 - a. Discussed evaluations with new teachers as well as parent/teacher conferences; begin evaluations next week; law enforcement training is done; K-Junior high benchmarking scores look good; Problem Solving Team (PST) will meet 10/26/15; Family Reading Night went well, it was great to see 7th and 8th graders participating; November 8th is the Barnes and Noble fundraiser-15% to grade school reading program; FFA National Convention will be in Kentucky-ask for approval for overnight; Golf season has ended; junior high basketball starts today-parent meeting will be Wednesday; attended the IPA meeting today and will be attending tomorrow as well
- b. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Will be attending a Tax Levy workshop next Wednesday; new board member training cancelled; we will be moving forward with the dual credit courses for juniors/seniors; school board conference reminder; we are monitoring finances closely

Old Business – Information

- a. Intergovernmental Agreements
 - a. Not popular among school districts; PILOT payment in lieu of taxes-no one in favor

New Business – Information

- a. Audit
- b. Mission Statement-No mention of agriculture; recommend 2 board members, 2 staff members and 2 parents form committee to create our mission statement
- c. Bus Bids-Open up to the public-publish 1 day in Lincoln Courier
- d. Legislative Update

Motion by **Booth** to enter into Closed Session . . . (state reason below). Seconded by **Aper**.

Closed Session under 5 ILCS 120/2c(9) Student disciplinary cases.

Roll Call:

Cross - Y	Aper - Y	
Zinser - Y	Booth - Y	
Phillips - Y	Hopkins - Y	Groth - Y

Time entering into Closed Session: **8:29 pm**

{Closed Session}

Time returning to Open Session: **8:48 pm**

Roll Call to resume to Open Session:

Booth - Y	Cross - Y	
Groth - Y	Hopkins - Y	
Zinser - Y	Phillips - Y	Aper - Y

New Business – Action

- a. Audit
- b. FFA Overnight Trip

Adjournment

Suggested Motions October 19, 2015

Motion by **Booth** to approve the Annual Audit as presented. Seconded by **Zinser**.

All in favor:
Yea - **7**
Nay - **0**

Motion by **Groth** to approve an overnight trip for the FFA to Louisville, Kentucky to attend the National FFA Convention October 28 – October 31. Seconded by **Cross**.

Zinser - Y	Groth - Y	
Aper - Y	Cross - Y	
Booth - Y	Phillips - Y	Hopkins - Y

Motion by **Booth** to adjourn at **8:49 pm**. Seconded by **Aper**.

All in favor:
Yea - **7**
Nay - **0**

Greg Phillips, President

Dirk Aper, Secretary