Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2026 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21 Board of Education was held Wednesday, April 15, 2026 in the Superintendent's Office

Call to order

President Aper called the meeting to order at 7:02

Roll Call
On roll call, the following board members answered present: Aper, Cecil, Cross, Wright, Doolin, and Sherwood.
Others present: Joe Yurko, Ashley Tetter-Rowden and Lauren DeJarnette
Absent: Ballance

Approve Amended Agenda

A motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Doolin to approve amended agenda.
Roll Call: Aper, yes; Sherwood, yes; Cecil, yes; Doolin, yes; Cross, yes and Wright, yes.

Consent agenda

A motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Cross to approve the consent agenda, including payment of bills and approval of minutes. Roll Call: Aper, yes; Sherwood, yes; Cecil, yes; Doolin, yes; Cross, yes and Wright, yes.

Opportunity for citizens/visitors to speak

No one spoke at this time.

Executive session

At 7:04pm a motion was made by Cross and seconded by Cecil to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Roll Call: Cross, yes; Aper, yes; Doolin, yes; Cecil, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

Return to open session

At 8:15pm a motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Doolin to return to Open Session. Roll Call: Cross, yes; Sherwood, yes; Aper, yes; Cecil, yes; Doolin, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

Superintendent's report
***Roof Update*:** Roof is finished, the workers were strapping things on incase if something were to happen; Joe appreciates the work and the gentlemen coming back the next day to get everything else done. ***Calendar Work*:** Joe thanked everyone that was a part of the calendar committee to decide next school year's calendar, they had a great talk.

Principal's Report

GS-Quiet at the GS, had a meeting w/teachers to talk about curriculum before leaving for the summer; Ashley went to one of the track meets and was amazed on how well out students behaved at the meet; and two new students of the month.

JH/HS-Focus Group with HS Students; Who We Play For heart screenings coming up; preparing for HS Graduation and other end of the year events; Ron named IBCA Coach of the Year and has two interviews lined up for HSBK coaching position.

12U Summer League wanting to use our baseball field, wanted to see if board was okay with that, seems like they all were.

Action Items

Accept Resignation of Anthony Zimmerman

A motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Sherwood. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Cecil, yes; and Doolin, yes. Motion 6-0

Approve to Post Vacancy

A motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Doolin. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Cecil, yes; and Doolin, yes. Motion 6-0

Authorize Superintendent to prepare Amended Budget FY26 Budget

A motion was made by Cross and seconded by Cecil. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; and Cecil, yes. Motion 6-0

Approve Select Board members to present diplomas at HS Graduation (Dirk Aper and Kent Cross)

A motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Sherwood. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Cross, yes; Cecil, yes; and Doolin, yes. Motion 6-0

Approve IESA Registration

A motion was made by Doolin and seconded by Cecil. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Cecil, yes; and Doolin, yes. Motion 6-0

Adjourn

At 8:33pm a motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Doolin. 6 yea, and 0 no.

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Dirk Aper, President Brooke Ballance, Secretary