Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, August 20th, 2025 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21 Board of Education was held Wednesday, August 20, 2025 in the Superintendent's Office

**Call to order**

President Aper called the meeting to order at 7:01

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

**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: Cross, yes; Aper, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; Cecil, yes; and Ballance, yes

**Opportunity for citizens/visitors to speak**

Jenn Hayes addressed the board.

**Executive session**

At 7:07pm 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: Doolin, yes; Aper, yes; Cross, yes; Cecil, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Ballance, yes. Motion 6-0

**Return to open session**

At 7:51pm a motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Cross to return to Open Session. Roll Call: Cross, yes; Sherwood, yes; Aper, yes; Ballance, yes; Cecil, yes; and Doolin, yes. Motion 6-0

**Superintendent's report**

*IASB Workshop/policy work*: Garth, IASB rep. is resigning; Board will have to figure out what needs to be done soon, Joe and Dirk will sit down and pick a date 2 or less with no special meetings. *Roof Update*: Waiting for final details, Joe has been calling them. *Energy Transition Grant*: Denied the grant due to one page missing while submitting it in; should be open next year for us to try again. *Commercial Insurance Bids*: Board was

presented different bids to look through, recommended to go w/ the second proposal by Joe. Important to bid different packages from time to time. *FY26 School District Budget*: Board was presented tentative budgets; Matt Koch has been here this week for audit work.

**Principal's Report**

Open House before the first day of school went well; great first couple of days of school; Ashley went around classrooms to see how everything was going, making sure teachers had what they needed.

**Action Items**

**Accept Resignation**

A motion was made by Doolin and seconded by Ballance to accept resignation of Jenn Hayes, Student Council Sponsor. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Ballance, yes; Doolin, yes; Aper, yes; Cecil, yes; and Cross, yes. Motion 6-0

**Approve Volunteer JH Baseball Assistant Coach**

A motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Doolin to approve Ben Wagoner as Volunteer Coach. Roll Call: Cross, yes; Ballance, yes; Doolin, yes; Aper, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Cecil, yes. Motion 6-0

**Approve Volunteer JH Baseball Assistant Coach**

A motion was made by Cross and seconeded by Cecil to hire Elias Klokkenga as Volunteer Coach. Roll Call: Doolin, yes; Aper, yes; Cross, yes; Sherwood, yes; Cecil and Ballance, yes. Motion 6-0

**Consider Dates for Board Policy Work**

The motioned was made tabled

**Approve Commerical Insurance Bid for 25-26**

A motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Doolin to approve 25-26 pay rate. Roll Call: Cecil, yes; Aper, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; Cross, yes; and Ballance, yes;. Motion 6-0

**Place Tentative FY26 School District Budget on Display**

A motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Balance to placing FY26 School District Budget on Display. Roll Call: Cross, yes; Ballance, yes; Doolin, yes; Aper, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Cecil, yes. Motion 6-0

**Approve 25-26 Coaching and Sponsor List**

A motion was made by Cross and seconded by Doolin to approve 25-26 Coaching and Sponsor List. Roll Call: Doolin, yes; Aper, yes; Cross, yes; Sherwood, yes; Cecil and Ballance, yes. Motion 6-0

**Adjourn**

At 8:30pm a motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Doolin. 6 yea, and 0 no.