Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2026 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21 Board of Education was held Wednesday, August 19, 2026 in the Superintendent's Office

Call to order
President Aper called the meeting to order at 7:00

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

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

Opportunity for citizens/visitors to speak
IASB spoke to the board

Executive session
At 7:34pm a motion was made by Cross and seconded by Doolin 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: Aper, yes; Doolin, yes; Cross, yes; Ballance, yes; Sherwood, yes; Cecil, yes and Wright, yes. Motion 7-0

Return to open session
At 8:18pm a motion was made by Sherwood and seconded by Doolin to return to Open Session. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Aper, yes; Cecil, yes; Doolin, yes; Cross, yes; Ballance, yes and Wright, yes. Motion 7-0

Superintendent's report
Curriculum*:** Most of everything has arrived, thanks to Ashley for putting most of everything together. ***2026 Joint Annual Conference Nov. 20-22: Board members, please let Erika or Joe know if you want to attend.
FY27 Tentative School District Budget: The Board discussed the FY27 Tentative School District Budget and reviewed the budget process. The district has been working with the auditor, and the process has been going well. Further discussion and review will continue as the district moves forward with the FY27 budget.

Principal's Report
GS- Curriculum K-8, working the half days with the teachers and they were very excited to learn about it and ready to get kids to dive into it. Ashley created some helpful ways for teachers to highlight sections for their next lessons. Open House went great, got to see new and familiar faces.

JH/HS- Been pretty well so far, we had a few people come and talk to the kids about mental health; some of the storms put a setback to the roof but were able to fix with no problems.

Action Items

Approve placing FY27 Tentative Budget on Display

A motion was made by Sherwood and seconded by Doolin. Roll Call: Ballance, yes; Sherwood, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Doolin, yes; Cecil, yes and Cross, yes. Motion 7-0

Approve Tina Hoerbert as unpaid volunteer Asst. volleyball coach

A motion was made by Cross and seconded by Cecil. Roll Call: Ballance, yes; Sherwood, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Doolin, yes; Cecil, yes and Cross, yes. Motion 7-0

Adjourn

At 8:47pm a motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Doolin. 7 yea, and 0 no.