

Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Wednesday, June 18, 2025 7:00 pm (following amended budget hearing)

The regular meeting of the Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21 Board of Education was held Wednesday, June 18, 2025 in the Superintendent's Office

**Call to order**

President Aper called the meeting to order at 7:05

**Roll Call**

On roll call, the following board members answered present: Aper, Ballance, Cross, Doolin, Sherwood and Wright.

Others present: Joe Yurko and Lauren DeJarnette

Absent: Board member Cecil

**Consent agenda**

a. Payroll and Bills

b. Approve minutes from regular meeting on May 21, 2025

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

**Opportunity for citizens/visitors to speak**

- Sara Boerma, parent of the community, expressed her concerns of the ELA curriculum to the board.
- Keenan Leesman, parent of the community, expressing his concerns in making sure the curriculum fits the criteria for the State.

**Executive session**

At 7:14pm 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; Ballance, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

## **Return to open session**

At 9:35pm a motion was made by Cross and seconded by Sherwood to return to Open Session. Roll Call: Aper, yes; Ballance, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

## **Superintendent's report**

### **Curriculum update**

There are three curriculum quotes included in the packet. Two are for the K-5 reading curriculum (wonders) and one is for a K-12 math curriculum (eureka). Wonders give a 1 year and a 6-year option. Joe would suggest 1 year initially, as we have the ability to purchase additional access and supplies down the road. Take a look at the quotes and please let me know if you have any questions.

### **IASB Workshop/policy work**

We need to come up with two possible dates to do a board planning session and to complete our policy work. Perhaps we could come up with a few general time slots and then see what is possible.

### **Roof Update**

The insurance adjustor was out this week and has requested an additional quote for a 55MPH roof, as that is what we currently have. It, along with the correct 100MPH spec is included for your review. I should have next steps on Monday from the insurance adjustor, but was happy to see that the quotes are fairly close.

### **Elementary Rain Gutters**

The group that was going to do the gutter replacement at the elementary appears to have become defunct. Fred and Joe are working on getting costs from other providers.

### **Consolidated District Plan**

The 25-26 consolidated district plan is included for your review. This is a requirement before submitting additional federal grants and must be board approved. It is largely perfunctory.

### **Liaison for Curriculum and Mentoring**

This is the position in mentioned prior. The goal is to provide supports and guidance to instructional staff. The position is simply an instructional support.

### **25-26 School Lunch Pricing**

We will need to raise our school lunch prices this year by .10 to remain compliant with the federal lunch program. Student price would be 3.05 and adult price would be 3.55 per lunch.

## **Action Items**

### **Accept Resignation**

A motion was made by Doolin and seconded by Sherwood to accept resignation of Carter Collins. Roll Call: Aper, yes; Ballance, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

### **Accept Resignation**

A motion was made by Sherwood and seconded by Doolin to accept resignation of Kaylee Winebrinner. Roll Call: Aper, yes; Ballance, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

### **Hire High School English Instructor**

A motion was made by Doolin and seconded by Cross to hire Eric Gardiner as High School English Teacher. Roll Call: Aper, yes; Ballance, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, no. Motion 5-1

### **Approve K-12 Math Curriculum Purchase**

A motion was made by Cross and seconded by Ballance to approve Eureka math curriculum. Roll Call: Aper, yes; Ballance, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

### **Approve K-5 ELA Curriculum Purchase**

A motion was made by Cross and seconded by Sherwood to approve the Wonders K-5 ELA. Roll Call: Aper, yes; Ballance, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

### **Hire part time Liaison for Curriculum and Mentoring**

The motioned was tabled.

### **Approve 25-26 Trainer Agreement with Hopedale Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine**

A motion was made by Doolin and seconded by Aper to approve the agreement. Roll Call: Aper, yes; Ballance, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

### **Approve Cooperative Agreement with Chester-East Lincoln Schools for Junior High Girls Basketball for 25-27**

A motion was made by Sherwood and seconded by Doolin to approve Co-op. Roll Call: Aper, yes; Ballance, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

### **Approve FY25 Amended Budget**

A motion was made by Cross and seconded by Sherwood to approve amended budget. Roll Call: Aper, yes; Ballance, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

### **Set 25-26 School Lunch Pricing**

A motion was made by Ballance and seconded by Sherwood to raise the price \$3.05 for students and \$3.55 for adults. Roll Call: Aper, yes; Ballance, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

### **Approve Consolidated District Plan**

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

**Set 25-26 pay rates for non-certified staff**

A motion was set by Sherwood and seconded by Doolin to approve. Roll Call: Aper, yes; Ballance, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

**Set 25-26 pay rates for Contract Employees who are not part of the Collective Bargaining Unit.**

A motion was set by Balance and seconded by Cross to set rates for employees. Roll Call: Aper, yes; Ballance, yes; Cross, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

**Adjourn**

At 9:57pm a motion was made by Doolin and seconded by Ballance. 6 yea, and 0 no.