Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, December 17, 2025 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21 Board of Education was held Wednesday, December 17, 2025 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, Ballance, Cross, Cecil, Doolin, Wright and Sherwood.
Others present: Joe Yurko, Ashley Tetter-Rowden and Lauren DeJarnette

Consent agenda

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

Opportunity for citizens/visitors to speak

Kent Hieronymus addressed the board.

Jenn Hayes also addressed the board.

Executive session

At 7:17pm a motion was made by Sherwood 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; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Cecil, yes; Doolin, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Ballance, yes. Motion 7-0

Return to open session

At 8:24pm a motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Doolin to return to Open Session. Roll Call: Cross, yes; Sherwood, yes; Aper, yes; Doolin, yes; Ballance, yes; Cecil, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 7-0

Superintendent's report

IASB Conference*:** Joe thanked the board, all had a great experience, and discussed which workshops they liked; ***Roof Update*:** Still waiting for the guy to come out and take a look at the roof; ***Annual Audit Updates*:** Matt Koch is waiting of a paper from Erika, will get it in within the week; ***PRESS Policy Services Update: Sent update to the board; ***2025 Tax Levy:*** Joe went over Tax Levy presentation w/ the board.

Principal's Report

Ashley: Commending Mr. Hafley for the Christmas Program for 5th graders that will take place tomorrow; Celebrated "6-7" day for 67th day of school; doing fun activities for the last week before break, examples included Grinch Day, Peppermint Day, etc.

Yurko/Principal side: Student Council has put together a movie day on Friday after HS kids are done w/finals; Celia Cross and Ellie Klokkenga were the Illinois State Scholars
this year

Action Items

Approve Resolution for 2025 Tax Levy

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

Approve Resignation of Matt Ballance as Asst. JH Softball Coach

A motion was made by Cross and seconded by Doolin. Roll Call: Cecil, no; Cross, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Doolin, yes; and Sherwood, yes. Motion 5-1

Adjourn

At 8:42pm a motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Sherwood. 7 yea, and 0 no.