

**HARTSBURG-EMDEN COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #  
21 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**Monday, October 16, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order – Time:  7:00

Roll Call:

Eeten  X            Aper  X  
Ballance  X        Cross  X  
Cecil  X            Doolin  X                    Phillips  X

**Introduction of Guests/Persons Wishing to Address the Board**

- a. Koch Consultants, Ltd. – Audit
- Went over the board the documents that were printed off for them; explained something to keep in mind for new bookkeeper and Superintendent is to keep in mind financial statements will work and will be updated as they have always been; running at 4.0 last year, still 4.0 and fairly good financial position.

**Focus on Education**

1. Carter Collins, 4<sup>th</sup> year History Teacher, touched up what is going on in the classroom. Discovering the grove; every year is different. Went to Palentine took some workshops to better how to do it in classroom. Going to National History teacher conference in Nashville in December; looking into wanting to see student body come in and see how board meetings work and see what happens. Mention that the class has been discussing what is going on in the world as their lesson plan this last week.
2. Michelle Reber, 12<sup>th</sup> year Title I-works with students 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>; works with students who are not as fast as others; has 13 kids this year, already to see them grow; got to see all 13 parents at P/T conferences this year. An activity they have been working on “Bad Driver” works with their “er” sounds; they love it and get excited about it. Is also the 7<sup>th</sup> grade sponsor and will follow them for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year next year. Numbers in Title have stayed about the same; when released Michelle will no longer need to work with them and she will see them to continue to grow after the time she had with them.

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve minutes of the September 18, 2023 meeting
- b. Approve minutes of the October 4, 2023 Special Board Meeting
- c. Approve minutes of the October 9, 2023 Special Board Meeting
- d. Approve payment of payroll and monthly bills
- e. Approve Activity Report
- f. Approve Financial Report
- g. Approve Treasurer’s Report
- h. Approve Agenda

Motion by  Aper to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by  Cecil.

Roll Call

Ballance  X            Eeten  X  
Cecil  X                Aper  X  
Doolin  X                Cross  X                    Phillips  X

**Correspondence Received**

- a. None at this time

**Administrative Reports**

- a. Principal’s Report
  - JHBK practice started today; Aper said the 1<sup>st</sup> practice went amazing; this year compared to last year is night and day. HSVB is doing well; chess is doing well; JH/HS cheer has started up.
- b. Superintendent’s Report
  - Board conference went well. New law on bullying; 24 hours from the time parent calls about it board has that time to find if it falls in the line of bullying or no.

New Business – Information

- a. Legislative Update
  - Terry will have a tax levy tomorrow to go to; to get an idea of where we are at. CPI-capped @ 5% this year; Gov. Pritzker to put together a board together of a CPI. Commodities 2.97%
- b. Audit
  - Terry will make sure people will sign the papers the Audit handed to us; get with Erika so they will be handed the way they should.
- c. Ag Shop/Architect
  - Starting to become enclosed; working on the bathroom; they should have it opened up; 75% done with electricity, starting to look more like an Ag Shop.
- d. School Maintenance Project Grant
  - Presented the board an out lay of the grant of what projects need to be done to use the \$50,000. Asking board to approve it.
- e. Superintendent Search
  - Review in closed session
- f. Addendum to Superintendent Contract
- g. Overnight Trip FFA
  - Sara is requesting boards permission to have 13 FFA kids spend overnight.
- h. Employment & Resignations
  - Alex Vetter-Assistant Varsity/ J.V. Basketball Coach

Motion by   Cross           to enter into Closed Session . . . (state reason below). Seconded by   Eeten          .

Closed Session under 5 ILCS 120/2c(9) Student disciplinary cases and under 5 ILCS 120/2c(1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its.

Roll Call:

Cross <u>  X          </u>	Doolin <u>  X          </u>	
Ballance <u>  X          </u>	Eeten <u>  X          </u>	
Aper <u>  X          </u>	Cecil <u>  X          </u>	Phillips <u>  X          </u>

Time entering into Closed Session:   7:57          

***{Closed Session}***

Motion by   Cecil           to return to Open Session . . . Seconded by   Eeten          .

Time returning to Open Session:   8:43pm          

Roll Call to resume to Open Session:

Aper <u>  X          </u>	Cecil <u>  X          </u>	
Cross <u>  X          </u>	Ballance <u>  X          </u>	
Doolin <u>  X          </u>	Eeten <u>  X          </u>	Phillips <u>  X          </u>

New Business – Action

- a. Audit
- b. School Maintenance Project Grant
- c. Overnight Trip FFA
- d. Employment & Resignations

Adjournment – Time:   8:46pm

# Suggested Motions

October 16, 2023

Motion by Cecil to approve the FY 22 Annual Audit as presented. Seconded by Doolin.

All in favor:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion by Ballance to approve School Maintenance Project Grant as presented. Seconded by Eeten.

Roll Call:

Aper X

Eeten X

Cross X

Ballance X

Cecil X

Doolin X

Phillips X

Motion by Cross to allow the FFA to attend overnight trip for the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis as presented. Seconded by Ballance.

Roll Call:

Eeten X

Doolin X

Aper X

Cross X

Cecil X

Ballance X

Phillips X

Motion by Cecil to approve Alex Vetter as paid Assistant Varsity/J.V. Basketball Coach for the 2023-2024 school year, as per salary schedule. Seconded by Eeten.

Roll Call:

Cecil X

Cross X

Doolin X

Eeten X

Ballance X

Aper X

Phillips X

Motion by Cecil to approve Addendum to Superintendent Contract as presented. Seconded by Eeten.

Roll Call:

Cecil X

Cross X

Doolin X

Eeten X

Ballance X

Aper X

Phillips X

Motion by Doolin to adjourn. Seconded by Ballance.

All in favor:

Yea 7

Nay 0