Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21 Board of Education was held Wednesday, July 15, 2026 in the Superintendent's Office

Call to order
President Aper called the meeting to order at 7:02

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

Amended Agenda
A motion by Doolin and seconded by Cross to amended the Agenda. Roll Call: Aper, yes; Doolin, yes; Cross, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 5-0

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

Opportunity for citizens/visitors to speak
Two members of IASB spoke to the board.

Executive session
At 7:29pm a motion was made by Sherwood 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; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 5-0

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; Doolin, yes; Cross, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 5-0

Superintendent's report
Curriculum*:** We have most of our curriculum here, still waiting on others to arrive. Very excited to have them here! ***Summer Work: Things have been going well, making sure everything is getting done. ***26-27 Handbooks:*** Retooled the handbook to fit our policy. Thanks to Ashley and Elizabeth for spending time going over it. ***District Audit:*** Koch Consultants was here for 3 days last week and things have been going well so far.

Principal's Report
GS-Back to school task! Staff meetings for professional developments happening.

Action Items

Approve Nick Hardy as JH Assistant Baseball Coach

A motion was made by Cross and seconded by Wright. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Doolin, yes; and Cross, yes. Motion 5-0

Approve Dakin Bolen as JH Assistant Softball Coach

A motion was made by Sherwood and seconded by Cross. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Doolin, yes; and Cross, yes. Motion 5-0

Accept resignation of Lori Lessen as Treasurer

A motion was made by Cross and seconded by Doolin. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Cross, yes; and Doolin, yes. Motion 5-0

Approve 26-27 Student Handbook

A motion was made by Doolin and seconded by Wright. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Doolin, yes; and Cross, yes. Motion 5-0

Approve updates to policies

A motion was made by Cross and seconded by Doolin. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Doolin, yes; and Cross, yes. Motion 5-0

Approve new board policies

A motion was made by Sherwood and seconded by Cross. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Doolin, yes; and Cross, yes. Motion 5-0

Approve review and monitor board policies

A motion was made by Cross and seconded by Wright. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Cross, yes; and Doolin, yes. Motion 5-0

Approve contract with IASB

A motion was made by Doolin and seconded by Sherwood. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Doolin, yes; and Cross, yes. Motion 5-0

Adjourn

At 8:29pm a motion was made by Doolin and seconded by Sherwood. 5 yea, and 0 no.