Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2026 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21 Board of Education was held Wednesday, May 20, 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, Cecil, Cross, Wright, Ballance, and Sherwood.
Others present: Joe Yurko, Ashley Tetter-Rowden and Lauren DeJarnette
Absent: Doolin

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

Opportunity for citizens/visitors to speak
Jenn spoke to the board.

Executive session
At 7:02pm a motion was made by Cross and seconded by Ballance 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; Aper, yes; Ballance, yes; Cecil, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

Return to open session
At 8:22pm a motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Ballance to return to Open Session. Roll Call: Cross, yes; Sherwood, yes; Aper, yes; Cecil, yes; Ballance, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

Superintendent's report
***Graduation and Promotion Ceremonies*:** Joe thanked everyone for their help during the two ceremonies. ***Water Heater*:** The water heater at the JH/HS is on its last leg; having a bid for new water heater. **Summer Work:** Two students have put in applications to work over the summer, Dani Dueringer and Kamden Pointer. **Tentative Amended Budget:** Joe will have a breakdown at the next board meeting.

Principal's Report
GS-Had plenty of celebrations in the months of April and May. Angie for Administrative Professionals Day and Sam and Ardith for School Cafeteria Cook's Appreciation day; discussed with the teachers about curriculum for next school year; 3rd and 4th grade students went to the zoo; today was Field Day @ GS; talent show as well, Ashley was impressed w/ band concert thanks to Marlee and two students for student of the month.

JH/HS-Teacher appreciation week, graduation ceremonies and Field Day @ JH/HS tomorrow.

Action Items

Approve to Hire Custodian

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

Approve to Hire JH Instructor

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

Approve to hire HS Basketball Coach

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

Approve 25-26 Consolidated District Plan

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

Approve 26-27 School Calendar

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

Place Amended Budget on Display

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

Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement

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

Approve School Counselor Contract

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

Authorize Hire of Temporary Summer Helpers

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

Adjourn

At 8:40pm a motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Sherwood. 6 yea, and 0 no.