Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21 Board of Education was held Wednesday, October 15, 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, Wright and Sherwood.
Others present: Joe Yurko 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; Wright, yes; Cross, yes and Ballance, yes.

Opportunity for citizens/visitors to speak

Kent Hieronymus and his grandson addressed the board.

Executive session

At 7:05pm a motion was made by Sherwood 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; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Cecil, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Ballance, yes. Motion 6-0

Return to open session

At 7:37pm a motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Sherwood to return to Open Session. Roll Call: Cross, yes; Sherwood, yes; Aper, yes; Ballance, yes; Cecil, yes; and Wright, yes. Motion 6-0

Superintendent's report

IASB Conference: Waiting for confirmation on housing; *Roof Update:* Waiting to hear back from conference call, calling them back tomorrow; *Annual Audit Update:* Matt is finishing the draft and will be sent out to the board soon; *PRESS Policy Services Update:* Tommy and Brooke went through a lot of paperwork, more of house cleaning/clean up, the board will get copies and go through what changes they have questions on.

Principal's Report

ECE went to the Firehouse; GS had fire drill and awards afterwards; P/T conferences last week, had lots of parents turn up for it; 5th Grade class went to Chicago to the museum and had lots of fun; also had two new students of the month; vision and hearing screenings, bus evacuation drills and spirit week all went well; ROE did their safety report last week; active shooter drill will be the next drill to have.

Action Items

Approve FMLA Request

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

Approve FFA Overnight Trip

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

Approve Board Policy 7:180

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

Adjourn

At 8:02pm a motion was made by Cross and seconded by Cecil. 6 yea, and 0 no.

Approve Eric Gardiner as Freshman Class Sponsor

The motioned was made by Cecil and seconded by Ballance to approve Eric Gardiner as Freshman Class Sponsor. Roll Call: Cross, yes; Ballance, yes; Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Cecil, yes. Motion 6-0

Approve David Zastrow for FMLA Request

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

Approve HSVB Overnight Trip (Oct. 11th)

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