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

The regular meeting of the Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21 Board of Education was held Wednesday, September 17, 2025 in the Superintendent's Office

Call to order

President Aper called the meeting to order at 7:06

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
Arrive Later: Cross came in at 7:27

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 and Ballance, yes

Opportunity for citizens/visitors to speak

Kent Hieronymus addressed the board.

Executive session

At 7:10pm 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: Wright, yes; Aper, yes; Cecil, yes; Sherwood, yes; and Ballance, yes. Motion 5-0

Return to open session

At 7:45pm 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 Workshop/policy work: John Fines, new representative will meet with the board Sept. 29th @ 5:00 for workshop. *Roof Update*: Joe sent latest notes to the board; waiting for engineering report. *Annual Audit Update*: Matt Koch is done, given all corrections to do. Having a time where Matt comes in one day to help with cleaning certain materials up when it comes to journaling notes.

Principal's Report

Recently selected two students of the month; having staff meetings regularly and also seeing what is happening in classrooms.

Action Items

Adopt FY 25-26 School District Budget

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

Approve Shane Westen as HS Student Council Sponsor

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

Approve Shane Westen as JH Student Council Sponsor

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

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

Adjourn

At 8:07pm a motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Cross. 6 yea, and 0 no.