Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2026 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District #21 Board of Education was held Wednesday, September 16, 2026 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, Doolin, Cecil, Wright, and Sherwood.
Others present: Joe Yurko, Ashley Rowden and Lauren DeJarnette
Absent: Board members Ballance and Cross

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

Opportunity for citizens/visitors to speak
No one spoke at this time

Executive session
At 7:07pm a motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Sherwood 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; Sherwood, yes; Cecil, yes and Wright, yes. Motion 5-0

Return to open session
At 7:48pm a motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Doolin to return to Open Session. Roll Call: Sherwood, yes; Aper, yes; Cecil, yes; Doolin, yes and Wright, yes. Motion 5-0

Superintendent's report
Joint Annual Conference: Joe discussed with everyone on the board who was attending the conference and those that wanted to if they had a change in mind.

Principal's Report
GS: Lots going on in September; had an assembly with kids on kindness; picture day; Friday will be the first fire drill; kids are working with confidence during the school year; and the science materials are on the way, they were backordered

JH/HS: Fire drill on Friday, and will be working on other drills such as lockdown drill.

Action Items

Approve FY27 School District Budget

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

Approve hire Victoria Biehl as JH/HS Paraprofessional

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

Appoint District Treasurer

Action item was tabled

Adjourn

At 7:59pm a motion was made by Cecil and seconded by Sherwood. 5 yea, and 0 no.