

Minutes of Board Meeting

<u>Kind of Meeting</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Regular	HS Cafeteria	April 16, 2025	6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:	Board Members Absent:
Glen Foote, President	
Don Kusmaul, Secretary - Outgoing	
David Sendt - Vice President	
Daniel Dalberg	
Esta Poulton	
Christina Schauer	
Stephen McDermott	
Angie Ryan - New	
Others Present:	
TJ Potts	
Darren Sirianni	
Wes Heiar	
Grover Priebe	

1. Call to Order

The East Dubuque Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. President Foote called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Roll call with 6 members present.

2. Consent Agenda

Dalberg moved to approve the Consent Agenda with a second by Kusmaul. Roll call, all present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Recognition of Visitors and Correspondence

3.1. Rick Haber – Corridor Safety System. This is a software that would be activated in the event of an active threat. Each student would carry a credit card sized “beacon” while in school. If a threat happens in the school this beacon would be activated and beep letting the student and staff know there is a dangerous situation occurring. Staff will be able to bring up an app on their phone and see where the threat is and know if they can get their students out to safety or stay in the room away from threat outside. This software will be able to pick up gun/knife or other threat outside and alert law enforcement immediately. It will also allow parents to know where their student is to track where they are to meet up with them after they are safe from a threat. The software will only track a student/staff when there is an active threat. It is a pilot program that will tie into the cameras and paging system we already have.

3.2 Mrs. Kenkel – Battle of the Books Team. This is a reading trivia contest that the teams are invited to once a year along with other teams from the area to compete at Senior High School. Each team consist of 6 students. They are given a list of books to read from October to February and must answer questions

about those books and those teams that score the highest out of the first two rounds advance to the third round. East Dubuque placed 2nd and 3rd this year. Students that compete in this competition like it because they believe it has helped their memory and comprehension and didn't feel like school work. They also said that it pushed them to read books from different genera and authors they would have never chosen before. The most important is that they felt like they belonged and made friends with others with the same likes that they may not have had any other connections to.

3.3 Mrs. Hinderman- Anthology Book Editing Team - The 5th/6th grade Writing Class wrote poems this year. An invite only group of students were chosen for this team to take those poems and make them into a book. Those students must be passing all classes, behaving in class and have rides after school. They did all of the illustrations, copying, editing, lamination, binding, organization, responsibility and deadlines. 100 books were made for teachers, students and for the libraries.

3.4 Student Council – The bake sale raised \$515 and \$215 in tips were raised at the Pizza Ranch. Next will be an ice cream fundraiser and the council will be announcing its Executive Council next week.

4. **Canvass:**

Votes from the School Board Election were as follows. 4 seats were up for election.

Daniel Dalberg – 257

David Sendt – 240

Glen Foote – 276

Angela Ryan – 275

5. **Reorganization:**

President Foote recognized Don Kussmaul for his years on the school board. Each board member took a minute to thank Don for his service.

The two new Board Members, Stephen McDermott and Angie Ryan and returning board members Glen Foote, Dave Sendt and Dan Dalberg took the Oath of Office and were seated on the board.

Dalberg moved to appoint TJ Potts as President Pro Tem. On a second by Sendt, the motion carried on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows: Schauer aye, McDermott aye, Foote aye Dalberg aye, Sendt aye, Ryan aye, and Poulton aye.

Foote moved to appoint Esta as Secretary Pro Tem. On a second by Sendt, the motion carried on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Schauer moved to nominate Glen Foote as President of the Board. On a second by Ryan. The motion for Foote as President carried on the vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays with the vote as follows: Dalberg aye, Sendt aye, Schauer aye, Ryan aye, Poulton aye, and McDermott aye.

Dalberg moved to nominate Dave Sendt as Vice-President of the Board. On a second by Poulton. No other nominations were made. The motion carried on a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Schauer moved to nominate Esta Poulton as Secretary of the Board on a second by Ryan. Poulton moved to nominate Christina Schauer as Secretary of the Board on a second by Sendt. Vote for Poulton 5. Vote for Schauer is 2. The motion carried for Poulton on a vote of 5 ayes and 2 nays.

Schauer moved the Regular Meetings be held at 6:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the HS/JH Cafeteria on a second by Sendt, the motion carried on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Sendt moved to approve the committee appointments as presented. On a second by Poulton, the motion carried on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Sendt moved to approve Robbins Schwartz Nicholas Lifton & Taylor as District legal counsel. On a second by Schauer, the motion carried on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Dalberg moved to approve Fidelity Bank as District Financial Institution. On a second by Ryan, the motion carried on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Sendt moved to adopt the IASB Code of Conduct. On a second by Poulton, the motion carried on a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Mr. Heiar, Elementary Principal - The Elementary Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics (STEM) Club is continuing to roll for all our 3rd and 5th grade students (the 4th and 6th groups were in the fall). Since last fall, Mrs. Schneider has been leading two different groups once a week through engineering related activities. We have had our highest numbers to date of 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders participating this year. Thanks to Elizabeth Schneider for her continued passion for the content and kids. On March 22, our Elementary Archery Team made the trip to Mattoon, IL for state bullseye archery. The entire team shot incredibly well finishing the day as the top team in the state for the 3rd year in a row. with an overall score of 3038 impressive 273. Our student body impressively captured 8 of the 10 ten places. Colin Jackson 1st, Cooper Weimerskirch 2nd, Cole Schoenhard 3rd, James Lange 4th, Jack Kenkel 5th, Jacob Eason 7th, Holden Cornwall 9th and Jensen Williams 10th. A huge shoutout to our incredible coaches and archers for this accomplishment.

Saturday, April 5, our Elementary Team traveled to the IL State 3D Archery meet and won the state championship. Cooper Weimerskirch won the boys side and Madelyn Schilder 2nd the girls.

Our spring Book Fair was held on February 26 and 27 during our spring Parent-Teacher conferences. Mrs. Ward did a great job coordinating the fair and sold \$4469.21 worth of items. We decided to utilize both Scholastic Dollars and some cash profit totaling \$1482.82 to purchase books for classrooms, the library, and for students to have for summer reading. Thanks again to Mrs. Ward for coordinating the fair so seamlessly.

Grade	2025- # Enrolled	2024- # Enrolled
Kindergarten	38	36
FIRST	31	38
SECOND	39	55
THIRD	56	33
FOURTH	35	49
FIFTH	50	40
SIXTH	42	46
TOTAL	291	297
PRESCHOOL	63	59
In District TOTAL	354	356
Out of District	2	1
Total Students	356	357

6.2 Mr. Sirianni, JH/HS Principal – We were asked to host a Baseball Regional this spring, so on May 21,22, and 24th we will have games here in East Dubuque. Archery had a very successful State Tournament, with the Elementary and Middle School teams both taking 1st place and Liam Mead advanced as an individual at the High School level. They will be going to Louisville on May 8-10 to compete in the National Tournament. Congratulations!

On Saturday, April 26th, the Prom event will take place at Frenress Lake here in East Dubuque. After Prom will then be at the HS/JH from 11:00 pm until 3:00 am.

Testing: IAR testing wrapped up for the JH on April 10th with a few make-ups to complete. The 8th Grade Science Assessment will take place the week of April 22nd. The ACT and PACT assessments will take place on Tuesday, April 15th for all of the 9th-11th grade students.

End of Year: Things will happen quickly for the next 5 weeks as the end of the school year nears. HS Final Exams will take place on May 21, 22, and 23rd. JH will have a 7th grade trip to Medieval Times and an 8th grade trip to Springfield over this stretch as well.

Projected Enrollment: (As of April 9 2025)

Grade	Students		(Totals)		
			August 24	March 25	April 25
7	43				
8	39				
9	50	7-8	82	82	82
10	41	9-12	186	177	174
11	41	Total 7-12	268	259	256
12	42				(1 Foreign Exchange)

6.3 Mr. Potts, Superintendent,

Maintenance-From Grover: Thank you everyone that has reached out to me for the passing of my father. Mother nature has been hard to deal with so far this spring with the extreme temperature swings. Heating and cooling has been difficult. With the warmer temps coming soon, we will be getting the water turned on for the football field concession stand, as well as working on the rooftop units, exhaust, and air handling units. We will be doing some outside tree work over the spring break.

Transportation- From Jeff: On April 1st consolidated elections were held in the bus barn. We split the barn in half with tarps in order to maintain our normal duties.

We had 10 more stop arm violations from 3/17-4/8 bringing our total violations to 33 for the school year. We are still in need of bus drivers If you know of anyone interested in driving a school bus let me know, we will provide training and help them to become an East Dubuque bus driver.

Superintendent: FEMA Tornado Safe Room: This is an email from Kevin Eipperle. He will be at board meeting to discuss the Health, Life Safety plan, but I am sure there will be questions on this as well: The DOGE has direct FEMA, and they have cancelled the BRIC 2024 program altogether. The application should still be submitted to the state and can remain on file with the state emergency management department. • The are a couple other options. You could contact Senator Duckworth and Senator Durbin's office with a request for a Future Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) allocation. That amount should match the Federal allocation from the application which is \$5,441,490. I think it is too late for FY 2025 but it could be a FY 2026 request. Senator Baldwin of Wisconsin got \$6M for a safe room for the City of Stevens Point. You might have to request this through the City of East Dubuque. FY 2025 CDS Information: <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/fy-2025-congressionally-directed-spending> • The other approach is to go through Congress with an FY 2026 appropriation to the Department of Homeland Security. Here is a description of the program. FY 2024 L-PDM NOFO (Note: the NOFO only applies to projects already listed in Appendix A): https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_fy24-cds-nofo.pdf Either way, it would be a good idea to include Michael Willis, the Jo Daviess County Emergency Management coordinator. It would also be good to engage the Illinois Homeland Security office. Your application is assembled and ready to go if other funding sources open up in the future.

The JoAnne and Don Loeffelholz Scholarship/Award We were approached by the Loeffelholz family about starting a scholarship/award for two students each year from East Dubuque. This will be presented at Senior Awards night. I will add the description as this is a bit different than other awards: Overview These two scholarships/awards of \$2,000 each will be given annually to two seniors in the graduating class at East Dubuque High School. Recipients will first be nominated by staff members and will exemplify the traits of hard work, kindness, politeness, and resiliency. This award is open to any student who shows these qualities, maintains above a 2.0 GPA, and is in good standing for all graduation requirements. These students do not have to be on track to go to a traditional college program. The family would give special consideration to students pursuing training in education or the trades. If the award is presented to a student not pursuing further education, it can be used toward training or equipment for that student's vocation.

7. Unfinished Business

Thank you to everyone involved in making the IL NW Division Meeting a success. Thank you to Dan Dalberg for arranging the meeting to be held at ED and to be able to showcase our school.

8. New Business

8.1. Kevin Eipperle present to the board on the Health Life Safety 10 year outlook and also on the FEMA Grant options now that the grant is no longer being funded.

8.2. – 8.11 – FOIAs completed for expenses paid over \$500 for years 2014-2024.

8.12 - A FOIA was completed for Postal Source for Postal Information.

8.13 - A FOIA was completed for all POs from 2020 to present

8.14 - Congratulations to English Teacher Lenore Beck for being Anderson-Weber's Teacher of the month!

8.15 - Poulton moved to approved summer hours beginning June 2nd for 4 ten hour days with a second by Sendt. Roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

8.16 - Dalberg moved to approved Non-Certified 25-26 wage increases with a second by Schauer. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.

8.17 - Sendt moved to approve the Vision 2030 Resolution of support with a second by Schauer. All present voted aye. Motion carried. 7-0.

9. Personnel

Sendt made a motion to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented with a second by Ryan. Roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

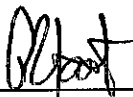
President Foote welcomed all new employees and thanked those leaving for their time at East Dubuque.

10. President's Prerogative –

11. Adjourn

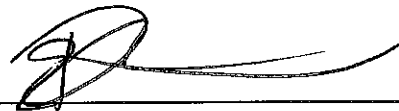
Dalberg made a motion to adjourn with a second from Poulton. Motion carried 7-0 and meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Signed:



Glen Foote, President

Attest:



Esta Poulton, Secretary