

## Minutes of Board Meeting

<b><u>Kind of Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
Regular	HS Library	September 17, 2025	6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:	Board Members Absent:
Glen Foote, President	
David Sendt - Vice President	
Esta Poulton - Secretary	
Stephen McDermott	
Angie Ryan	
Daniel Dalberg	
Christina Schauer – arrived 6:02	
Others Present:	
TJ Potts	
Darren Sirianni	
Grover Priebe	

1. **Call to Order**  
 The East Dubuque Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. President Foote called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call with 6 members present. Schauer absent.
  
2. **Consent Agenda**  
 Sendt moved to approve the Consent Agenda with a second by Poulton. Roll call, all present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0. Schauer arrived at 6:02pm.
  
3. **Budget Hearing** - Mr Potts went over the budget with the board. He talked about some of the funds and why they were increasing or not taking in as much money as years past.
  
4. **Recognition of Visitors and Correspondence**  
 ELL Teacher Charissa McAuliff spoke to the board about her plan on teaching ELL Students online. She will be moving to New Zealand in Oct to meet up with her husband as he has taken a job for 2 years there. TC created a google classroom for her to teach her students virtually. There will be a para at school with the students to help as Charissa is online with them.
  
5. **Staff Reports**  
 5.1 **Mr. Heiar, Elementary Principal** – On Wednesday, August 13th we once again held our Open House night to kick off the 2025-2026 school year. It was a great night for students to find their classrooms, meet their teachers, and for parents to connect with staff. That same week, our PreK teachers were able to host both an informational night for parents and Open House for PreK families. It was well attended and

a great way to begin the school year. Again this year, the Boundless Trailer spent the evening with us supporting quite a few of our East Dubuque families. Around 40 families visited the trailer receiving school supplies and clothing free of charge. Thank you to Paige Johnston for her relentless efforts and passion. On Tuesday, August 19th, we had our first official PTO meeting of the year. I want to thank Mrs. Schonhoff and the PTO board for all the behind the scenes efforts taking place. This dedicated group consistently supports staff initiatives to get kids the best materials and programs possible for success. Finding individuals willing to volunteer is difficult in recent years and this group has consistently shown up and passionately supports student success all throughout the year.

On Friday, August 29th, the Elementary School celebrated our Kick Off to Reading initiative and Summer Reading students (we partnered with the public library to help get books in student's hands and kids reading this summer) with a building-wide assembly at the football field. It was a terrific event with the music pumping, a balloon arch, characters from various stories making an appearance, and 15 staff members getting a pie in the face or cold water dumped on us. A huge thanks to Suzanne Ward (our Elementary Librarian) for coordinating this terrific beginning of the year assembly.

Grade	2025- # Enrolled	2024- #Enrolled
Kindergarten	38	41
FIRST	41	31
SECOND	32	38
THIRD	41	58
FOURTH	56	35
FIFTH	32	49
SIXTH	50	42
TOTAL	290	294

PRESCHOOL	65	64
In District TOTAL	355	358
Out of District		
Total Students	355	359

### 5.2 Mr. Sirianni, JH/HS Principal –

**Activities:** Fall activities are all in the middle of their seasons. Golf will be starting their Regionals on October 1st, with Cross Country, Football, and Volleyball wrapping up in later October, pending on their success and postseason outcomes.

**Homecoming:** Homecoming week was the week of September 8-13th. I will give a general recap of the week at the meeting. The Dance is on Saturday night from 7-9 pm in the HS/JH Cafeteria.

**Drama:** The High School Fall Play will take place on November 8th and 9th. More information to come at the October meeting.

**Corridor:** We are aiming for October 1st for the rollout of the new Corridor Safety System within the HS/JH. I am sure there will be some unexpected pieces that we will need to navigate, but we are looking forward to this system rollout and what it will provide us for Safety!

### JH/HS Projected Enrollment: (As of September 11, 2025)

Grade	Students				
7	44		(Totals)		
8	42			May 24	Aug 25
9	38	7-8		82	86
10	48	9-12		174	169
11	38	Total 7-12		256	255
12	42				252

### 5.3 Mr. Potts, Superintendent,

**Maintenance-From Grover** Football and Volleyball season is in full swing. We have been busy marking game and practice fields. Hosting some JH and High school volleyball games on the same nights. So we have been extra busy.

Gym floor has turned out great. It has the proper give and spring to help avoid injury.

We had the ROE and Fire Marshal inspection on September 4th. They were happy with our buildings. We had a few minor issues that we need to correct. We will correct those issues and report back to them.

We have installed "water pucks" throughout our buildings. They are supplied through prairie state insurance coop. They are designed that if we have a water break or "flood" in our mechanical rooms or janitor closets they will notify me and we can get it fixed before catastrophic problems occur. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Mr. Potts

Strategic Plan:

We will review the draft of these tonight after the board meeting.

#### Bullying/Cyber-Bullying and Harassment:

Two weeks ago there was an incident of Cyber-Bullying that took place involving some of our students. I received an email from a parent at 10:36pm on a Thursday night about the situation. By 10:30 in the morning, we had the situation figured out in terms of who was involved, who created the situation, and punishment to that individual was doled out with the parent in attendance at that meeting. By 8:00 that morning I had a meeting set with the victims family for that afternoon. I had contacted the police and the board president in the morning to fill them both in. I feel that it was handled about as well as it could be considering that kids do not have phones at school so they likely aren't engaging in cyberbullying here at school. All that we did here did not keep the family from going to social media and creating a situation where administrators, school board members, teachers, police, city members, and anyone else on social media were being called to take action because the school wasn't. This is frustrating because we don't go to social media when kids make bad decisions, or when parents act out at school or on email. We know we are not perfect here, but we do try and we do investigate. We don't want these things to happen either, but when they do, we work with all families to resolve issues. I don't think that someone should take a story on social media and make it their mission to call school board members or leave messages over the weekend with no name attached to the voicemail without talking to us. I am very happy that in the next month we will be doing our state of the district address and we will be able to share the processes we use and what we hope the community will do when there is a situation like this.

#### Calendar Committee:

I have received more feedback this year from people regarding the start of school and the timing of such. I feel like we should get a jump on the calendar for next year so we can get input and give some feedback as well. I would like to do a calendar committee meeting on Oct. 15 at 5:00 please.

6. **Unfinished Business** – Reminder to anyone wanting to attend the Divisional meeting to get registered.

#### 7. **New Business**

7.1. A FOIA for NW IL News for names of graduates from middle school and their high school destination was completed.

7.2. A Smartprocure FOIA was completed for bills from 2/27/25 to 9/05/25.

- 7.3. A NW IL News FOIA was completed for AP Scholar awards.
- 7.4. A FOIA for Justin at Getstartjump for bills from 01/01/22 to 8/31/25 was completed.
- 7.5. A FOIA for NW IL News for contracts of all school principals, active teachers and collective bargaining agreement was completed.
- 7.6. An AED donation application was submitted to replace aged AEDs in the school.
- 7.7. Insurance renewals were discussed. We are lower than most of the school districts around but we did get a 9% increase.
- 7.8. Poulton moved to approve the budget with a second by Ryan. Roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**8. Personnel**

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

President Foote welcomed Tara Bowman to the school.

**9. Executive Session**

Dalberg moved to enter into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment and dismissal of employees of the public body or legal counsel of the public body. Public bodies may also discuss the compensation, discipline and performance of specific employees or legal counsel in closed sessions. The act also permits closed meetings to hear testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or counsel to determine its validity (Action item 8.3). Pursuant to Section (c)(1) of the Open Meetings [5ILCS120/2(c)(1)]:

The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10)

it was seconded by Sendt. The motion carried 7-0. The Board entered executive session at 6:46pm.

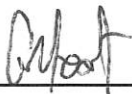
Dalberg moved to return to open session. It was seconded by Sendt and the motion carried 7-0 with the board returning to open session at 7:13pm. Nothing came from the executive session.

**10. President's Prerogative**

**11. Adjourn**

Dalberg made a motion to adjourn with a second from Sendt. Motion carried 7-0, meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.


**Signed:**



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**Glen Foote, President**

**Attest:**



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**Esta Poulton, Secretary**