

Minutes of Board Meeting

<u>Kind of Meeting</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Regular	HS Cafeteria	November 19, 2025	6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:	Board Members Absent:
Glen Foote, President	
Daniel Dalberg	
Esta Poulton - Secretary	
Christina Schauer	
Angle Ryan	
David Sendt - Vice President	
Stephen McDermott	
Others Present:	
Darren Sirianni – JH/HS Principal	
TJ Potts - Superintendent	

- 1. Call to Order**
 The East Dubuque Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, November 19, 2025. President Foote called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call with all seven members present.
- 2. Consent Agenda**
 Sendt moved to approve the Consent Agenda with a second by Poulton. Roll call, all present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.
- 3. Recognition of Visitors and Correspondence**

3.1 Michael Eyres talked about the Boys’ State track meet. The boys finished 5th in the State and recognized Lucas Jackson, Liam Schauer and Liam Mead for their great efforts. Board member Christina Schauer thanked Mr. Eyres for his dedication to the team and her appreciation for being an amazing coach to the boys. Glenn Foote also thanked Mr. Eyres for his dedication.

3.2 Student Council was represented by Sally Sirianni. Sally updated the board on what they are planning for the upcoming holidays. For Halloween, they gave all staff members a Halloween card and candy. For Thanksgiving student council members will receive candy on or in their lockers. The Giving Tree is up in the HS lobby. Sandy Hook was a large supporter last year and she is hoping they continue to support the Giving Tree. There will be a bake sale and hot chocolate sale next week for students, all proceeds will go towards the gifts. Lastly, the Student Council is considering getting their sponsors on the t-shirts that can be thrown out/given away at games. In previous years they went through a company which charged much more than what they would do the shirts themselves.

3.3 Jenny Blocker from the Benning Group presented the FY25 Audit results.

4. Staff Reports

4.1 Mr. Heiar, Elementary Principal:

Mr. Heiar was not present. Mr. Sirianni mentioned that Elem conferences went well as well as the book fair.

4.2 Mr. Sirianni, JH/HS Principal:

Activities: Fall activities are finished. Congratulations to the HS Boys Cross Country team. They won the Conference and Regional Championships, took 2nd at Sectionals, and finished with a 5th place Team effort at the State Meet held in Peoria. Lucas Jackson, Liam Mead, and Liam Schauer were the East Dubuque boys team members. Winter activities are underway. JH Boys Basketball has gotten in a handful of games so far. HS Girls began on Monday with the Warren Turkey Tournament and the HS Boys will begin games next Monday with the Scales Mound Thanksgiving Tournament. Archery and Wrestling practices have also begun.

Drama: The High School Fall Play, "A House on Haunted Hill", was performed on Saturday, November 8th and Sunday, November 9th. Great job by the cast and crew, under the guidance of directors Mrs. Kenkel and Mr. Lange.

Veteran's Day: We held the District Veteran's Day Assembly on Tuesday, November 11th. A great turnout of approximately 40 Veterans and the entire Student Body were in attendance. The LEO Club did a great job organizing the event and everything was very well done!

4.3 Mr. Potts, Superintendent:

Maintenance- The mezzanine boiler and piping has been torn out. Installation of the new boiler should be in place and running soon. All concession stands have been winterized and closed up for the winter. Veteran's day assembly was held on Veteran's day this year. Basketball and Archery seasons have started.

Transportation- Our newest driver, Ed Gau, is learning the routes. Jerry Rust will retire from driving as of 11/25/25. He will continue to ride the adaptive bus as an aide starting in December. Wrestling participation has increased so we will transport to Galena for practice in an Activity bus. We are still in need of bus drivers.

Superintendent:

Parent/Advisory Meeting- Thank you to the board members, staff members, and families that attended our meeting on Wednesday, November 5th. We had a nice turnout and good conversations about bullying and what we can do. We have sent a number of references to families with information from the school including; policies, protocols, Q and A from our meeting, resources and contact information. We spoke about the phrase, "I need help" that we want students and parents to use when they feel like there is bullying (or any problem) going on in school.

ELL Update- As you know, Mrs. McAuliff has moved to New Zealand. She is meeting with our students in a virtual setting three days a week. With the help of Geraldine Hilby, our kids continue to get the services they need. Not only that, but she is also helping new students to East Dubuque transition in.

Veterans Day Program- I think we do a lot of cool things in our district, but this continues to be one of the best each year. Thank you to Mr. Hesselbacher and the LEO Club for organizing this. Thank you to Mrs. Rennison for putting together a wonderful slide show each year. Mostly, thank you to our veterans for all that you have done for us. We are so happy that you can come and be celebrated by our whole district.

Strategic Plan: We will meet tonight after the board meeting to finish this project.

5. Unfinished Business – Parent/Teacher advisory meeting

Parents want policies sent and to talk pro-actively about problems. An email will go out to families about starting committees outside of board members to keep conversations alive. Dave Sendt thanked TJ and the principals for their work on this thus far. Glen Foote encourages families to bring issues forward. The school does not know if an issue has not been brought to our attention. A follow up meeting will be scheduled.

6. New Business

- 6.1 Acknowledged FOIA requesting retiring faculty at the end of the 25-26 school year.
- 6.2 Policy Committee meeting December 17th at 5:00pm.
- 6.3 Mr. Potts reviewed the Transportation Agreement with Dubuque Schools. It is in the best interest for the three students that reside in East Dubuque to remain attending the Dubuque schools and we provide a portion of their transportation.
- 6.4 A motion was made by Dalberg for approval of the FY 2026 School Maintenance Grant with a second by Poulton. All voted aye and motion passed 7-0.
- 6.5 A motion was made by Sendt to Adopt Resolution abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2025 to pay debt service on General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020, of the District with a second by Ryan. All voted aye and motion passed 7-0.
- 6.6 A motion was made by Sendt to Adopt Resolution abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2025 to pay debt service on General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022B, of the District with a second by Poulton. All voted aye and motion passed 7-0.
- 6.7 Brandon Tashner presented his overnight baseball trip to Jacksonville. Student rooms are paid for from fundraising. Esta Poulton thanked Tashner for this opportunity of team bonding. A motion was made by Poulton to approve the overnight trip to Jacksonville, IL with a second by Dalberg. All voted aye and motion passed 7-0.

7. Personnel

A motion was made by Sendt to approve the hire of Casey Kettering as JH Basketball Coach and Ed Gau as Bus Driver with a second by Schauer. All voted aye and motion passed 7-0.

8. Executive Session

No executive session took place.

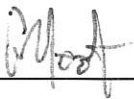
9. President's Prerogative

Glenn Foote shared an email of appreciation from Rich Rehfeldt regarding our Veteran's Day assembly.

10. Adjourn

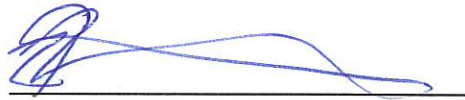
Schauer made a motion to adjourn with a second from Dalberg. Motion carried 7-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Signed:



Glen Foote, President

Attest:



Esta Poulton, Secretary