

## 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 Cafeteria	March 18, 2026	6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:	Board Members Absent:
Glen Foote, President	Esta Poulton - Secretary
Daniel Dalberg	
Stephen McDermott	
Christina Schauer	
Angie Ryan	
David Sendt - Vice President	
Others Present:	
Darren Sirianni – JH/HS Principal	
Wes Heiar - Elementary Principal	
T.J. Potts - Superintendent	

**1. Call to Order**

The East Dubuque Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. President Foote called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call with six members present.

**2. Consent Agenda**

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

**3. Recognition of Visitors and Correspondence**

**3.1** Julie Heinricy was congratulated by the board on her retirement of 32 years with the District. She was presented with a gift card for her years of service.

**4. Staff Reports**

**4.1 Mr. Heiar, Elementary Principal:**

During the week of March 2 through March 6, the elementary school celebrated Read Across America Week. Read Across America is a program sponsored by the National Education Association designed to encourage children to enjoy reading. The activities that took place include Teacher-Swap Tuesday, Who Was Wednesday, Team-Up Thursday, and Fun with Seuss Friday. Of all the events the one that students seemed to enjoy the most was when students from the older classes paired up with younger students and read to/with them. Overall, it was a terrific week celebrating literacy.

During the week of February 16-20, the Elementary School celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Week. Ms. Abing (our school Social Worker) coordinated activities and announcements to help instill the character attributes of kindness in our students as well as possible. Students made a kindness chain and wrote thank you letters to quite a few letters to various staff members while learning how to ideally treat one another.

#### **4.2 Mr. Sirianni, JH/HS Principal:**

**Activities:** Winter Activities have concluded. Archery's next event is the State Meet in Mattoon at the end of the month. Scholastic Bowl had a good season and won their first regional match and lost their second. Wrestling finished up with Jordan Donahue advancing to the Sectional Round. Both the HS Boys and Girls won the Conference Championship. Both lost tough games in the Regional Semifinals. JH Girls Basketball finished up with both teams finishing 7-6 in the Conference. Spring Activities are getting underway soon. Baseball, Softball, Track and Soccer will all hopefully be playing games within the next two weeks with Mother Nature's cooperation.

**JH Play:** Mr. Lange, Mrs. Kenkel, and the HS Student Directors had a great performance of Circus Olympus, which was performed on Friday, March 13th at 7:00 and Saturday, March 14th. The students all did a great job.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Conferences were held on March 11th and March 12th. I do not have numbers of families that participated, but the JH had very good attendance with less numbers at the HS.

**Testing:** All of our State Testing (IAR and ACT) will take place over the next two months. I will give updates as testing is completed. The ACT and Pre-ACT are scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th. The IAR testing is spread out over a few weeks so that students are taking 1 assessment per day to help their attention and focus.

#### **4.3 Mr. Potts, Superintendent:**

**Maintenance:** Mr. Priebe has been out after having surgery on his foot. Mr. Geoff Cliff has been in for Grover and doing double duty so to speak. Things have been running smoothly and I expect that Grover will be back around quite a bit.

**Transportation:** Our prospective driver did not pass testing and will not be driving bus for the district. At this point we are day to day with scheduling and juggling to keep the buses running. Due to pricing and behavior logistics we are again transporting our 3 students to NWSE (Northwest Special Education Cooperative) and 2 students to the CTE credit recovery program in Elizabeth on a daily basis. Our weekly Tri-Op Track meetings with River Ridge and Galena have started and East Dubuque will have to provide a driver for daily practices and some trips. With the driver shortage we are experiencing, we will do our best to cover all the away trips for JH Quiz Bowl, JH Track, HS Boys and Girls Track, Boys Baseball, Girls Softball, and Soccer.

On March 17th Primary Election polling was held in the East Dubuque Bus barn, we once again served as Poll watcher for our location.

#### **District:**

**Finance committee-** We will plan to meet in April prior to the regular board meeting. This meeting will be on April 15th at 5:00 pm. We will discuss the end of the year finances and start looking at FY27.

**Parent Advisory on Bullying-** We are looking at hosting a follow up meeting at the end of March. We may have to move the date from Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 pm to possibly the 31st of March. We will go through the data we have collected this year and review the, "See something, Say something" procedures we have to help students, staff, and families feel great about being in school.

**S&P Ratings-** Lisa and I met with Alex Swanson from Americas Public Finance for our periodic review of outstanding debt. They review our credit rating and our audits to make sure everything is in order. All went well. Anne Noble from Stifel consults with us on this and on our borrowing/purchasing positions.

#### **5. Unfinished Business**

Wes Heiar presented a data sharing session regarding STAR assessments, scoring and types of reports comparing Fall of 2025 to Winter of 2026 for grades K through 6th in Reading and Math. His discussion

included showing how students over the years that meet/exceed % IAR beginning in 2025 will now be proficient/above proficient % with the different scoring. Wes pointed out a tough spot for teachers: wanting to give extra help to students who need it during tests, but realizing that some kids need hours of one-on-one support that just isn't possible in a normal classroom setting. Wes mentioned that having quality volunteers from outside the district is a huge plus. Foote then asked about finding more high-quality people to help cover the growing need for extra support.

## 6. New Business

- 6.1 A motion was made by Sendt to adopt the Consolidated District Plan FY 27 with a second by Ryan. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.2 Non-Certified and Administrative raises were tabled.
- 6.3 A motion was made by Schauer to approve the IHSA Membership with a second by Sendt. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.4 A motion was made by Sendt to approve 26-27 cafeteria prices with a second by McDermott. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.5 A motion was made by Sendt to adopt policies for a second reading with a second by Ryan. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0. **Exhibit A**
- 6.6 A motion was made by Sendt to approve the Sequence of Dismissal with a second by McDermott. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.7 A motion was made by Schauer to approve the renting of inflatables per PSIC with a second by Sendt. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.8 FOIA Retired Teachers Records Request - all have been submitted.
- 6.7 FOIA Employee/Staff Contact Information - all submitted

## 7. Personnel

- 7.1 A motion was made by Sendt to accept all personnel items with a second by Schauer. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.

## 8. Executive Session

- 8.1 Sendt made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss student matters and the Superintendent evaluation with a second by Schauer. The motion carried 6-0. Board entered Executive Session at 7:15 pm.
- 8.2 A motion was made at 8:28 pm to return to Open Session by Dalberg with a second by Schauer. Motion carried 6-0.

## 9. President's Prerogative

## 10. Adjourn

McDermott made a motion to adjourn with a second from Ryan. Motion carried 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Signed:



Glen Foote, President

Attest:



Esta Poulton, Secretary

## **Exhibit A**

### **JUNE 2025**

- 1:10 School District Legal Status
- 1:20 District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements
- 1:30 School District Philosophy
- 2:10 School District Governance
- 2:80 Board Member Oath and Conduct
- 2:130 Board-Superintendent Relationship
- 2:240 Board Policy Development
- 3:30 Chain of Command
- 4:50 Payment Procedures
- 4:55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards
- 4:180 Pandemic Influenza Surveillance and Screening
- 7:40 Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students
- 7:90 Release During School Hours
- 7:130 Students Rights and Responsibilities
- 7:140 Search and Seizure
- 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics
- 7:325 Student Fundraising Activities
- 8:80 Gifts to the District
- 8:110 Public Suggestions and Concerns

### **OCTOBER 2025**

- 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban
- 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- 2:120 Board Member Development
- 2:140 Communications to & from the Board
- 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
- 4:30 Revenue and Investments
- 4:40 Incurring Debt
- 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
- 4:150 Facility Management and Building
- 4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
- 4:170 Safety
- 4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention Program
- 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria