

Minutes of Board Meeting

Kind of Meeting

Regular

Place

HS Cafeteria

Date

June 23, 2026

Time

6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:	Board Members Absent:
Glenn Foote, President	Angie Ryan
David Sendt - Vice President	Christina Schauer
Stephen McDermott	
Esta Poulton - Secretary	
Daniel Dalberg	
Others Present:	Absent:
TJ Potts, Superintendent	
Wes Heiar - Elementary Principal	

1. Call to Order

The East Dubuque Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, June 23, 2026. President Foote called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call with five members present.

2. Consent Agenda

Sendt moved to approve the Consent Agenda with a second by McDermott. Roll call, all present voted aye. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Public Hearing Amended Budget

No speakers from the floor.

Superintendent. Potts reviewed the amended budget with the Board.

4. Recognition of Visitors and Correspondence

Amanda Harvey spoke regarding additional resources for mental health. She provided Mr. Heiar with a contact name for intern possibilities.

5. Staff Reports

5.1 Mr. Heiar, Elementary Principal:

1. This school year was our 4th official year providing a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Club opportunity to all our 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students. We again (the same thing occurred last year) had to split the 3rd/4th grade level group into different sections since there was so much interest and we did not want to limit anyone from attending. Our students met weekly and had an

incredible amount of fun exploring STEM activities. A huge thank you to Elizabeth Schneider for serving as our STEM coach.

2. Olympic Day- on May 19 we held Olympic Day with the entire school. Students competed in races, throwing events, relays, the Tug of War, and many other enjoyable activities. It was a terrific day and enjoyed by all. The rain held off (other than a very wet field during the morning session) and we had a plethora of parents and grandparents come out to celebrate the end of the year along with our students. Thanks to the entire staff and especially Mr. Eyres for coordinating this enjoyable event!
3. Each year the Illinois Principal Association recognizes exceptional students from each elementary building throughout the state. The selected students must display strong examples of outstanding character, achievement, and leadership. This year, ED Elementary School has selected Lacey Loeffelholz and Colin Jackson as our 6th grade recipients. Congratulations to both Lacey and Colin for this outstanding achievement!

5.2 Mr. Sirianni, JH/HS Principal:

1. Activities: Track: Payton Lehnhoff (Shot Put) and Lucas Jackson (4 X 800 Relay) advanced to the State Meet. James Lange will be representing East Dubuque in the Archery World Tournament in Florida in a week. Baseball and Softball both lost in the Regionals. Softball was defeated 1-0 by Dakota in the Regional Finals and Dakota ended up winning the State Championship. Baseball was defeated by Galena, who is playing this week in the Super-Sectionals. Summer Open Gyms/Practices/Camps are in full swing. Gyms are in full use.
2. End of Year: Thank you to all who helped with the Commencement Ceremony on May 29 th . Mother Nature was cooperative and the evening turned out well. Please let me know if you have any issues that you have been made aware of so that we can continue to make this special event even better.
3. Summer School: A total of 6 students have already begun taking some Credit Recovery courses this summer to earn back credits lost due to failing a class this past school year. I am hoping to get a few more students/parents to take this opportunity as well.

5.3 Mr. Potts, Superintendent:

Maintenance (Mr. Priebe) No Report

Transportation (Mr. Weydert) We are in summer mode now and in the process of preparing the entire fleet for its' bi-annual trip to the State Testing Lane in Lanark IL.

Compensatory classes have started for the Life Skills kids. We will be running a route for them this June. Summer school and ESY will be starting in July. We are working up routes for those also.

We had 30 recorded stop arm violations over the 25-26 school year. We had 41 during the 24-25, 26 in the 23-24 and 34 in 22-23.

We have the "Bus Drivers Wanted" banner back up on the square school and have made posts on social media, we have gotten some response. We, along with just about every school transportation department across the country, are searching for drivers. So please, if you know of anyone interested in driving a school bus let me know, we will provide paid training and help them to become an East Dubuque bus driver.

We have some prospects working their way through the process of becoming school bus drivers. Out of the five that have expressed interest, one has her CDL and School Bus endorsement in Iowa that we would need to get a permit for. We have two more from Iowa and two from Illinois also in the mix.

District (Mr. Potts)

Cellular Device Law for IL Schools: On Sunday May 31, 2025, both houses passed Senate Bill 2427 which covers the implementation of a wireless communication device policy for school districts in the state of Illinois. Governor Pritzker has indicated his intent to sign the bill.

Under the new law, school districts will be required to implement a policy that prohibits students from using their wireless communication device during class and have the device stored in a secure and accessible place during class time. Wireless communication devices are defined as and include: cellular telephones, tablet computers, laptop computers, gaming devices, and wearable devices including smart watches or smart glasses.

With the policy that we have put in place two years ago, we are covered for this. We will need to continue to monitor and make sure that all devices, not just phones are being monitored.

Eligibility Policy for Extracurricular Activities: We had a group of teachers, coaches, administrators and board member Dave Sendt meet on Monday, June 8 to discuss our current policy for extracurricular activities. We are currently following the policy from the IL model student handbook, but we wanted to determine if we needed to bolster our policy. We had a great conversation and discussed not only the academic piece, but also attendance and behavior and how they could/should affect a student's eligibility. We plan to draft a new policy and then share with the community and the board for questions or alterations before doing a first reading at the July board meeting.

Parent Advisory Meeting on Bullying: Reminder that tomorrow, June 18 at 5:00 pm we will have our second Parent Advisory meeting centered on bullying in schools. In our first meeting we discussed policy and protocols. We will share some updates on that, but then get into the proactive piece in starting a student coalition at school, and pushing out the anonymous reporting form.

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

- 7.1 The Administrative ERI was moved to executive session for discussion..
- 7.2 A motion was made by Sendt to adopt the Amended FY 26 Budget with a second by Poulton. All voted aye and motion passed 5-0.
- 7.3 Sendt moved to designate Angie Ryan to review the financials from the auditors. With a second by Dalberg. All voted aye and motion passed 5-0.
- 7.4 Sendt moved to adopt the Football Co-op with Southwestern with a second by Poulton. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
Sendt and Dalberg both asked if Superintendent Potts could research if there is any interest in a 8 man tackle football program vs 12 man. TJ will respond with results prior to the next signing of the co-op agreement.
- 7.5 FOIA request from employee research data.org - completed
- 7.6 The March 2026 Policies were acknowledged for 1st reading as presented. Policies are attached.
- 7.7 Superintendent Potts explained the District adopted the 2026-27 calendar with Election Day as a not-in-attendance day assuming ISBE would acknowledge it as a holiday. The calendar will stay as originally adopted.
- 7.8 Superintendent Potts reviewed the request from the City of East Dubuque. The City would like to extend two out of the three TIF zones. The City is looking to increase business and subdivisions which increase the student population for the school district. Dalberg asked if the Baseline would change and if we should capture back to 2007. Superintendent Potts will contact the City for the answer.

8. Personnel

- 7.1 A motion was made by Dalberg to accept all personnel items with a second by Sendt. All voted aye and motion passed 5-0.

9. Executive Session

- 9.1 Poulton made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Student Matters and Employee Compensation on a second by McDermott. The motion carried 5-0. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:47 pm.

- 9.2 A motion was made at 8:01 pm to return to Open Session by Dalberg with a second by Sendt. Motion carried 5-0.

There was no motion from the Executive Session.

9. President's Prerogative

10. Adjourn

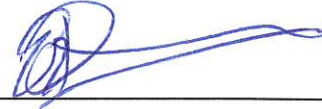
Sendt made a motion to adjourn with a second from Poulton. Motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Signed:



Glen Foote, President

Attest:



Esta Poulton, Secretary