

Minutes of Board Meeting

Kind of Meeting

Regular

Place

HS Cafeteria

Date

May 20, 2026

Time

6:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order

The East Dubuque Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Vice President Sendt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call with five members present.

Ryan arrived at 6:02 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

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

3. Recognition of Visitors and Correspondence

3.1 Amanda Harvey spoke regarding an email she had sent to Mr. Potts regarding bullying. She is recommending starting a Student Bullying Alliance and is looking for the support of the district and the school board in doing so. She wants all students to feel safe within the school. Next steps would be a Teacher Advisory meeting that will be set up in June to discuss this topic.

Kim Budde spoke regarding her past experiences with her niece being bullied and wants to volunteer her time to help with the Student Bullying Alliance.

Other visitors present - Mary Ege and Melissa Leppert.

Callen Tashner and Mrs. Rennison spoke on behalf of the HS Student Council. Thank you to the Lion's Club for the use of their snow cone machine Student Council used for a fund raiser. They made nearly \$300.

The Student Council would like to welcome their new representatives for next year coming from the 8th grade class.

A new opportunity will take place for the 26-27 school year for Seniors to paint their own parking spot.

4. Staff Reports

4.1 Mr. Heiar, Elementary Principal:

The Elementary spring concert took place on Thursday, April 23, in the high school gymnasium. It was an awesome concert with a massive turnout (the gym and parking were packed). The 1st and 2nd grade classes performed Pajama Party! and the 3rd and 4th graders did E-IE-I Oops! (dressing up as farmers, sheep, pigs, chickens, etc.). Lots of dancing, singing and fun. A huge thanks for our maintenance team for getting the space ready and to Ms. McNaught and Mrs. Hoffland for leading the charge.

Summer Reading Partnership with the Public Library. The Elementary School is once again partnering with the East Dubuque Public Library to help promote the love of reading. We hosted a kickoff event on Friday, May 15, at the Elementary School that included a special presentation by the Peoria Riverfront Museum where students learned about the reading logs, incentives they can earn for reading this summer, and explored the Riverfront Museum's Sky Dome. Information will be shared with families all summer in an effort to keep our families reading. Thanks to Mrs. Ward (our librarian) for coordinating this partnership.

On Wednesday, April 1, we hosted our annual Bunny Hop race for all 3rd and 4th grade students. The students ran with passion as usual. We had an incredible turnout of parents and grandparents to support these young athletes. A huge thank you to Michael Eyres for coordinating another successful event. Here are our top 10 finishers:

Girls

1st - Kylie Hosch	6th - Harper Wand
2nd - Evy Edge	7th - Penny Peacock
3rd - Romy Wall	8th - Scarlett Whitt
4th - Katie Perez-Cuellar	9th - Evelyn Kemp
5th - Sophie Schonhoff	10th - McKinley Spahn

Boys

1st - Grayson Sindahl	6th - Dimitri Haskin
2nd - Luke Hoftender	7th - Gavin Lange
3rd - Wyatt Howell	8th - Landyn Mulgrew
4th - Cam Tierney	9th - Sawyer Steines
5th - Lincoln Culbertson	10th - Henry Howell

4.2 Mr. Sirianni, JH/HS Principal:

Activities: Archery competed at National in Louisville, KY over the weekend of May 8-10. Kids represented East Dubuque very well. Track is wrapping up and beginning their postseason. There will be a send off for Payton Lehnhoff tomorrow morning as she heads to the State meet. Girls Sectionals will have taken place and Boys Sectionals are on May 19th. Softball begins Regionals on Tuesday, May 18th. Baseball will begin Regionals on Monday, May 25th. Girls Soccer begins their Regionals on Saturday, May 16th.

End of Year: Most Seniors last day of school will be on Friday, May 15th. High School Final Exams will take place on May 20th, 21st, and 22nd. A reminder that Commencement takes place on Friday, May 29th at 7:00 pm at the Football Field (weather permitting).

Prom: A successful Prom and After Prom took place on April 25th. Thank you to all of the parents who helped organize the events!

4.3 Mr. Potts, Superintendent:

Maintenance (Mr. Priebe)

The junior high gymnasium floor has been sanded and resealed. The high school gym is scheduled to be completed sometime during the first part of July.

A very busy end to the school year with Olympic Day, Reading Carnival, Field trips, and baseball and softball games leading up to Regional play.

The Corridor project is 80% installed at the elementary campus.

We are currently reviewing the list of the projects we will attempt this summer.

Work is still continuing with the FEMA storm safe shelter.

I attended the second hazard mitigation planning meeting on May 19th.

Transportation (Mr. Weydert)

We are going to pivot from purchasing both buses coming off lease to only buying one leased bus and another used MFSAB, a 2021 Chevy 15 passenger like our other Activity Buses #29 and #36. This bus is basically the same price as what we were going to pay for the 71 passengers coming off lease. Due to the shortage of drivers, we believe this is the best course of action to cover athletic trips.

On Tuesday, April 28, 2026, our district's school bus operators did observe and reported no instances of motorists illegally passing their school buses. Although year to date we've had 29 recorded stop arm violations. The school year is winding down and we've been able to cover all routes and trips with now the smallest crew of drivers in my 26 years with the district. A testament to the bus crews' dedication.

We have the "Bus Drivers Wanted" banner back up on the square school and have made posts on social media, but no interest yet. When school is out we will put a banner on a bus and park it down by the bridge again. 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.

District (Mr. Potts)

Honkamp PC Accounting Career Program- Dylan Lange from Honkamp/Krueger reached out a few weeks ago and invited our students to apply for summer positions in accounting. Dr. Smith shared the information with his classes and encouraged his students to apply. Here is the response I received from Dr. Smith:

Dear Mr. Potts,

You had asked me a few days ago for information on the number of students who have applied for attendance at subject program. The application is done online and requires a series of short essay type responses. It is due Honkamp PC NLT 5 June 26, but I advised all to submit it early. As of this morning, the following accounting students have either submitted or about to complete the submission of the required application document to Honkamp PC:

Lily Rausch, Courtney Lenhoff, Eeve Pitts, Hayleigh Howell, Caden Schultz & Jackson Schultz

FEMA Grant update: Grover, Darren and I met with Kevin Eipperle from FEH to update the plans for the tornado safe shelter area. This space will add two additional science classrooms for HS students (updated science labs) and two middle school classrooms. It also adds the office area for the elementary school. As you know we are phasing the new elementary school and with the help of that grant, we will be able to get a start on this project. As we know more about this, I will inform the board. Along with this is the HLS building replacement funds. We did not receive word on this yet, but that would further add elementary classrooms.

DRA Grant: Last year we received money for the Corridor safety program in our schools. We have piloted this program all year at the JH/HS. It has been a long year of implementation as they are really fitting this to our school and we are helping them to program for the way it works. This year we are writing for materials and resources to bring some entrepreneurship to our school for students and the community. The grant, if we receive the funding, will be used to purchase equipment to make clothing articles, projects, and materials that can be sold. Our students would be able to use them for projects, and our community would be able to rent the equipment for their own use. More to come, but this could be a great way for our students to understand the different opportunities in business, as well as the hurdles to overcome.

5. Unfinished Business

- 5.1 On June 10th 3pm-6pm there will be an IASB representative coming to discuss Press Plus with board members.

6. New Business

- 6.1 A motion was made by Dalberg to approve the Transfer of Funds From Fund 60 to Fund 30 for Bond Series 2020 Phase I \$26,648.50 Interest with a second by McDermott. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.2 A motion was made by Schauer to approve the Transfer of Funds From Fund 60 to Fund 30 for Bond Series 2022-ARS Bond \$33,500.00 Interest with a second by Dalberg. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.3 A motion was made by Poulton to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Galena for Occupational Therapist with a second by Ryan. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.4 A motion was made by Schauer to approve Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Galena for Physical Therapist with a second by McDermott. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.5 A motion was made by Dalberg to approve the Midwest Medical Athletic Training Contract with a second by McDermott. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.6 A motion was made by Dalberg to approve the Highland Community College dual credit courses Agreement for 26-27 school year with a second by Schauer. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.7 A motion was made by Schauer to approve the University of Dubuque Student Teaching Agreement with a second by McDermott. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.8 After returning from Executive Session, a motion was made by Poulton to approve bus driver salaries for the 26-27 school year with a second by Ryan. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.9 A motion was made by Poulton to approve the Archery trip to Daytona, FL with a second by McDermott. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.10 SmartProcure FOIA request for PO/Vendor Information - completed
- 6.11 The School District Library Grant awarded the district with \$850.
- 6.12 FOIA request from thedatabranch.com Woo Park - completed
- 6.13 Registration opens June 1st for the Joint Annual Conference in Chicago in November.
- 6.14 Board approved preliminary amended budget.
- 6.15 Policy Committee meeting set for June 17th at 5:00 pm

7. Personnel

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

8. Executive Session

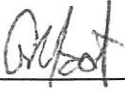
- 8.1 Poulton made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss student matters and bus driver salaries with a second by Schauer. The motion carried 6-0. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:47 pm.
- 8.2 A motion was made at 7:15 pm to return to Open Session by Ryan with a second by Poulton. Motion carried 6-0.

9. President's Prerogative

10. Adjourn

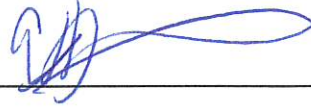
Ryan made a motion to adjourn with a second from Schauer. Motion carried 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Signed:

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Glen Foote, President

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Esta Poulton", written over a horizontal line.

Esta Poulton, Secretary