

## Minutes of Board Meeting

### Kind of Meeting

Regular

### Place

HS Cafeteria

### Date

August 19, 2026

### Time

6:00 p.m.

| <b>Board Members Present:</b>    | <b>Board Members Absent:</b>       |
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| Glenn Foote, President           | Daniel Dalberg                     |
| David Sendt - Vice President     |                                    |
| Stephen McDermott                |                                    |
| Esta Poulton - Secretary         |                                    |
| Christina Schauer                |                                    |
| Angie Ryan                       |                                    |
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| <b>Others Present:</b>           | <b>Absent:</b>                     |
| Darren Sirianni - HS Principal   | Grover Priebe - Building & Grounds |
| Wes Heiar - Elementary Principal |                                    |
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#### **1. Call to Order**

The East Dubuque Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, August 19, 2026. President Foote called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call with six 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 6-0.

#### **3. Recognition of Visitors and Correspondence**

Alice Lundh gave a trip re-cap from the student's summer Europe trip. She shared a letter written by one of the graduating seniors regarding her positive experience on the trip. Alice also gave a breakdown of costs and itinerary for the upcoming 2028 Alps & Mediterranean Coast trip.

Michael Eyres requested 6 hotel rooms for the high school cross country team in Peoria on September 12th, due to the length of the drive and the importance of the team being comfortable on the course that they will also be running at the State Championship.

#### **4. Staff Reports**

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

On Thursday, August 3rd, we held our annual Jackson O'Connell Splash Bash event at the Dunleith Pool. As usual, we had a terrific turnout (just north of 250 people) and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate transitioning back to school and, more importantly, remembering Jackson O'Connell. A sincere thank you to the O'Connell family, Laurie Miller and a collection of other terrific volunteers for always hosting this annual event that includes swimming, grilled hotdogs, chips, drinks, and dessert.

As you suspect, it has been a busy July and August. My sincerest appreciation to all the teachers, maintenance, secretaries, and other staff members that have been tirelessly working to provide the best learning experience possible to our families. Everyone worked tirelessly this summer (especially the Maintenance crew) to get the building set for success. Thank you all for your continued efforts. Also, if you have not had a chance stop by and check out the new playground mulch.

Every year, St. Mark's Youth Enrichment donates school supply bags for our students. This summer and spring we had 35 students that requested a supply bag and suspect we will be giving out even more during Open House. This organization consistently reaches out to us humbly donating these supply bags without any desire for acknowledgement or recognition. They even supplied extra bags beyond our 45 request. A sincere thanks to them for their continual efforts to help families throughout the Tri-States area.

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

Activities: Fall Sports are all practicing and games are starting. Golf had their first meet on Tuesday, Aug. 18 and defeated Warren. Football, Volleyball, and Cross Country are coming soon.

Tutors: We have begun the process of identifying students who we believe would make good Tutors and will then begin compiling a list of students who could benefit from having a Peer Tutor. Plan is to have Juniors/Seniors tutor Freshmen/Sophomores, Freshmen/Sophomores tutor Junior High, and Junior High tutor Elementary.

Student Coalition: We will be having a meeting soon to start building interest in a Student Coalition, which will be intended to give Social/Emotional Support to students within the District. The first step will be finding out the type of interest level and then work on developing Student Leaders and Groups to meet.

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

##### **Maintenance (Mr. Priebe)**

Playgrounds have been laid out with new rubber mulch. It looks great and will save a lot of money in the future. Also will be softer and safer than the wood mulch.

The stone around the entry to the elementary school and the tunnel area has been tuck-pointed and re-grouted. Looking nice.

The rock garden and little flower garden outside the elementary entrance looks nice. Thanks to Kathy Stierman for the extra attention she puts in!

Gym floors are all refinished and looking great.

All HVAC units have been serviced in the building. Rooftop units will be done when the weather gets cooler.

All buildings and concession stands are cleaned and ready for the school year.

Thanks to my guys for their hard work and dedication to get things ready and looking so good!

##### **Transportation (Mr. Weydert)**

We are finished running our entire fleet for its' bi-annual trip to the State Testing Lane in Lanark IL. All vehicles in our fleet passed inspection.

We are waiting for the new Activity Bus to arrive, it was the last one turned in from its previous school for maintenance and lettering so I expect it before the end of the month.

We have a new Bus Driver, Ashley Esche who will be a full time driver starting the beginning of this school year.

All routes are ready and the bus drivers are anxious to get the school year started.

We will have bus evacuation drills for ES and HS on the first day of school.

We still have some prospects working their way through the process of becoming school bus drivers. We now have three potential people working through the layers of training and testing.

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, is 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)**

**Eligibility Policy for Extracurricular Activities:** We had a public meeting on Monday, August 10 to share this new policy with the public and gather information from them. Those questions and changes are addressed in the draft that will be discussed at tonight's meeting.

**Parent Advisory Meeting on Bullying:** We have had two meetings (one district and one community) to address these matters. We have a number of things in place to start the year as well. I am very optimistic that if nothing else, we have opened up the dialogue and given students, families, and the community a voice in this matter, and have given everyone direct lines of communication with us to deal with any incidents that come about.

**Staffing:** It is always this time of year that we are usually scrambling to either fill or change some staffing levels. This year, we are starting in a pretty good place. We have also created a number of positions to execute our Strategic Plan to the best of our abilities. To that end, I will make part of my report to you each month about just that thing.

**Strategic Plan:** To fulfill the goals that we set about, we have hired new people, created some new positions, and revamped some job descriptions. Here are a few that tie directly to our plan:

**Alternative School-** We have discussed the need for this for a few years. Traditional school is not for everyone. This year, Mr. Brian Beadle will be teaching in our alternative school setting. He will have a small roster of HS students that he sees for part of the day, and he will also support a number of JH students as well.

**District Social Media/PR-** Ayden Miller is going to help us tell our story. He will spend his mornings working in the district office on social media blasts and projects to help us get our story out there. He will also maintain our district website and keep it updated with the latest and greatest.

**Curriculum Director-** Pam Oney will be adding curriculum to her list of duties for the school district. She will continue her Instructional Coaching duties, but she will also be leading curriculum conversations and studies with teacher teams along with the administration. This includes discussions of materials, instruction, and assessment.

**Special Education Coach-** Andrea Sprengelmeyer has been our part time SE Coach for a number of years. She is tremendous at helping to make sure that we are meeting the needs of our most needy students.. Andrea is part time and works primarily at the elementary school. We have added a part of Dawn Arner-Powers day as SE Coach at the secondary level. Dawn and Andrea will work together, and will meet with Pam and the Administrative team to make up our leadership team.

**Library as Learning Resource Center-** We want to make sure that our libraries in both schools are not just a collection of books, but rather a place for learning to continue. The elementary school has done that for some time. We will expand upon what they are doing by having Sally Sirianni work with some of our struggling elementary students on math. At the HS, Sally will oversee some tutoring of students in the LRC. Some of this tutoring will be done by other students, and some by certified staff members. We will also have Shawna Trowbridge in our JH/HS library working with teachers to make sure that they have the resources that they need, and to make sure that our collection of materials is appropriate and up to date. Pam Oney will also work out of the JH/HS library two days a week as a resource to teachers and students on instruction and learning.

## **5. Unfinished Business**

5.1 Health Life Safety was finished up by the architects in the Spring. Funds will be used towards building replacements, but not fixing (square building). There is about \$700,000 in projects between both the Elementary and HS/JH buildings. The square building would cost 2.5 to 3 million for replacement value. Those funds will go towards the JH/HS building and a space that can be used for the same use as the square building.

5.2 Ryan asked about the status of the Corridor System. M\Potts commented that the HS/JH should be going live by the end of September or beginning of October. The Elementary will be a later date.

## **6. New Business**

6.1 A motion was made by Ryan to adopt Policies for 1st Reading with a second by Schauer. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.

6.2 A motion was made by Sent to approve the Cross Country overnight trip to Peoria with a second by Poulton. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.

- 6.3 The approval of the Administrative Contract was tabled until after Executive Session.
- 6.4 A motion was made by Sendt to adopt the Eligibility Policy with a second by Ryan. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.5 A motion was made by Sendt to approve the Summer 2028 Alps & Mediterranean Coast Trip with a second by Poulton. All voted aye and motion passed 6-0.
- 6.6 Mercy One Cancer Center sent a thank you to the Softball team for their \$1,000 donation.
- 6.7 Review of the Preliminary Budget by Mr. Potts.
- 6.8 FY 2027 Per Capita Library Grant application was received.

#### **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**

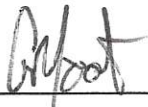
- 8.1 Sendt made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss administrative contracts with a second by Schauer. The motion carried 6-0. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:57 pm.
- 8.2 A motion was made at 8:07 pm to return to Open Session by Sendt with a second by Ryan. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8.3 A motion was made by Sendt to approve the Administrative Contract with a second by Schauer. All voted aye and the motion passed 6-0.

#### **9. President's Prerogative**

#### **10. Adjourn**

Sendt made a motion to adjourn with a second from Ryan. Motion carried 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

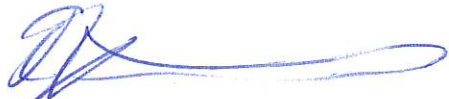
**Signed:**



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**Glen Foote, President**

**Attest:**



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**Esta Poulton, Secretary**