

# 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	October 16, 2024	6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:	Board Members Absent:
Glen Foote, President	
David Sendt, Vice President	
Don Kussmaul, Secretary	
Daniel Dalberg	
Nikki Muchow	
Esta Poulton	
Christina Schauer	
Others Present:	
TJ Potts, Superintendent	
Grover Priebe	

1. **Call to Order**  
 The East Dubuque Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. President Foote called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Roll call with 7 members present.
  
2. **Consent Agenda**  
 Sendt moved to approve the Consent Agenda with a second by Kussmaul. Roll call, all present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.
  
3. **Recognition of Visitors and Correspondence**
  - 4.1 Superintendent Potts read a report on behalf on Student Council. Homecoming was a success and they raised \$560 at the Homecoming dance. They would like to thank everyone involved in helping them during the week including, with the parade and dance.  
 Upcoming they will be asking for approval from the Administration to dress up on Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, sell Hot Cocoa and tea on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> and Nov 1st and have a winter dance in February.
  - 4.2 English Language Learning Teacher Charissa McAuliff spoke to the board about her position. There are 17 students currently in her program from pre-school to high school.  
 She first screens the student to see how proficient their English language is. She will then collaborate with their teachers on goals for them to achieve. Mrs. McAuliff helps with reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. She will also infuse hands on activities with them. Along with her teachings, she also does home visits where she gains trust with the family, sees where their needs are and understands where they come from and their homeland’s culture.  
 Thank you to Mrs. McAuliff for all of her hard work with our ELL students.

4. **Staff Reports**

5.1 **Mr. Heiar, Elementary Principal**

The new greenhouse has arrived. However, it is more complex than expected to assemble. With this in mind, the High School Building Trades class has offered to assemble it. A huge thank you to Grover, for coordinating this, and to Ryan McClain and his students for assisting with this detailed project.

Fire Prevention Week- Poster Contest Winners:

- a) Kindergarten: 1st = Stella McDermott, 2nd= Jace Splinter, 3rd= Louis Breitbach
- b) 1st-3rd Grade: 1st = Dimitri Hoskin, 2nd= Shyla Fuglsang, 3rd= Luke Hoftender
- c) 4th-6th Grade: 1st= Scarlett Newt, 2nd= Aleigha Ohnesorge, 3rd=Emerson Fincel

We once again hosted STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Night, in partnership with the University of Dubuque, on Tuesday, October 8. This was by far our largest turnout for a STEM Night and ended up being an incredible evening. There were 21 hands-on stations placed throughout the building for ED families to explore and enjoy. We can't wait to continue making this an annual event.

Grade	2024- # Enrolled	2023- # Enrolled
Kindergarten	41	35
FIRST	31	37
SECOND	38	54
THIRD	58	29
FOURTH	35	49
FIFTH	49	39
SIXTH	42	46
TOTAL	294	290
PRESCHOOL	65	60
In District TOTAL	359	349

5.2 **Mr. Sirianni, JH/HS Principal**

**Activities:** Fall activities are winding down. Golf finished their season with a 6th place finish in the Regional Meet. Ethan Schulting advanced to the Sectional round as an individual. Volleyball begins regionals the week of October 28th. Cross Country has their Conference Meet on the 19th and begins Regionals the 26th. JH VB finished and will compete in the 8th grade Conference Tournament. Football has games on the 11th and 18th and that is the end of the regular season.

**Testing:** Juniors who were interested took the PSAT/NMSQT test on Wednesday, Oct. 9th. We will be preparing all of our 9-11 grade students for the ACT exam this next March.

**Homecoming:** A successful Homecoming Week took place from Sept. 30-Oct. 5. Mother Nature gave us great weather. Thank you to the Student Council for their planning and efforts to make the week fun and enjoyable for all.

Projected Enrollment: (As of October 11, 2024)

Grade	Students		(Totals)		
			May 24	August 24	October 24
7	45				
8	38				
9	49	7-8	86	82	83
10	44	9-12	173	186	180
11	45	Total 7-12	259	268	263
12	42				

(2 Foreign Exchange)

## Illinois Report Card

### Summative Designations

#### Junior High—Exemplary

ELA, Math, and Science all scored at a level high enough to earn the full points for those areas. Area to focus on is Chronic Absenteeism

#### High School—Commendable

ELA, Math, and Science all scored in the average to above average range  
Areas to focus on: Chronic Absenteeism and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade on Track

### 5.3 Mr. Potts, Superintendent,

#### Maintenance-From Grover:

Home football season is now over. We will be rolling the field, aerating it and winterizing the concession stand.

During fire prevention the fire department conducted a surprise fire drill. This gave us a good practice of evacuating and accountability of students and staff. The JH/HS evacuated in just over 4 minutes and the Elementary School in just over 3 minutes. The fire department had a joint training with Menominee fire department at the high school during the evening. They did a walk around and ran some training exercises for large buildings.

We have been working with contractors to get the scope of new projects that will happen next year. The gym storage building is starting to take shape. The roof should be going on this week and the following week the connection to the gym area.

With the weather turning, it means we will be servicing all of the roof top units, exhaust fans, and all other ventilation units. The ROE/Fire Marshal inspection is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Transportation- From Jeff:

National School Bus Safety Week will be from October 21–25. The week is a public education program that aims to raise awareness about the importance of school bus safety. Here are some examples which will be posted to the school's social media pages.

#### Superintendent:

**SRO-** We are currently without an SRO as the Police Department is down a couple employees. We appreciate how Cody and Mickey have been coming to be at arrival and lunches when it works in their schedule. The City is not charging us for the SRO services at this time since we do not have the officer on duty in school.

**Recognition from “Eye on Education” report from the State Dept.- [Teachers provide insight into ESL, ELL programs](#)** “Eye on Education” - features interviews on people making a difference in all facets of learning,

**From Galena Gazette: School can be hard enough, but imagine trying to learn if all of your lessons were in a different language. This is daily life for English as a Second Language (ESL) students or English Language Learners (ELL).** Luckily, ESL and ELL programs, depending on what the district calls it, are there to support students through the learning process. Students become a part of an ESL or ELL program after being screened or taking a language assessment to see what their English proficiency level is and what level of service is needed. The ELL program in the East Dubuque School District is tailored around what each student needs. Some may need to meet with the teacher once or twice a week whereas other students may need to meet with them every day the teacher is in. Throughout the East Dubuque School District, there are 14 students in the program, mostly Spanish speakers. Students can test out of this program after being in it and the teacher, Charissa McAuliff, checks in to make sure they are doing well. If they test out but end up needing help again, they can come back to the program. “I would say that

(without this program) it would take a lot longer for the students to learn what they need to learn within the short time they have in the grade level," McAuliff said.

CD Maturation - Lisa was able to cash a CD that reached maturity. We received interest of \$15,375.54 in our working cash fund. The terms of the CD were: \$275,000 for 12 months.  
Strategic Plan/Goals - Next meeting will be after the board meeting in November.

5. **Unfinished Business –**

Board members Dan Dalberg and Don Kussmaul attended the October Northwest Division meeting and Dan reviewed the highlights of that meeting with the board.

6. **New Business**

6.1. Principals week is Oct 20<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> with October 25<sup>th</sup> being Principals Day.

6.2. Nov 15<sup>th</sup> is School Board Members Day.

6.3. Mr. Potts was presented with a FOIA asking for our Active Shooting Evacuation Plan. He did not comply with this simply stating that it should only be shared with district and local police and fire officials as the information he was asking for could lead to an issue if it with was in the wrong hands. He did state that our training has lead us to empower staff and students to make the best decision for them to get to safety as we then have rally points and evacuation sites.

6.4. The IASB Membership has been renewed for another year.

6.5. Dalberg moved to approve the transfer of funds from fund 60 to fund 30 for bond series 2020 phase I (dec 2024 pmt) \$130,000.00 Principal and \$29,603.25 interest for a total of \$159,603.25 with a second by Schauer. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.

6.6. Sendt moved to approve the transfer of funds from fund 60 to fund 30 for bond series 2022-ARS bond (dec 2024 pmt) \$65,000.00 Principal and \$35,450.00 interest for a total of \$100,450.00 with a second by Muchow. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.

6.7. Kussmaul moved to approve the Waiver of Administrative Cost Limitations with a second by Dalberg. All voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

7. **Personnel**

Sendt made a motion to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented with a second by Poulton. Roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

President Foote thanked those leaving for their years of service to East Dubuque Schools and welcomed the new employees.

8. **President's Prerogative**

9. **Adjourn**

Muchow made a motion to adjourn with a second from Sendt. Motion carried 7-0 and meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Signed:



Glen Foote, President

Attest:



Don Kussmaul, Secretary