

Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont Community School District Annual Board Meeting and Organizational Board Meeting Minutes November 24, 2025

The Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont Community School District Board of Directors met at the District Office in Eddyville on Monday, November 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for the annual board meeting followed by the organizational board meeting. Visitors in attendance: Ann Ohms, Nick Batterson, Mark Miller, and others who did not sign in.

Call to Order: President Houk called the annual meeting of the EBF Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call: Ed Glenn – present; Eric Klyn – present; Brianne Batterson – present; Micah Van Mersbergen – present; Tom Judy – present; Tyrone Lobberecht – present; Curt Houk – present. Quorum established.

Public Forum: Mark Miller addressed the board regarding his hope for growth for Fremont.

Correspondence: None.

Approve Agenda: Lobberecht moved, Van Mersbergen seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports & Presentations: Superintendent Williamson, Jr/Sr High Principal, Jordan Buell, and Director of Special Services, Cathy Williamson, presented their reports to the board. Reports from the Curriculum Director and the Elementary Principals were submitted but not read aloud.

Consent Items: Glenn moved, and Van Mersbergen seconded, to approve consent items 6a through 6c(vi): minutes from October 20, 2025; account balances as of October 31, 2025; November bills list; and the following board policies: 226 – Absence of Policy; 228 – Board Member Development Opportunities; 229 – Compensation and Expenses; 230 – Attendance at National Meetings/Conventions and the second reading of 411 – Abuse of Students by District Employee. Motion carried unanimously. Van Mersbergen moved, and Glenn seconded, to approve the first reading of 503A – Chronic Absenteeism. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel: Judy moved, and Lobberecht seconded, to approve the following hires: Whitney McLaughlin, Mental Health Counselor for Blakesburg & Fremont Elementary; Ethan Davis, Jr High Boys Basketball Coach; Vitto Luchi, Assistant Baseball Coach; Jordan Buell, 9th Grade Baseball Coach; volunteers: Micah Mullenix, Wrestling; Marty Roberts, Boys Basketball; Dustin Snakenberg, Baseball; and Eric Lenox, Baseball; and the resignation of Curt Johnston, Jr High Boys Basketball Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

- Judy moved, and Batterson seconded, to approve the Campbell Drivers Education Agreement for 2026 and 2027 and the Indian Hills Addendum of Courses for 2025-2026. Motion carried unanimously.
- Glenn moved, and Lobberecht seconded, to approve the FY2025 Year End Balances. Small discussion on the upcoming SBRC meeting that will reduce the unauthorized unspent balance. Board will again approve year end balances after the SBRC meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Canvassed Election Results:

Director District #1: Brianne Batterson received 70 votes, Bryce Edmonds received 11 votes, and there was one write in vote. Batterson elected.

Director District #2: Jessica Nollen received 18 votes, Micah Van Mersbergen received 54 votes, and Jeff Swim received 26 votes. Van Mersbergen elected.

Director District #6: Curt M. Houk received 28 votes and Kyle Teach received 48 votes. Teach elected.

Director District #7: Eric Klyn received 65 votes. Klyn elected.

Adjournment of Retiring Board: Van Mersbergen moved, and Batterson seconded, to adjourn the annual board meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Superintendent Williamson thanked Mr. Houk for his time and service on the board. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Board took a small break before the Organizational Board Meeting.

Call to Order: Secretary McCrea called the organizational meeting to order at 6:54 p.m.

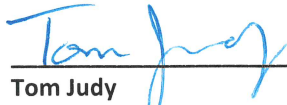
Oath of Office: Secretary McCrea administered the oath of office to duly elected board members: Brianne Batterson – Director District #1; Eric Klyn – Director District #7; Micah Van Mersbergen – Director District #2 and Kyle Teach – Director District #6.

Organizational Items:

- Van Mersbergen moved, and Lobberecht seconded the nomination of Tom Judy for EBF Board President. Teach nominated, and Lobberecht seconded the nomination of Ed Glenn for EBF Board President. Judy was elected EBF Board President with a 4-3 vote (Klyn, Batterson, Van Mersbergen and Judy voting for Judy and Glenn, Lobberecht, and Teach voting for Glenn). Secretary McCrea administered the oath of office to Judy. President Judy took over the meeting at 6:59 p.m.
- Lobberecht moved, and Van Mersbergen seconded the nomination of Ed Glenn for EBF Board Vice President. Van Mersbergen moved, and Batterson seconded to cease nominations. Glenn was appointed EBF Vice President. Secretary McCrea administered the oath of office to Glenn.
- Klyn moved, and Batterson seconded the nomination of Mary McCrea as EBF Board Secretary. Van Mersbergen moved, and Batterson seconded to cease nominations. McCrea was appointed Board Secretary. President Judy administered the oath of office to McCrea.
- Van Mersbergen moved, and Lobberecht seconded to set the Regular Board Meeting Schedule to the Third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, unless listed otherwise on the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- Lobberecht moved, and Batterson seconded to set Parliamentary Procedures at a Glance as Procedural Rules. Motion carried unanimously.
- Van Mersbergen moved, and Lobberecht seconded to approve First Iowa State bank as the depository for EBF with a maximum depository limit of twenty million dollars. Motion carried unanimously.
- Lobberecht moved, and Klyn seconded to set the Ottumwa Courier as the Official Publication for EBF. Motion carried unanimously.
- Klyn moved, and Lobberecht seconded to select Ahlers & Cooney Law Firm, Mr. Brett Nitzschke as the school's attorney. Motion carried unanimously.
- Lobberecht, Klyn and Teach were appointed to the Capital Projects/Transportation Committee; Van Mersbergen and Batterson were appointed to the Negotiations Committee; Judy was appointed to the Quarterly Building Representative Meeting Committee; and Glenn was appointed to the Wellness Committee.
- Van Mersbergen will be the EBF Board Delegate for Mahaska County's Conference Board; Judy will be the EBF Board Delegate for Wapello County's Conference Board; and Judy will be the EBF Delegate for the Iowa Association of School Boards.

Discussion Items: Board members agreed upon listing both their cell phones and Rocket email accounts on the district website. Open Meetings and Public Records Training opportunities are available from Iowa Association of School Boards and Ahlers & Cooney Law Firm. Secretary McCrea will get Teach signed up for the December 4th training with Iowa Association of School Boards. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office. The board will hold a board work session following this meeting. The official ballot for GPAEA Director District 3 was reviewed, with President Judy casting the vote for the EBF school district. Open enrollments were reviewed. Current open positions: Para Educator at Eddyville Elementary, 3rd Grade Classroom Teacher for the 2026-27 school year: Regular Route Driver; and Substitutes for all positions. Coaching/supplemental positions: Boys & Girls Golf Coach; Junior High Softball Coach and two Junior High Baseball Coaches.

Adjournment: Lobberecht moved, and Batterson seconded, to adjourn the organizational board meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Tom Judy
Board President



Mary McCrea
Board Secretary