Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont Community School District
Board Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2026

The Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont Community School District Board of Directors met at the District Offices in Eddyville on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. for a regular board meeting. Visitors in attendance: Ann Ohms, and others who did not sign in.

Call to Order: President Judy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call: Ed Glenn – present; Eric Klyn – present; Brianne Batterson – present; Micah Van Mersbergen – present; Kyle Teach – present via Zoom; Tyrone Lobberecht – present; Tom Judy – present. Quorum established.

Public Forum: No one from the public spoke.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Approve Agenda: Lobberecht moved, and Glenn seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports & Presentations: Superintendent Scott Williamson presented his report, Jr/Sr High Principal Jordan Buell and Director of Special Services, Cathy Williamson each presented their board reports. Other reports submitted, but not read, were from the Curriculum Director and Elementary Principals. All reports are linked to the published agenda at https://rocketsk12.iowaschoolfinance.com/policy/board-meeting-agendas.

Consent Items: Glenn moved, and Van Mersbergen seconded, to approve consent items 6a to 6c(vi): minutes from August 17, 2026 and August 24, 2026; account balances as of August 31, 2026; September bills list; and review of the following board policies: 424 – Substitutes for Classified Personnel; 425 – Public Complaints About Employees; 426 – Employee Family and Medical Leave; 427 – Nepotism; 428 – Gifts to Employees and second reading of new board policy 542A – Student Activity Program – Eighth Grade Participation in High School Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel: Klyn moved, and Batterson seconded, to approve the hires of Micheal Pilcher, Head Boys Track, Ryan Jackson, Assistant Boys Track, Gladys Genskow, Head Girls Track, Whitley Alexander, Assistant Girls Track, Kiera MacPherson, Jr High Track, Hannah Jager, Jr High Track, Helen Koffman-Stout, Jr High Track, Dimitri Boyer, Boys Golf, Carson Genskow, Girls Golf, Tony Fenton, Head Softball, Madysen Wade, Assistant Softball, Kylie Batterson, 9th Grade Softball, Gladys Genskow, Jr High Softball, and Megan Lehman, Jr High Softball; and approve the volunteers of Preston Strausser, Regina Hoy, Tyler Shelquist, Bryce Dalbey, Kaci Poe, Todd Stuart, Sylvia Brown, Rob Pilcher, Adam Bahr, Katie Smith, Ashley Schultz, Dan Guiter, Sydney Guiter for Archery; Kylie Batterson for Track; and Ashlynn Sheets for Softball. Motion carried unanimously. There were no resignations.

Action Items:

- There were no Contracts or Agreements.
- Batterson moved, and Lobberecht seconded to select the following three legislative priorities to send to Rural School Advocates of Iowa: Local School Board Authority, Adequate School Resources for Public Schools, and Quality Preschool. Motion carried unanimously.
- Glenn moved, and Lobberecht seconded to approve the Hard Surface Only Plan for 2026-27. Motion carried unanimously.
- Van Mersbergen moved, and Glenn seconded, to approve the Jr/Sr High and Elementary SF2428 Discipline Protocols to be added to the current student handbooks. Motion carried unanimously.
- Glenn moved, and Lobberecht seconded, to approve the building transfer request from Fremont to Eddyville for the Vandello family. The Board discussed class sizes, the number of sections per grade, and

ways to provide students in smaller classes with additional social interaction opportunities. Motion carried on a 4-3 vote. Voting yes: Glenn, Teach, Lobberecht, and Judy. Voting no: Klyn, Batterson, and Van Mersbergen.

- Van Mersbergen moved, and Lobberecht seconded to approve the SBRC Request for Supplemental Allowable Growth for the Special Education deficit of $337,061.18 and $0.00 for EL Excess Cost. Roll call vote: Glenn – yes, Klyn – yes, Batterson – yes, Van Mersbergen – yes, Teach – yes, Lobberecht – yes, and Judy – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items: Superintendent Williamson stated that PPEL and SAVE funding have secured the District's planned facility projects for the year, with no major unexpected projects anticipated. The wrestling room expansion is progressing, and the high school back parking lot is complete, although the District will look into relocating or removing light poles that pose a parking hazard. The District is still awaiting a response from the insurance company regarding air quality and insulation concerns and plans to have the insulation repaired. The Focus Group plans to meet two more times in October and will present approximately 12 recommendations with timelines, including possible guidelines for minimum class-section sizes and when classrooms may need to be combined or students reassigned. The next regular board meeting is Monday, October 19th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Board Office in Eddyville. The 2026 IASB BoardCon is scheduled for November 18th & 19th. Information will be sent to each board member. The board reviewed open enrollment applications. Current open positions include a School Business Official, an Elementary Music Teacher, a Night Custodian at the Jr/Sr High, Long Term Substitute Certified Teacher to cover for a teacher's extended leave, Head Baseball Coach, and substitutes for all positions.

Adjournment: Batterson moved, and Lobberecht seconded, to adjourn the board meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Thomas Judy
Board President

Mary McCrea
Board Secretary