

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 19, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Cambridge Agriculture Complex Conference Room*

The location of the Regular Board of Education meeting has been changed from Cambridge Elementary School to the Cambridge Agriculture Complex Conference Room.

300 South West Street

Cambridge, Illinois 61238

The Cambridge Community Unit School District #227 Board of Education met for a regularly scheduled meeting on February 19, 2026. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. President Edmund called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a roll call attendance.

- **Members Present:** Lance Edmund, Chad Humphrey, Carrie Boelens, Culley Medley, Jared Brewer, and Becky Blackert
- **Members Absent:** None
- **Also Present:** Jenna Bibb, Superintendent; Bob Reagan, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Heather Pine, Elementary Principal; and members of the public.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Mrs. Boelens, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved under the consent agenda were:

- a. Minutes of the January 15, 2026 regular meeting and January 29, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting,
- b. The bills through February 19, 2026,
- c. Revolving Fund through January 2026,
- d. Treasurer's Report for January 2026,
- e. Grade School Activity Report and the Junior/Senior High School Activity Report for January 2026,
- f. FOIA Report,
- g. Approval for Superintendent to Begin Work on the FY27 Budget,
- h. PRESS Board Policy Review: Issue 120 (Policies 2:120, 2:150, 2:270, 3:10, 3:50, 3:60, 4:10, 4:30, 4:80, 4:110, 4:140, 4:150, 4:160, 4:170, 4:190, 5:10, 5:20, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:185, 5:190, 5:200, 5:220, 5:280, 5:300, 6:20, 6:40, 6:60, 6:130, 6:135, 6:140, 6:160, 6:210, 6:235, 6:240, 6:260, 6:270, 6:280, 6:300, 6:310, 6:315, 6:320, 7:10, 7:70, 7:130, 7:140, 7:150, 7:180, 7:190, 7:250, 7:290, 7:310, 7:315, 7:340, 8:30, 8:100) – First Reading.

A roll call vote was held. Aye: Humphrey, Boelens, Medley, Brewer, Blackert, Edmund. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Public Participation:

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

At 7:01 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Medley to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, student discipline, or to fill a vacancy. A roll call vote was held. Aye: Boelens, Medley, Brewer, Blackert, Edmund, Humphrey. Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 7:44 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Edmund, to exit executive session. A roll call vote was held. Aye: Medley, Brewer, Blackert, Edmund, Humphrey, Boelens. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Action Items Resulting from Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Edmund, seconded by Mrs. Boelens to approve Lindsey DeDecker to fill the vacant board position. . A roll call vote was held. Aye: Brewer, Blackert, Edmund, Humphrey, Boelens, Medley. Nay: None. Motion carried. Mr. Edmund administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Board Member Lindsey DeDecker.

Reports:

Mrs. Pine, Elementary Principal, shared the following report:

- **National Counseling Week:** Recognition was given to counselor Annie Wood and school social worker Abbie Carpenter during the first week of February. They were thanked for the care and support provided to students and staff.
- **CPC Carnival:** The CPC was thanked for hosting a successful carnival. Junior high and high school students were also recognized for volunteering their time to run the event games.
- **Land of Smiles:** The National Theatre for Children visited the school to present the "Land of Smiles" program to students in grades K-3. The performance focused on teaching dental health and overall wellness through an engaging format.
- **TeacherEase Conference:** Mrs. Pine, along with Mr. Reagan, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Steider, attended a professional development conference in Bloomington, Illinois. The sessions covered yearly rollover, reports, online registration, and scheduling within the TeacherEase system.
- **Kids Heart Challenge:** The school reached its fundraising goal of \$8,500, so an all-school field trip to the park will be held for students and staff.
- **Cambridge Academic Foundation Event:** An upcoming fundraiser, "Murder at the Mall: The Class Reunion," written by Tom Akers, is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, at the Midland Golf Club. Doors open at 5:30 PM, and the event will include a live auction, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and food.

Mr. Reagan, Junior/Senior High School Principal, shared the following report:

- **Academics and Awards:** The National Honor Society (NHS) ceremony is scheduled for March 12 at 6:30 PM. Congratulations were extended to Lisa Miller for receiving the Award of Excellence – Student Support Personnel, and to Heather Pine for receiving the Award of Meritorious Service – School Administrator.
- **Student Programming:** The National Guard visited physical education classes to teach teamwork skills. High school students also participated in a mental health presentation titled "Alive and Running".
- **Community Engagement:** Students from SALT, Mrs. Moninski's AIM class, and various teachers created valentines for Senator Anderson's district project, which were delivered to area nursing homes. SALT also held its annual Valentine's soda project, while FFA members Bella Jewett and Harper Little offered flowers as part of their SAE project. Additionally, approximately 30 junior high and high school students volunteered at the Elementary Carnival.
- **Student Recognition:** Mason Palmer and Miles Taylor were named Rotary Students of the Quarter. In athletics, Emily Downing was selected for the IHSA All-State Academic Team.
- **FFA Activities and Achievements:**
 - The AM Ambition Career Fair was held on January 22, featuring community partners and a breakfast for students.
 - At the Section 3 proficiency contest, 16 students advanced to districts.
 - The team earned 1st place in the Junior Division and 5th place Overall in the Senior Division at the Section 3 Meats Evaluation CDE hosted by Raber Packing.
 - Members also participated in the State Vet Science and State Horse Evaluation CDEs.
 - Nearly 50 members attended a ski trip to Chestnut Mountain, and freshman members attended the Ground Zero Conference for leadership development.
 - Student teacher Mrs. Tea Snook was commended for her performance as she assumes more duties.
- **FFA Week:** The school celebrated FFA Week from February 14th–20th. Activities included a "Living to Serve" day, Ag Olympics, a Middle School Day with a dodgeball tournament, a "Drive-your-tractor-to-school" day featuring a pork chop cookout, and a concluding trip to the Niabi Zoo.

Superintendent Jenna Bibb shared the following report:

- **Henry-Stark Executive Board Meeting:** An overview of finances and billing from the cooperative has been requested to identify potential cost-saving measures for special education expenses.

Additionally, Mr. Miller is scheduled to attend a Board meeting this spring to provide an update on Wings Academy.

- **Awards and Recognition:** Mrs. Pine was honored with the Award of Meritorious Service – School Administrator, and Mrs. Miller received the Award of Excellence – Student Support Personnel through the ISBE 2026 Those Who Excel awards program. Students of the Quarter, Miles Taylor and Mason Palmer, were also celebrated during the Cambridge Rotary meeting.
- **RISE Network and Distance Learning:** A follow-up meeting was held regarding the Rural Illinois Shared Education (RISE) Network, which facilitates collaboration on distance learning. The district plans to pursue a grant to cover 85% of the associated expenses, with the remaining portion funded via the REAP grant.
- **2027 Fleet Preview:** Discussions were held regarding next year's vehicle fleet. The district is currently evaluating options, including the purchase of one used bus and a potential one-year lease extension on an existing bus, pending final quotes.
- **District Leadership Team (DLT) and Facility Updates:** A draft for a Non-Certified Staff Handbook has been created and will be getting feedback. Also, HD Pro completed a review of custodial processes, staffing, and supplies, and the results have just been received.
- **Financial and Expenditure Update:** With 58% of the fiscal year complete, most funds remain within expected spending limits. It was noted that Transportation expenses (currently at 74.4%) are traditionally higher at this stage as bus expenses are paid at the start of the year, while Tort transfers (28.7%) occur in the spring.

Correspondence:

A motion was made by Mr. Medley, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to approve the following correspondence items:

- Letter of Retirement from Chad Hamerlinck after the 2030-2031 school year.
- Letter of Resignation from Rhonda Blakey Anderson.
- Letter of Resignation from Tim Sullivan, effective March 31, 2026.
- Letter of Request for Maternity Leave from Haley Gruber.
- Letter of Resignation from Don Hulin.

Motion carried 7-0.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Mrs. Bibb shared that the District could install shot clocks using 1% School Facility Sales Tax funds and that she acquired quotes for a shot clock with and without end-of-period lights. This purchase would allow Cambridge High School to continue to host high school basketball games next season. The Board held a discussion about whether or not to install end-of-period lights, and a motion was made by Mr. Medley, seconded by Mr. Edmund to approve the purchase of shot clocks with end-of-period lights for \$10,804.00 using 1% School Facility Sales Tax funds. A roll call vote was held. Aye: Edmund, Humphrey, Medley. Nay: Blackert, DeDecker, Boelens, Brewer. Motion failed. After the motion failed, Board members discussed whether they should approve the shot clocks without lights or explore possible options to pay for the additional expense of the end-of-period lights. It was determined that Mrs. Bibb will gather options to pay for the additional expense and report back at next month's meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Blackert, seconded by Mrs. Boelens, to approve the AIM Memorandum of Understanding to allow certified staff to flex time for AIM duties. A roll call vote was held. Aye: Edmund, Boelens, Medley, Brewer, Blackert, DeDecker. Present: Humphrey. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Administration provided a review of the request for a Cambridge Trap Shooting Club, including safety and coaching requirements, and fundraising plans to pay for the cost of the program. A motion was made by Mrs. Boelens, seconded by Mr. Humphrey to approve the Trap Shooting Club as a student activity through the USA High School Clay Target League. A roll call vote was held. Aye: Boelens, Brewer, Blackert, DeDecker, Edmund, Humphrey. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Medley, seconded by Mrs. Blackert, to approve the following employments:

- Stephanie Taylor – Substitute Bus Driver.
- Kendall Lewis – HS Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach.
- Dawson Anderson – HS Baseball Coach.
- Mackenzie Brown – HS Assistant Track Coach.
- Ganon Greenman – HS Assistant Baseball Coach.
- Jeff Little – HS Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach.

A roll call vote was held. Aye: Boelens, Brewer, Blackert, DeDecker, Edmund, Humphrey. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Executive Session

At 8:30 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Medley, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, student discipline, or to fill a vacancy. A roll call vote was held. Aye: Medley, Brewer, Blackert, DeDecker, Edmund, Humphrey, Boelens. Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 8:59 pm, a motion was made by Mrs. Boelens, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to exit executive session. A roll call vote was held. Aye: Brewer, Blackert, DeDecker, Edmund, Humphrey, Boelens, Medley. Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 8:59 pm, Mrs. Blackert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Edmund seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

President

Secretary