

EFFINGHAM COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #40  
EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

President Wendling called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 PM

VP Thompson called the roll.

Members present: Andrew Altman, Brandon Duncan, Chad Thompson, Desha Wear, and Jill Wendling

Members absent: Erica Boone and Jane Willenborg

Members in attendance remotely: none

Staff present: Andrew Johnson and Kelsey Baker

2. Recognition of Visitors

3. Consent Agenda

A. Field Trips:

Group	Event	Date
EJHS Band & Choir	Fundraiser reward trip to St. Louis City Museum and Zoo	May 9, 2026
Future Teachers Club	National Conference in Portland, OR	June 19-23, 2026

B. Fundraisers:

Group	Event	Reason	Date
Future Teachers Club	Sale of snacks and drinks during Water Olympics @ EHS	Raise funds for Club activities & attendance at the National Conference in Oregon	May 12, 2026
Future Teachers Club	Sale of Kaitlin Budde's Children's Book	Raise funds for Club activities & attendance at the National Conference in Oregon	May 4-15, 2026

C. 2026 Summer Camp Schedule

UNIT #40 SUMMER CAMPS - 2026							
<u>Camp</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Who can attend</u>
<b>EHS Boys Youth Basketball Camp</b>	Nick Painter	May 26-28	EHS Big Gym	4:00-6:00pm	1-8		Open to all

<b>EHS Girls Basketball Shooting Camp</b>	Coach Jeff Schafer	May 20-22	EHS Big Gym	9:30am-11:30am	1-8	\$50	Open to all
<b>FCA Camp</b>	Coach Kyle Stortzum & Megan Tylka	May 28, 29	EHS Gyms & Athletic Complex	7am-12pm	5-8	FREE	Open to all
<b>EHS Band Camp</b>	Trent Mason	July 6-10 July 20-24	Practice Football Field, WSB Stadium, EHS Cafeteria, EHS Library, Wrestling Room	8:00am-5:00pm	9-12	\$100 (fee for season)	Marching Band
<b>EHS Girls Tennis Youth Clinic</b>	Coaches Alexandria Estes	June 22-26	EHS Tennis Courts	8:30am-12:00pm	1-8	\$40	Open to all
<b>EHS Girls Tennis Team Skills Camp</b>	Coach Alexandria Estes	June 8-12	EHS Tennis Courts	8:00-10:00am	9-12	FREE	Team
<b>EHS Volleyball Team &amp; Youth Camp</b>	Coach Laurie Bohnhoff	June 1-4	EHS Big & Small Gyms	8:30am-4:00pm	3-8, 9-12	\$50	Open to all & Team
<b>EHS Cheer Team Camp - XC</b>	Coach Riley Crain	July 15-18 July 27-28	Granite City Charleston	All Day	9-12	\$295	Team
<b>EHS Girls SIBC Tournament</b>	Coach Jeff Schafer	June 15-17	EHS Big & Small Gyms, EJHS Gym	8:00am-7:00pm	7-12	---	Team
<b>JH Cross Country</b>	Coach Nancy Ervin	June 23-27	Eastern Illinois University	All Day (overnight stay)	6-8	\$400	Team
<b>EHS Baseball Youth Camp</b>	Coaches Curran McNeely & Mason Hull	July 7-9	EHS Baseball Fields	8:30am-12:45pm	K-8	\$50	Open to All
<b>EHS Poms Team Camp - Home Camp</b>	Coach Mikayla McWhorter	TBD	EHS	TBD	9-12	TBD	Team
<b>EHS Football Cheer Team Camp - UCA</b>	Coach Janelle Schuette	June 10-12	Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville	All Day (overnight stay)	9-12	\$425	Team
<b>EHS Football Team Camp</b>	Coach Brett Hefner	July 13-16 July 20-23 August 3,4	WSB Stadium	7:00-10:00am	9-12	\$50	Team

<b>JH Softball Youth &amp; Team Camp</b>	Coach Lori Koester	July 20-22	EHS Softball Fields	8:00-10:30am	5-8	\$40	Open to all & Team
<b>EHS Wrestling Youth Camp</b>	Coach Jeremy Patnaude	June 22-25	EHS Small Gym	5:00-7:00pm	5-12	\$65	Open to All
<b>JH Cheer Team Camp</b>	Coaches Natalie Stortzum & Addysen Stortzum						Team

<b>Effingham Unit #40 Athletic Physicals *All fees donated to Effingham Sportsbackers</b>	Mack Thompson, Leslie Jansen	May 20	SBL Effingham Family Practice	4:00-7:00 pm	5-12	\$20	Unit 40 Students
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<b>Other Important Dates</b>							
EHS Small Gym Clean/Wax: June 10 & 11							
EHS Big Gym Clean/Wax: July 17 & 18							
IHSA Dead Week (No Unit #40 Team Activities): June 28-July 5							

**We are also requesting summer transportation to some of the scheduled games and camps which would need to be approved.**

<b><u>HS Volleyball</u></b>	<b><u>JH Volleyball</u></b>						
June 1 @ Mt. Zion	July 23 @ Millikin						
Jun 8 @ Mt. Zion							
July 18 @ Parkland							
July 25 & 26 @ Parkland							

Altman made a motion, seconded by Duncan, to accept the Consent Agenda.

Roll call vote

AYES: Altman, Duncan, Thompson, Wear, Wendling,

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

Motion Carried

4. Closed Session

A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

B. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

C. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

Duncan made a motion, seconded by Altman, to adjourn to Closed Session at 5:34 PM.

Roll call vote

AYES: Altman, Duncan, Thompson, Wear, Wendling

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

Motion Carried

Willenborg arrived at 6:14 PM

5. Return to Open Session

Altman made a motion, seconded by Duncan, to adjourn and return to open session at 6:34 PM.

Roll call vote

AYES: Altman, Duncan, Thompson, Wear, Wendling, Willenborg

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

Motion Carried

6. Personnel List

<b>EMPLOYMENT:</b>	
Brigette Brown	Teacher Assistant at LHECC
Tonya Steuernagel	Teacher Assistant at LHECC
Nick Painter	HS Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2026-27 School Year
Haley Gregg	HS Fr/So Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-27 School Year
Riley Crain	HS Head Varsity Cheer Coach for the 2026-27 School Year
Ella Harman	HS Assistant Varsity Cheer Coach for the 2026-27 School Year
Haley Stoklosa	7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach & Volunteer HS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-27 School Year
Mark Devall	JH Assistant Cross Country Coach for the 2026-27 School Year
<b>APPOINTMENT:</b>	
Logan Andrews	JH Band Director

Stacey Walk	JH Scholar Bowl Coach
Dan Walker	JH Assistant Scholar Bowl Coach
Becky Wilson & Lysie Hoffman	JH Student Council Co-Sponsors
Britt Wendling	JH Yearbook Sponsor
Jeni Phillips	JH Literary Instructor
Austin Stout	JH Vocal Director
Donna Walls	JH Drama Director
Kammy McKenna	JH Chess Club Sponsor
Haley Brown	JH Mustang Outreach Sponsor
Nichole Greer	Volunteer JH Mustang Mindset
<b>TRANSFER:</b>	
Blake Wesselman	F/S Boys Basketball Coach for the 2026-27 School Year
Mikayla McWhorter	Art Teacher at CGS for the 2026-27 School Year
Talitha Wiedman	Principal at ES /ELC for the 2026-27 School Year
Josie Westendorf	LBS1 Teacher @ EHS for the 2026-27 School Year
Katie Beckman	LBS1 Teacher @ EJHS for the 2026-27 School Year
JaLana Robison	½ EHS Biology Teacher & ½ EJHS Science Teacher for the 2026-27 School Year
Marisa Ruffner	4th Grade Teacher for the 2026-27 School Year
Randi Yager	4th Grade Teacher for the 2026-27 School Year
Katrina Eirhart	½ SS Library & ½ SS Tech Integrationist for the 2026-27 School Year
Megan Adkins	CGS & ELC Tech Integrationist for the 2026-27 School Year
<b>RESIGNATION:</b>	
Sydney Ritz	21st Century After School Program Facilitator
Riley Crain	Volunteer Assistant Cheer Coach
Lacy Althoff	Principal at ELC, ES, and LH PFA at the end of the 2025-26 School Year
Brooke Hansen	Para at ELC end of the 2025-26 School Year
Marielle Abalos	Art Teacher - August 2026
Nick Painter	Volunteer Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
Mary Dust	Cafeteria Monitor @ CGS
<b>RETIREMENT:</b>	
Tammy Birch	Bus Driver end of 2025-26 School Year
Penny Deters	Parapro - August 2026
Amanda Swan	Parapro - July 2026

Duncan made a motion, seconded by Altman, to approve the personnel list as presented.

Roll call vote

AYES: Altman, Duncan, Thompson, Wear, Wendling, Willenborg

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

Motion Carried

7. Approval for Administrative and Director Contracts/Salaries

Thompson made a motion, seconded by Altman, to approve the administrators' and directors' contracts/salaries as presented.

Roll call vote

AYES: Altman, Boone, Duncan, Thompson, Wear, Wendling, Willenborg

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

Motion Carried

8. Adjourn

Altman made a motion, seconded by Duncan, to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 PM.

Roll call vote

AYES: Altman, Duncan, Thompson, Wear, Wendling, Willenborg

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

Motion Carried

**Date of Minutes:** Wednesday, May 6, 2026

**Date of Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

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President

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Secretary

**EFFINGHAM COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #40**

**Effingham, Illinois**

**Motion to Adjourn to Closed Meeting**

**Date: May 6, 2026**

**Time: 5:34 PM**

A motion was made by Duncan, and seconded by Altman, to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).**
- Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).**
- The selection of a person to fill a public office, including a vacancy in a public office, when the District is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the District is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).
- Evidence or testimony presented in open hearing, or in closed hearing where authorized by law, to a quasi-adjudicative body, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, provided that the body prepares and makes available for public inspection a written decision with its determinative reasoning. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4).
- Evidence or testimony presented to the Board regarding denial of admission to school events or property pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/24-24, provided that the Board prepares and makes available for public inspection a written decision setting forth its determinative reasoning. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4.5), added by P.A. 103-311.
- The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).
- The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).
- The sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7).
- Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8).
- Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).
- The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).**
- The establishment of reserves or settlement of claims as provided in the Local Government and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act, if otherwise the disposition of a claim or potential claim might be prejudiced, or the review or discussion of claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications from or with respect to any insurer of the District or any intergovernmental risk management association or self-insurance pool of which the District is a member. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(12).
- Self-evaluation, practices and procedures, or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the District is a member. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16).
- Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).
- Meetings between internal or external auditors and governmental audit committees, finance committees, and their equivalents, when the discussion involves internal control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards of the United States of America. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(28).

**Closed Meeting Roll Call:**

<b>"Yeas" - 5</b>	<b>"Nays" - 0</b>
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Motion: Carried