

EACSD Board of Directors approves sharing of Athletic Director duties; Tommy Martin sworn as new board member for District #1

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The Eastern Allamakee Community School District (EACSD) Board of Directors held its regular meeting Monday, June 9 at 7:03 p.m. at Kee High School. Board President Arla Wagner called the meeting to order with board members Heather Lutz, Joe Manning, and Melanie Mauss present. Also attending were Interim Superintendent Patrick Heiderscheidt, PK-12 Principal Donna Thomas, and Board Secretary Michele Martin. Visitors included Jay Mathis, Tommy Martin, and Dave Ellefson.

The board approved Tommy Martin as the new board member representing District #1, replacing Bobbie Goetzinger, who resigned from the board seat after recently accepting employment within the school district. Tommy Martin accepted the position and took the oath of office. Michele Martin was appointed and sworn in as Board Secretary.

The board approved the June consent items, including the minutes of the May meetings, June bills, and the Secretary's Financial Report, along with May's Activity and Food Service reports. The board also authorized the payment of bills through June 30, 2025.

The board approved contracts for the sharing of the role of Athletic Director for the 2025-2026 school year between Elizabeth Hill, Danny Love, and Jason Crane. Additionally, the title of Hill's previously approved contract was changed from PK-12 Special Education Director to Associate Principal PK-12/ Special Education Director.

Swisher & Cohrt was approved as the district attorney for the upcoming year. The board also approved several key operational and academic items, including Operational Sharing Agreements for a School

Business Official and Human Resources Director between the South Winneshiek School District and the Eastern Allamakee Community School District. Approval was also given to a resolution to join the EMC Storm Protection Fund, as well as the District Career and Academic Plan for the 2025-2026 school year and the amended district calendar for 2025-2026.

Under Administrative Reports, PK-12 Principal Donna Thomas shared up-

dates regarding the flooring order for New Albin Elementary and inquired about the board's experience with School Café, the new lunch program. She also presented options for the Computer Device Fee.

Interim Superintendent Patrick Heiderscheidt provided updates on district expenditures and upcoming projects, including summer roof repairs, classroom equipment updates, and HVAC system upgrades. He also discussed the transition to a

new health and dental insurance provider and reviewed wage plans for 2025-2026.

Additional items included the need to revise the graduation requirement policy and updates on the Learning Tree Daycare's use of the old middle school's top floor. It was noted that the City of Lansing has expressed interest in using the middle school building's lower floor. A special meeting of the board has been scheduled for Thursday, June 26 to further discuss

Waukon High School students preparing for educational tour to Ireland focused on agriculture



Flocking to support an educational cause ...

Flocks of flamingos such as the one pictured above may have been seen around the Waukon community recently. The "flocking" is a unique fundraiser being conducted by a group of Waukon High School students who will be taking part in an agricultural education tour of Ireland in June 2026. The flocking is being expanded to the Waterville and Harpers Ferry communities as well. Submitted photo.

A group of 20 Waukon High School students and parents will be taking an agriculture focused educational tour to Ireland in June of 2026. The students plan to be in Ireland for ten days.

During their time in Ireland, they will visit three regions. While visiting Dublin, they plan to tour St. Patrick's Cathedral, Grafton Street, St. Stephen's Green, EPIC The

Interactive Museum of Irish Emigration, and more.

Their travels will then take them to the Kilkenny Region, where they will tour the Irish National Stud Farm and Gardens and participate in the Irish Race Horse Experience. The students will also visit Kilkenny Castle and St. Mary's Cathedral.

While they are in the region they will spend a day

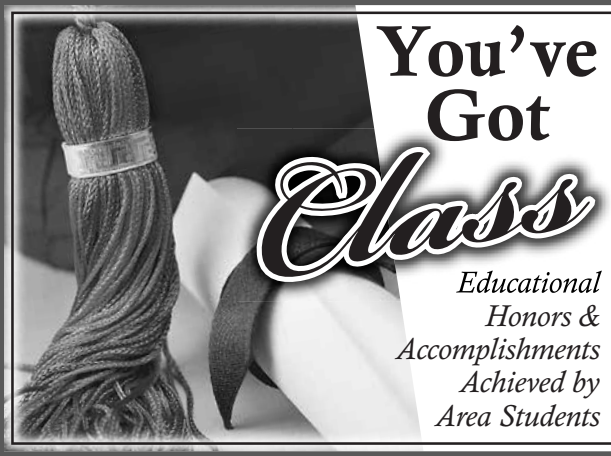
helping on a dairy or cattle farm. They will also explore other local farms, and get to enjoy a locally grown meal.

Traveling the cliffs of Moher will bring the group to Galway. Their time in Galway will allow them to see a sheep farm and sheep dog demonstration, as well as seeing a seaweed or shellfish farm with a shellfish activity.

Their last day in Galway will take the students on a walking tour and visiting the Eyre Castle and Lynch's Castle. After ten educational days in Ireland the students will return home. The students will be led by Mr. Adam Sacquitne, Waukon High School's Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor, as well as an official tour director.

The students are actively fundraising around the area to support the scheduled trip. They have sold brats at the St. Patrick's Day Parade, ran a food stand at Fan Ridge MX, sold pizzas, and they are currently "Flocking" people's yards with flamingos around the Waukon area, with a new flock starting in the Waterville and Harpers Ferry areas soon. For more information or to arrange for a "Flocking" in the Waukon area, call or text 563-419-8915, and to arrange for a "Flocking" in the Waterville or Harpers Ferry areas, call or text 563-568-8210.

The students appreciate the community's support in their fundraising efforts. All fundraiser proceeds will go towards student expenses associated with the educational trip to Ireland.



Graduates of University of Dubuque with Honors

The University of Dubuque has announced its list of Spring 2025 graduates. Among those graduates were Ellec Armstead of Waukon, who graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree, and Brinley Jones of Waukon, who graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree.

President's Honor Roll at Bemidji State University

Bemidji State University in Bemidji, MN has released its President's Honor Roll following completion of the Spring 2025 semester. To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, students must earn a grade-point average of 4.0 for the semester and be enrolled in at least 12 credits of coursework. Among those honored students is Natalie Byrnes of Waukon, who earned the honor for a second consecutive time.

Named to Dean's List at Clarke University

Clarke University in Dubuque has released its Dean's List following completion of the Spring 2025 semester. The list recognizes full-time Clarke students who have earned a 3.65 grade-point average or above, on a 4.0 scale, with a minimum of 12 graded undergraduate hours. Among those honored students are Jayden Knox and James VanderVelden, both of Waukon.

Dean's List at Kirkwood Community College

Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids has announced its Dean's List honors following completion of the Spring 2025 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college. Among those honored students are Drew Weymiller of Harpers Ferry and Brendan Croft of Lansing.

Dean's List at Northeast Iowa Community College

Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar has released its Dean's List following completion of the Spring 2025 semester. Among those honored students are the following area individuals:

- Taylor Reinhardt of Dorchester;
- Addisyn Berns, Mallory Berns, Taylor Kiel, Keira McCormick and Reese McCormick of Harpers Ferry;
- From Lansing, Caleb Helgersson, Ashlyn Henkes, Parker Leppert, Mallory Mohn, Dalton Mudderman, Jarod Reams, Kaylin Regan, Tobias Treptau, Ellyce Walsh, Damon Weber and Holden Welsh;
- Rachel Erickson, Avery Lamborn, Kole Pape and Tyler Zuercher of Luana;
- Karter Decker, Brock Eglseder, McKenna Klenk, Olivia Martins, Jade Moeller, Hayden Palmer and Bryson Sukup of Monona;
- Violet Nehman and Neva Peterson of New Albin;
- Connor Adam, Chris De La Rosa, Kiele Eberling, Mayra Galicia-Bautista, Andy Jochola, Mel Mejia-Torres and Pamela Mejia-Torres of Postville;
- Ashley Anaya, Ethan Gibbs, Kendra Gibbs, Hannah Hagen, Ava Hooten and Isaac Reisinger of Waterville;
- And from Waukon, Cole Benzing, Samara Berger, Jaxon Brinkman, Alysa Bublitz, Laryn Bulman, Halea Corwin, Reid Deeney, Ella Dehli, Mari Delaney, Olivia Dougherty, Tate Ellingson, Brayden Engrav, Remy Gulla, Issac Johanningmeier, Marina Kaeser, Jasmine Luong, Cara Mikkelsen, Ishq Patel, Tyler Rathbun, Emma Retallick, Isabella Rounds, Arianna Santillan, Kyrie Snitker, Bryiah Stewart, Sarah Stock, Natalie Sullivan, Kallie Troester, Hayden Van Gorp, Ashley Velarde and Mercedes Wilkins.



HPV VACCINATION Help Protect Against Cancer

Human papillomavirus (HPV) infections may be common. Fortunately, the HPV vaccine prevents the virus and the cancers it can cause.

WHO SHOULD GET VACCINATED?
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the HPV vaccine for boys and girls, starting as early as age 9 and through age 26.

Ask your child's healthcare provider about the HPV vaccine.