

# ESSEX COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## August School Board Meeting Highlights

The Board received notice that their application for an interest free loan for \$250,000 was approved by the state. This money is earmarked for replacing the oldest portions of the roof. Work will begin later this month.

The Board approved a ½ time contract for a Spanish teacher. Ms. Violetta (Vee-oh-letta) Gonzalez arrived from Spain a few days ago and she will teach mornings in Villisca and afternoons in Essex.

One and three year goals were discussed. Increasing math and reading scores will be a high priority for the coming year. The building has some structural needs that will be prioritized in September. Building improvements discussed included new windows and some lighting upgrades. As far as technology improvements the board directed Mr. Flynn and Mr. Stuart to find out what the staff desires. Input concerning all future goals will be sought from current staff, the School Improvement Advisory Committee, and those in attendance at the all-school reunion that is coming up over the Labor Day weekend. Community input is always welcome as well as that from Essex students.

Pop and sport drinks will no longer be sold during the school day due to new state rules concerning healthy lifestyles.

Mr. Stuart reported that there are 13 girls out for volleyball and 12 boys are out for football.

The enrollment is up one from this time last year, but down from the number of students that were here at the end of the school year. The K-12 enrollment this year appears to be around 236.

School vans will be parked inside the storage sheds as soon as materials of no further use are discarded to make room for them. This action is being taken due to continued vandalism toward the school vehicles.

More complete information can be found in the Essex newspaper or on the school's website. Feel free to call or visit the school. You are always welcome!