

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Monday, September 12, 2022 – 7:00 PM
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

President Justin Corman called the school board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Justin Corman informed the public of the Open Meetings Act posted by the Library door.

The public was informed of this meeting by public posting at United States Post Office, Sonny's Super Foods, and Prairie Winds Community Center on Friday, September 9, 2022, and by public notice in the Bridgeport News-Blade on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

The Board meeting was also live streamed on STRIV, so remote users were able to access the live meeting.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Justin Corman, Kay Anderson, Jeff Pohl, Linda Norman, Greg Wickard, and Ryan Amateis. Also present were High School Principal George Schlothauer, Elementary Principal James Simmons, Principal of Instruction Erin Reynolds, Superintendent Chuck Lambert, and Recording Secretary Vonnie Brown.

Budget Hearing

Mr. Lambert reviewed the proposed 2022-2023 budget and mil levy for consideration. The budget calls for a levy of 1.047982 for the General fund and .089799 for the Bond fund for a total levy of 1.137781 for 2022-2023. What this means to the taxpayer is that for every \$10,000 worth of property valuation, the actual tax (collected for the school) for 2023 will be \$1137.81. The total levy for 2021-2022 for General and Bond Fund was 1.143072.

Mr. Lambert discussed how the budget is prepared. He also reviewed the effect of option students on state aid, effect of valuation on the budget, and historical valuation, levy, and state aid changes. He also discussed cash flow and expectation for improvement with continued Covid related grant funds available, Lease Purchase loan final payment that was made in 2021-2022, and upcoming tax opportunities.

The public was invited to comment.

Hearing no public comment, the board moved to the Special Tax Request Hearing.

Special Tax Request Hearing

Mr. Lambert reviewed the dollar amount requested for property tax dollars for the proposed budget. The school is requesting \$6,660,299.04 for the General Fund and \$570,707.00 for the Bond Fund for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Public was invited to comment.

Hearing no public comment, the board moved to the Regular Meeting.

Regular Meeting

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Pohl to approve the Agenda as presented for the Regular Meeting. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Wickard, and Amateis. No: None.

There were no communications.

Visitors were recognized.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Wickard to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of the August 8, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending August 31, 2022, September Expenditures, and September General Fund payroll and withholding of \$540,125.83 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$11,167.17. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Wickard, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

<u>Paid To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	
385 Meat Market LLC	232.83
ABDO Publishing Company	1,089.45
Allo Communications	428.55
Amazon Capital Services	7,757.96
Anderson's	145.83
Benzel Pest Control	165.00
Gail Beyer	285.00
Black Hills Energy	319.37
Big O Auto LLC	42,245.00
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of	4,374.13
Bluffs Facility Solutions	975.62
Bluum of Texas	13,410.00
Bomgaars	351.25
BSN Sports	173.29
City of Bridgeport	12,323.61
Colby Ridge Popcorn	225.00
Christy Collins	195.55
Collegiate Concepts	1,834.48
Committee for Children	1,164.50
Compton Electrical Services	810.87
Computers Etc.	28.64
Crescent Electric Supply Compa	1,242.87
Crossroads Music	1,676.75
Culligan of Scottsbluff	438.50
Cycletherapy Counseling Servic	7,800.00
DAS State Acctg-Central Financ	259.49
Jase Dean	182.82
Demco	2,126.25

ESU #10	4,600.00
ESU Coordinating Council	330.00
The Flooring Garage	8,732.00
Floyd's Truck Center	884.25
Follett School Solutions	6,271.72
Josie Freiberger	427.50
Victor Gutierrez	256.50
HomeTown Leasing	6,109.84
Innovative Office Solutions LL	221.18
IXL Learning	5,625.00
Tami Janicek	21.50
Jill Bartling	548.72
Jones School Supply Co. Inc.	623.90
J.W. Pepper & Sons	299.69
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	150.30
Kristyn Rife	136.40
Chuck Lambert	2,834.38
Lee's Service	4,445.60
Naomi Loomis	228.00
Lisa Lussetto	193.75
Mid-American Research Chemical	651.92
Matheson-Linweld	723.95
Modern Arborculture	1,050.00
Morrill County Community Hospi	231.00
National Art & School Supplies	2,192.52
Nebraska Bank	708.33
Julie Nein	50.00
Bridgeport News Blade	465.36
NMC Exchange LLC	1,864.81
Notable	2,010.00
Northwest Evaluation Associati	652.68
Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of All	663.60
Prestige Group Inc	3,500.00
Principal Life Ins Co	1,370.23
Purchase Power	90.76
Pyramid School Products	197.90
Quill	498.00
Rochester 100 Inc	270.00
S & S Worldwide Inc	228.64
Scholastic Inc	2,325.89
Tricia Schmunk	226.02
School Nurse Supply	1,233.61
School Outfitters	10,979.09
Sherwin Williams	1,096.08
SHI International Corp	2,547.00
James Simmons	235.00
Simmons Olsen Law Firm	455.50
The Simple Company & Floral Sh	37.75
Soar Pediatric Therapy	1,823.81
Sonny's Super Foods	666.29

Stadium Sports	3,186.00
TCI	8,664.00
Team Golf Gear	991.00
The Musician's Choice	42.65
Trading Post	376.04
Truck Center Companies	56.73
Turf Tank Billing	110.08
Waste Connections	570.86
Wells Fargo Card Services	23,713.30
William H. Sadlier	1,919.40
Western Trails Conference	1,500.00
Bridgeport Schools	146,537.36
Nebraska Bank	200,000.00
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Lunch Fund

Cash-Wa Distributing	15,925.45
Hiland Dairy	2,595.22
Honey-Wagon Express	270.00
Linpepco Alliance	2,849.54
Simply Clean	210.52
Sonny's Super Foods	2,419.97
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	123.53
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of	660.92
Bridgeport Schools GF/Payroll	1,737.49
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Bridgeport Schools	65.00
Bridgeport Public Schools (Fed	1,376.01
September 15 2022 Payroll	7,022.25
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Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to approve a teaching contract with Kimi Kramer for the 2022-2023 school year. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Wickard, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Wickard to accept a letter of resignation from Kimi Kramer, effective at the completion of the 2022-2023 school year. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Wickard, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to approve the 2022-2023 Budget as presented in the Budget Hearing. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Wickard, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Wickard to approve the Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request for the 2022-2023 Budget year as follows:

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of Bridgeport Public Schools passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Bridgeport Public Schools resolves that:

1. The 2022-2023 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	\$6,660,299.04
Bond Fund:	\$ 570,707.00
Special Building Fund:	\$
Qualified Capital Purpose:	\$
Undertaking Fund	

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 2.92 percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property taxes as last year, would be 1.110681 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Bridgeport Public Schools proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 1.137781 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Bridgeport Public Schools will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by +4.73 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2022.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wickard to adopt Resolution #0063.

Roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Wickard, and Amateis. No:

None.

Reports and Discussion

Erin Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported on 2022-2023 enrollments and referrals in Special Education, and the different ways referrals can be made. The school has contracted with Pam Uhl, a Special Education Birth-5 teacher, to provide services and run IFSP meetings. She also explained how students transition from level to level in special education. She also discussed ongoing testing for Reading and NSCAS and reporting distribution. She also remarked that she has been pleased with Kimi Kramer's work.

James Simmons, Elementary Principal, discussed teacher goal meetings, Ronald Clark Academy plans for November, Reading Curriculum, Accelerated Reading, Character Counts, and upcoming Field Trips.

George Schlothauer, Secondary Principal, discussed teacher shortages across Nebraska, the Donald Clark Scholarship awards of \$35,000, the FFA Labor Auction which raised \$23,500, homecoming plans, dual credit courses offered, and school security.

Chuck Lambert, Superintendent, reported on the assembly with Austin Lanier held on September 6, a vehicle purchased with final Covid funds, Little Bulldog Cheer Camp, inspection and repair of the bleachers, volleyball subdistricts to be held in Chadron, Bridgeport/WTC Golf tournament on September 22, rescheduling of JH Football game with Bayard, District Cross Country meet in Bridgeport on October 13, first eSports competition on September 15 – remotely, HS Girls basketball game on December 12 against Scottsbluff, SPVA One Acts held in Bridgeport on November 21, and Parent-Teacher Conferences schedule for October 4 & 5. He also reported that he has been asked to serve on an NSAA committee that will be studying classifications for activities. He discussed the school's financial situation, and it shows marked improvement.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM.
Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Wickard, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vonnie Brown
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Chuck Lambert, Superintendent

**Board of Education Regular Meeting
September 12, 2022 7:00 PM
Jr/Sr. High School Media Center**

Statement agenda, which shall be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the district office of Bridgeport Public Schools during normal business hours.

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as follows: (Items do not have to be taken in the same order as listed.)

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| I. | Call to Order | JC |
| II. | Open Meeting Notice of Posted Law | JC |
| III. | Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call | JC |
| IV. | Approval of Agenda | JC |
| V. | Communications | LN |
| VI. | Recognition of Visitors | |
| VII. | Consent Agenda | |
| | A. Approval of Minutes | |
| | B. Approval of Financial Reports | |
| | C. Approval of Bills | |
| | D. Approval of Payroll | |
| VIII. | Unfinished Business | |
| | A. Budget Hearing | CL |
| | B. Final Tax Request Hearing | CL |
| IX. | New Business | |
| | A. Approve a teaching contract with Kimi Kramer for the 22-23 school year | |
| | B. Accept a letter of resignation from Kimi Kramer at the completion of the 22-23 school year | |
| | C. Approve the 2022-2023 Budget as Presented in the Budget Hearing | CL |
| | D. Approve the Resolution to the Final Tax Request for the 2022-2023 Budget Year | CL |
| XI. | Reports and Discussion | |
| | E. Administrator's Reports | |
| | F. Board of Education Reports | |
| | G. Board Action on Items | |
| XII. | Executive Session | |
| XIII. | Adjournment | |

*Closed Session: If during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

**Sequence of Agenda: The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the board. Please arrive at the beginning of the meeting.

***Action Item: The board reserves the right to take action on any item on the board agenda.