

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Monday, January 16, 2023 – 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, January 13, 2023.

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, Ryan Amateis, and Jim Lapaseotes. 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.

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

There were thank you notes from Jill Bartling for the Ron Clark Academy training and for the rescue on the return trip, from Dana Morgan for the Ron Clark Academy training, from Jennifer Hampton for the support of the TeamMates program, and from Stacey Watts & Marci Sorenson for allowing them to host a Jr High dance at the school.

Visitors were recognized.

All six board members of the board took the Oath of Office and physically signed the Oath of Office.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Amateis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of the December 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending December 31, 2022, January Expenditures, and January General Fund payroll and withholding of \$540,270.54 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$12,071.07. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

Paid To General Fund	Amount
Allo Communications	425.03

Alliance Public Schools	300.00
Amazon Capital Services	1,346.34
Black Hills Energy	6,320.60
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of	5,030.99
Bluffs Facility Solutions	8,048.22
Bomgaars	72.58
Border States Industries Inc.	16.51
Box Butte County	100.00
Friends of the Bridgeport Libr	34.00
Charter Communications	359.94
City of Bridgeport	11,446.42
Contractors Materials	103.00
Crescent Electric Supply Compa	863.11
Culligan of Scottsbluff	385.00
Cycletherapy Counseling Servic	2,600.00
DAS State Acctg-Central Financ	238.13
Dennis Supply Co	157.42
Doane University	200.00
Docu-Shred	30.00
Eakes Office Solutions	11,422.08
Embassy Suites/Lincoln	1,074.00
ESU #13	24,618.90
Fairfield by Marriott	307.86
Flinn Scientific Inc.	2,687.45
Josie Freiburger	480.94
Victor Gutierrez	256.50
HomeTown Leasing	12,870.34

Inland Truck Parts Co.	1,400.03
Innovative Office Solutions LL	44.10
Kearney Schools	120.00
KSB School Law	162.50
Lee's Service	296.28
Naomi Loomis	256.50
Mid-American Research Chemical	1,958.84
Matheson-Linweld	385.92
Morrill County Community Hospi	192.00
Nebraska Choral	360.00
Nebraska Bank	2,302.08
Nebraska Safety Center	250.00
NE Safety & Fire Equipment	1,279.00
Bridgeport News Blade	12.50
Panhandle Coop System	6,474.60
Prestige Group Inc	10,500.00
Missouri Employers Mutual	3,412.55
Purchase Power	27.10
Quill	221.51
School Specialty (DO NOT USE)	48.90
School Specialty/DBA Classroom	287.54
Sherwin Williams	77.29
Simmons Olsen Law Firm	2,257.50
Soar Pediatric Therapy	4,650.23
Trading Post	145.33
Wells Fargo Card Services	11,461.57

140,379.23

Lunch Fund

Cash-Wa Distributing	8,426.27
Hiland Dairy	1,772.21
Sonny's Super Foods	1,381.46
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The floor was opened for public comment. There being none, the floor was closed to public comment.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amaties to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Bridgeport Education Association (BEA) for the 2023-2024 school year as recommended by the Negotiations Committee. The negotiation includes increasing base salary to \$37,000, leaving the cash fringe at \$16,380, adding a Longevity Bonus, and a wording change to include maternity options from the sick bank. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

The superintendent took control of the meeting for election of officers.

Justin Corman was nominated for President by Linda Norman and seconded by Jeff Pohl. It was moved by Kay Anderson and seconded by Linda Norman to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Justin Corman was named President by a unanimous voice vote.

Jeff Pohl was nominated for Vice President by Ryan Amateis and seconded by Linda Norman. It was moved by Linda Norman and seconded by Kay Anderson to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Jeff Pohl was named Vice President by a unanimous voice vote.

Linda Norman was nominated for Secretary by Jeff Pohl and seconded by Ryan Amateis. It was moved by Kay Anderson and seconded by Jim Lapaseotes to cease nominations. Linda Norman was named Secretary by a unanimous voice vote.

Kay Anderson was nominated for Treasurer by Linda Norman and seconded by Ryan Amateis. It was moved by Linda Norman and seconded by Jeff Pohl to cease nominations. Kay Anderson was named Treasurer by a unanimous voice vote.

Control of the meeting was returned to President Corman.

Following discussion, Jeff Pohl made a motion seconded by Ryan Amateis to appoint new committees as follows: Americanism/ Curriculum/ Instruction Committee - Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman; Facilities, Grounds, & Transportation Committee - Corman, Amateis, Pohl; Business Committee – Lapaseotes, Pohl, & Anderson; Negotiations Committee – Amaties, Corman, Pohl; Policy Committee – Anderson, Norman, & Lapaseotes; Safety/Health & Wellness Committee – Amateis, Anderson, & Corman; Personnel/Community Relations Committee – Corman, Norman, Amateis;

Technology & Equipment Committee – Corman, Norman & Pohl. This was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to continue/renew the Line of Credit with Nebraska Bank. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Wickard, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Pohl to name Platte Valley Bank as the Depository Institution for Bridgeport Public Schools for 2022. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Wickard, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Anderson to contract with Dana F Cole & Company LLP for the school audit for 2021-2022. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Wickard, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Amateis to accept resignation of Superintendent Chuck Lambert effective June 30, 2023. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Norman to accept resignation of Jaylene Lambert effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Reports and Discussion

Mrs. Erin Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported on K-3 Reading testing and Individual Reading Plans and NSCAS 3-8 testing and goals. She also reported that Amy Retchless earned her Master of Art degree in Education-Licensed Mental Health Practitioner and Tomi Childers graduated from UN with Endorsements in SPED Supervision, Pincipal 7-125, and Principal PK-8, Lisa Lussetto is Routines-Based Interview (RBI) certified, and Kylee Rahmig is student teaching this semester. She also discussed plans for Parent Teacher Conferences and Professional Development days coming up.

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported on NSCAS testing, as well as Spelling Bee plans, Parent Teacher conference plans, and details regarding Character Counts Assembly, the Ultimate field trip, and Inservice days.

George Schlothauer, High School Principal, reported on replacing 6-12 curriculum, Innovation Day, Dual Credit colleg classes, activities, and Race to the Rocks (an opportunity for staff to get active).

Chuck Lambert, Superintendent, reported on upcoming games and events hosted at the school, as well as school closings for some of the events, with teachers participating in professional development those days, Spelling Bee plans, and preschool considerations.

There were no Board of Education reports.

At 8:00 p.m., there was a motion by Amateis, seconded by Pohl, to move to Executive Session to discuss job performance of Principal George Schlothauer and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and such person has not requested a

public meeting. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Amateis, and Lapaseotes. No: None.

President Corman stated, "It has been approved to move to Executive Session for the principal and superintendent candidate job performance and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and such person has not requested a public meeting. Consideration of matters is restricted to the reason for the closed session."

At 9:14 PM, the public was invited back into the meeting in progress. There was a motion by Norman and seconded by Anderson to return from Executive Session to the Regular Open Meeting in session.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Wickard, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vonnie Brown
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Chuck Lambert, Superintendent