

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Thursday, June 15, 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, June 12, 2023, and by publication in Bridgeport NewsBlade on Wednesday, June 7, 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, Linda Norman, Jeff Pohl, Ryan Amateis, and Jim Lapaseotes. Also present were Elementary Principal James Simmons, High School Principal George Schlothauer, Principal of Instruction Erin Reynolds, Superintendent Chuck Lambert, and Recording Secretary Vonnie Brown.

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

Visitors were recognized.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Norman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of the May 8, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending May 31, 2023, June Expenditures, and June General Fund payroll and withholding of \$592,663.07 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$14,254.28. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

<u>Paid To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	
Bridgeport Federation Wrestlin	6,000.00
385 Meat Market LLC	96.76
ABDO Publishing Company	2,095.41
Acco Brands USA LLC	493.32
Allo Communications	432.12
Amazon Capital Services	26,802.28
Amplify Education Inc.	3,047.40
Benzel Pest Control	165
Black Hills Energy	1,598.18
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of	4,967.85

Bluffs Facility Solutions	3,282.14
Bluum of Texas	2,386.25
Bomgaars	37.67
BSN Sports LLC	818.19
Builders Warehouse	278
Charter Communications	119.98
City of Bridgeport	11,419.85
Committee for Children	2,329.00
Crescent Electric Supply Compa	13.1
Crossroads Music	1,045.80
Culligan of Scottsbluff	717.71
DAS State Acctg-Central Financ	238.13
DGP Publishing	1,113.10
Docu-Shred	150
Egan Supply	515.92
Embassy Suites/Lincoln	3,211.08
Engineered Controls	350
ESU #13	14,943.66
ESU Coordinating Council	31
Flinn Scientific Inc.	616.25
Follett Content Solutions	860.25
Follett School Solutions	152.88
Josie Freiburger	896.04
Victor Gutierrez	537.62
HomeTown Leasing	6,435.17
Jirdon AgriChemicals	2,125.01
KSB School Law	1,250.00
Lakeshore Learning Materials	9,885.82
The Lampo Group	2,049.40
Learning Without Tears	1,424.28
Naomi Loomis	388.29
Mid-American Research Chemical	2,394.85
Matheson-Linweld	338.06
Midwest Technology Products	847.07
Nebraska Central Equipment	802.9
Nebraska Bank	1,550.00
Bridgeport News Blade	297.25
Panhandle Coop System	247.51
Postmaster	146
Purchase Power	70.13
Rochester 100 Inc	727.5
S & S Worldwide Inc	148.5
School Health Corporation	793.98
Soar Pediatric Therapy	3,515.07
Sonny's Super Foods	210.84
Staples	61.57
Sterling Computers Corporation	7,985.79
Steve Weiss Music Inc.	332.74
Sweet Innovations	360

TK Elevator Corporation	531.58
Trading Post	4,370.58
Underground Printing	634.82
Universal Cheerleaders Assn	2,252.00
Angela Vasquez	19.99
Vernier	255.4
Waste Connections	50
Wells Fargo Card Services	23,079.75
Nebraska Bank	300,000.00
Bridgeport Schools	88,874.10
Dick Blick Art Materials	316.72
Lakeshore Learning Materials	461.01
Quill	1,123.74
S & S Worldwide Inc	181.55
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Lunch Fund

Amazon Capital Services	733.53
Cash-Wa Distributing	10,611.43
Clean Tech Supplies	349.99
Hiland Dairy	1,827.85
Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of All	789.86
Sonny's Super Foods	3,083.41
Wells Fargo Card Services	322.15
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Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Amateis to approve changing the signature card on Wells Fargo Activity checking account to include two signers, with authorized signers of George Schlothauer, Dave Kuhlen, Erin Reynolds, Jason Blanco, James Simmons, and Megan Scheidegger, effective August 1, 2023. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve changing the signature card on Wells Fargo Elementary Activity checking account to include two signers, with authorized signers of George Schlothauer, James Simmons, Erin Reynolds, Jason Blanco, and Kathy Sides, effective August 1, 2023. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Amateis to approve changing the signature card on Platte Valley Imprest checking account to include two signers, with authorized signers of George Schlothauer, Dave Kuhlen, Erin Reynolds, Jason Blanco, and James Simmons, effective August 1, 2023. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Anderson to approve continuing an interlocal cooperative agreement with ESU 13 for a Day Treatment Center in Scottsbluff.

Panhandle Beginnings is a service in a continuum of care designed with built-in support of mental health professionals to help youth develop the social and emotional skills necessary to become successful in any academic and social situation and to facilitate movement of the acute mental health and behavioral needs to a status in which they are capable of functioning in the community with less intense support, with the goal of enabling the students to re-enter the classroom. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Pohl to approve second reading and approve adoption of new and revised board policies as follows: 2008 Meetings, 2010 Preparation for Board Meetings, 3003.1 Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair, or Related Projects Financed with Federal Funds, 3004.1 Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds, 3057 Title IX Policy (NEW), 4056 Resignation of Certificated Staff, 4064 Transporting Students in Employee Vehicles (NEW), 5012 Testing and Assessment Program, 6021 District Criteria for Selecting Evaluators to be Used for Special Education Evaluation and Verification and Independent Educational Evaluations, and 6037 Selection and Review of Library Media (NEW). Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

There was discussion of an informal proposal to enter into a cooperative agreement between Bridgeport Public Schools and Bayard Public Schools for Girl's softball. It is the board's desire to offer every opportunity to the students, so they would entertain negotiation for such an arrangement in the future.

Reports and Discussion

Mrs. Reynolds discussed IDEA grant management requests and reporting. She also said that the school is anticipating hiring two replacement paras for the fall.

Mr. Simmons discussed Summer School which is nearly finished. There were 75 students attending in Grades 1-6, and 22 students attended the first Kinder Camp held for student coming to Bridgeport Public Schools for Kindergarten for the first time this fall. It was a good experience. He also discussed items that will be covered in the Inservice Week before school starts this fall. He said the fall schedule is falling into place, and there is a new curriculum being implemented for Grades 6-12 Reading. He talked about a canvas mural that is planned to tie in with Character Counts goals. He also plans to have a House meeting at the beginning of and at the end of the first week of school.

Mr. Schlothauer discussed the graduation ceremony. He said it was a huge success and he expressed his appreciation for everyone who helped with it. He also discussed summer school in the high school. Nine high school students participated and made up some of their credits. There were also thirteen junior high school students who worked on preparing for success in the fall. He reported on Summer Camps for Activities, and that students are taking advantage of the gym and weight room preparing for fall activities. Dual credits were earned by students in English, History, and Science, and all students enrolled in the dual credit courses passed them.

Mr. Lambert discussed changes in the way Nebraska Department of Education calculates state aid, and new limits on levy and local tax levies, and how this all affect budgeting. He also said NDE is proposing an increase in Special Education reimbursement percentage. He discussed the many ways the school communicates with the community – newsletter, Parent Square, mailings, Bridgeport News-Blade, calendar, Facebook, Twitter, and STRIV are the most used. Mr. Lambert reported on

District Golf held at Court House and Jail Rock Golf Club, boys basketball teams (35+) at Bridgeport for two days, upcoming girls basketball teams (20+) at home, progress on the glossy school calendar, and budget information. School begins August 21 for K-12, with preschool starting the following Monday. He discussed Communication Strategy for the future. The board will meet on June 26 for a special meeting to conduct an exit interview with Superintendent Lambert and to do strategic planning and goal setting with incoming Superintendent Schlothauer.

There were no Board of Education reports.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Pohl to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.
Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vonnie Brown
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Chuck Lambert, Superintendent