

**Proceedings of the  
Bridgeport Public Schools  
Morrill County School District #63  
Board of Education  
Monday, July 10, 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, July 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, Principal of Instruction Erin Reynolds, Superintendent/High School Principal George Schlothauer, and Recording Secretary Vonnie Brown.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Lapaseotes 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 Lapaseotes and seconded by Pohl to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of the June 15, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending June 30, 2023, July Expenditures, and July General Fund payroll and withholding of \$513,713.43 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$6,271.23. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

| <u>Paid To</u><br><u>General Fund</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Allo Communications                   | 410.23        |
| Benzel Pest Control                   | 165.00        |
| Black Hills Energy                    | 481.93        |
| Blue Cross and Blue Shield of         | 5,628.77      |
| Bluffs Facility Solutions             | 2,648.51      |
| Bomgaars                              | 21.72         |

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| Carolina Biological Supply Com | 841.99    |
| Cash-Wa Distributing           | 1,562.47  |
| Charter Communications         | 119.98    |
| City of Bridgeport             | 12,480.36 |
| Crescent Electric Supply Compa | 696.37    |
| Culligan of Scottsbluff        | 370.00    |
| DAS State Acctg-Central Financ | 238.13    |
| Docu-Shred                     | 30.00     |
| ESU Coordinating Council       | 330.00    |
| Gibbs Smith                    | 253.64    |
| Hampton Inn/Kearney            | 595.07    |
| HARRIS                         | 1,014.00  |
| The Home Depot Pro             | 13.86     |
| HomeTown Leasing               | 6,435.17  |
| Jackson's Garage LLC           | 667.27    |
| Tami Janicek                   | 325.00    |
| Koke's Auto Farm Truck         | 602.75    |
| Matheson-Linweld               | 155.60    |
| Nebraska Council of School Adm | 1,232.00  |
| NE Safety & Fire Equipment     | 200.00    |
| Bridgeport News Blade          | 96.56     |
| Nebraska Rural Community Schoo | 850.00    |
| NRCSA/NREA                     | 75.00     |
| Purchase Power                 | 29.15     |
| Quill                          | 1,604.26  |
| Riverstone Bank                | 1,097.84  |
| School Specialty LLC-Coop orde | 1,655.43  |

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| School Specialty/DBA Classroom | 3,894.09         |
| Christine Schuler              | 50.23            |
| Scottsbluff Winnelson Co./Wins | 2,353.38         |
| Sherwin Williams               | 129.87           |
| The Simple Company & Floral Sh | 106.70           |
| Soar Pediatric Therapy         | 2,974.12         |
| Sonny's Super Foods            | 233.14           |
| The Musician's Choice          | 240.01           |
| Trading Post                   | 1,025.17         |
| Waste Connections              | 638.46           |
| Bridgeport Public Schools (Fed | 614.46           |
| Wenger Corporation             | 6,230.40         |
| Western Plains Business Soluti | 150.00           |
| Wells Fargo Card Services      | 33,726.05        |
| William H. Sadlier             | <u>1,636.66</u>  |
|                                | <u>96,930.80</u> |
| <u>Lunch Fund</u>              |                  |
| Dennis Supply Co               | <u>226.66</u>    |
|                                | <u>226.66</u>    |

### ***Unfinished Business***

None.

### ***New Business***

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Anderson to approve the compensation package for Elementary Principal James Simmons and Principal of Instruction Erin Reynolds recommended by Superintendent Schlothauer of 3.5% increase in salary placing Mr. Simmons at \$93,200 and Mrs. Reynolds at \$99,400. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Amateis to approve the 23-24 Secondary Student Handbook with changes on faculty names as discussed, corrections on lunch prices, and a wording change on the dress code section for clarity. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Pohl to approve the 23-24 Elementary Student Handbook with changes on faculty names as discussed, corrections on lunch prices, and a wording change on the dress code section for clarity. The unexcused absences in the elementary handbook will also be adjusted to nine unexcused in order to be the same for Secondary and Elementary. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Anderson to approve the 23-24 Staff Handbook with changes on faculty names as discussed, corrections on lunch prices, and a wording change on the dress code section for clarity. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

### ***Reports and Discussion***

Mrs. Reynolds discussed Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) grant management request and reporting progress. The total federal funds for IDEA awarded by the federal government is \$117,784. Most will be used for teacher salaries, while some will be used for Occupational therapy, Physical therapy, and Speech for students over the summer, as well as some homeschool special education services. State reimbursement for last year was 42% on special education expenditures. That is expected to go up considerably, but the final percentage for 2023-2024 will be reported at the end of July.

Mr. Simmons proudly announced that Mrs. Rodak's Sixth grade class worked on poetry this past year, and she submitted some to the American Library Association. A poem by Victor Sanchez on mammoths will be published. This is the second time a Bridgeport student has been published.

Mr. Schlothauer reported on summer projects at the school including remodel on the bathrooms east of the library, new carpet west of the library, ballast replacement, and new kitchen fixtures and lights. The staff will return on August 14 for pre-service, with staff picnic in the evening followed by the board meeting. The first football game will be on August 18. The technology department is inventorying all furnishings and equipment in the district in case of an insurance claim. A new telephone system is being installed that will be incorporated with the PA system. The district is converting from STRIV to Huddle for the 2023-2024 school year, as have most districts in Nebraska, with many cost savings and increased service. The concessions is hoping to move to more local purchases for products. Mr. Schlothauer has made arrangements to meet with Senator Erdman to discuss legislative issues. The preschool currently has 13 students registered, and Platte Valley Bank has donated \$10,000 for playground equipment for the Preschool. Mr. Schlothauer will be attending a conference in North Platte on July 18 for new superintendents, and the administrative team will be attending Administrator Days July 26-28 in Kearney. He has been in contact with Scottsbluff Body and Paint about the wrecked Suburban. They are waiting for one part. The Activity Bulldog Bus has been in the shop for replacement of some belts and is expected to be back soon. He also discussed a promotional video to highlight the school, businesses, and the community. Scott Rehling is a BPS alumni and owns L2 Productions in Austin, Texas, and will be working on this project.

There were no Board of Education reports.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Lapaseotes to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vonnie Brown  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

George Schlothauer, Superintendent