

**Proceedings of the  
Bridgeport Public Schools  
Morrill County School District #63  
Board of Education  
Monday, August 14, 2023 – 7:30 PM  
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

President Justin Corman called the school board meeting to order at 7:33 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, August 11, 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, Secondary Principal Jason Blanco, Principal of Instruction Erin Reynolds, Superintendent/High School Principal George Schlothauer, and Recording Secretary Vonnice Brown.

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

There were three thank you notes from students Claire Linders, Kason Loomis, and Drew Leisy for being selected as recipients of the Donald Clark Scholarship.

Visitors were recognized.

***Business Meeting:***

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Pohl to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of the July 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending July 31, 2023, August Expenditures, and August General Fund payroll and withholding of \$512,860.89 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$6,271.22. 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/Payroll</u>	
Allo Communications	407.52
Amazon Capital Services	15,915.03
Amsterdam Publishing	445.46

Benzel Pest Control	165.00
Black Hills Chemical	1,451.31
Black Hills Energy	303.25
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of	5,628.77
Bluffs Facility Solutions	3,464.44
Scottsbluff Country Club	4,123.35
Bomgaars	267.65
Bridgeport Bombers Baseball	170.00
Bridgeport Activity Fund	1,340.00
BSN Sports LLC	55.96
Cannon Sports Inc	79.67
Charter Communications	239.96
City of Bridgeport	12,418.41
Cobblestone Hotel & Suites - B	475.00
Crescent Electric Supply Compa	784.00
Culligan of Scottsbluff	251.00
DAS State Acctg-Central Financ	238.13
Jase Dean	989.30
ESU #13	32,920.27
The Flooring Garage	37,410.45
Floyd's Truck Center	416.25
Follett Content Solutions	2,879.95
Gibbs Smith	3,245.00
Fermin Hernandez	11,384.50
HomeTown Leasing	6,435.17
Hudl	8,000.00
Innovative Office Solutions LL	7.02

IXL Learning	7,850.00
Jackson's Garage LLC	2,155.12
Jirdon AgriChemicals	73.86
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	911.97
Dan Krentz	6,500.00
Mid-American Research Chemical	341.61
Matheson-Linweld	162.80
McGraw - Hill Education	1,397.07
Modern Arborculture	1,050.00
Morrill County Community Hospi	187.00
National Art & School Supplies	3,652.28
Nebraska Central Equipment	295.45
Nebraska Safety Center	540.00
NE Safety & Fire Equipment	1,810.00
Bridgeport News Blade	782.78
NMC Exchange LLC	2,275.66
Panhandle Coop System	493.84
Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of All	691.50
Purchase Power	140.97
Quill	1,403.82
Really Good Stuff	286.60
Radio Engineering Industries	2,485.00
Scholastic Inc	2,356.67
Soar Pediatric Therapy	2,223.36
Striv AV	1,253.34
TK ElevatorCorporation	531.58
Trading Post	480.77

Turf Tank Billing	3,541.80
Waste Connections	470.26
Wells Fargo Card Services	26,795.16
William H. Sadlier	319.33
Winsupply	347.36
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Lunch Fund

Amazon Capital Services	217.99
Crescent Electric Supply Compa	4,508.00
Wells Fargo Card Services	227.03
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***Unfinished Business***

None.

***New Business***

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Anderson to approve a \$1.00/hr increase in the wages for Non-Certified Staff, a \$2.00/hr increase in the base for Bus Drivers, and \$2080/yr increase for salaried employees. This is an estimated cost of \$60,000 to the district for the year. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to approve an increase in the school district's base growth percentage by 6% which is allowed by law. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

***Reports and Discussion***

Mrs. Reynolds discussed testing that will be required in the 2023-2024 school year and how that will be scheduled.

Mr. Simmons discussed upcoming events in the Elementary School. The Back2School Celebration will be held August 15 beginning at 5:00 PM. Plummer Insurance & Bridgeport Family Dental has again donated shoes and Webb Eye Care donated winter gloves and hats for all students Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. Total enrollment for elementary students is at 242. He discussed scheduling changes for the fall and some teacher training that will be attended September 5 and 6, and grade level meetings and goal setting planned during the Pre-service week.

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 HUDL for the 2023-2024 school year, as have most districts in Nebraska, with many cost savings and increased service. The concession stand has been cleaned out and restocked thanks in large part to Kay Anderson and Linda Norman, and Mr. Schlothauer 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 is donating \$10,000 for playground equipment for the Preschool which will be presented when they are through serving ice cream to the staff at Inservice. He discussed issues with the repair of the Expedition that was wrecked in January. Videos for the promotional video produced by Scott Rehling have been taken. FFA EDGE Conference will be hosted by Bridgeport FFA at the Community Center on September 18. He attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting on July 20. Some of the calendars were misassembled. They can be replaced if people wish. Highlights for the coming weeks are Back to School Celebration August 15, Volleyball Jamboree in Chadron August 17, Football at North Platte St. Pats on August 18, First Day of School on August 21, and Football at Perkins County on August 25.

There were no Board of Education reports.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Lapaseotes to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vonnie Brown  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

George Schlothauer, Superintendent