

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 8:00 PM
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

President Justin Corman called the school board meeting to order at 8:08 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, October 6, 2023.

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

Roll call was taken. Members present: Justin Corman, Kay Anderson, Jeff Pohl, Ryan Amateis, and Jim Lapaseotes. Also present were Elementary Principal James Simmons, Secondary Principal Jason Blanco, Principal of Instruction Erin Reynolds, Superintendent George Schlothauer, and Recording Secretary Vonnie Brown.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Anderson to excuse the absence of Linda Norman. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

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

There were no communications.

Visitors were recognized.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Pohl to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of the September 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending September 30, 2023, October Expenditures, and October General Fund payroll and withholding of \$603,931.56 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$18,987.67. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

Paid To	Amount
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General Fund	
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AED Authority	490.00
Allo Communications	404.59
Amazon Capital Services	2,876.85

Black Hills Energy	492.30
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of	3,637.11
Bluffs Facility Solutions	3,554.90
Kylee Bowman	2,165.43
Cengage Learning	240.43
Charter Communications	119.98
City of Bridgeport	18,331.48
Contractors Materials	28.00
Culligan of Scottsbluff	356.34
DAS State Acctg-Central Financ	505.76
Docu-Shred	30.00
E-470 Public Highway Authority	9.20
EBSCO Information Services	1,175.28
ESU #13	20,889.90
Flinn Scientific Inc.	11.40
Floyd's Truck Center	53.54
Follett Content Solutions	277.99
Josie Freiburger	1,120.05
Victor Gutierrez	672.03
Hillyard Inc.	612.09
HomeTown Leasing	6,435.17
J.W. Pepper & Sons	291.56
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	198.55
KSB School Law	175.00
Naomi Loomis	597.36
Jessica Ann Martin	3,951.12
Matheson-Linweld	158.00

Menard's	112.32
Morrill County Community Hospi	1,253.00
National School Forms	225.27
Nebraska Central Equipment	644.67
Nebraska Safety Center	1,570.00
Nebraska Council on Econ ED/SM	60.00
Nebraska State Fire Marshal	240.00
NE Safety & Fire Equipment	57.60
Bridgeport News Blade	354.06
Panhandle Coop System	4,116.85
Pitney Bowes Bank INC. Purchas	2,187.75
Pohl's Welding & Fabricating I	1,070.62
Prairie Winds Community Cente	55.00
Prestige Group Inc	3,600.00
Quill	1,772.53
Scholastic Inc	511.10
School Specialty/DBA Classroom	527.68
Scottsbluff Public Schools	375.00
Scottsbluff Country Club	1,055.00
Shoot-A-Way	7,530.00
Soar Pediatric Therapy	3,995.06
Sonny's Super Foods	657.85
TALX UCM Services	230.60
TK ElevatorCorporation	531.58
Todd Harless Electric	612.22
Trading Post	7,255.82
Twin City Hardware Company	1,035.29

Wells Fargo Card Services	14,261.64
W.P.C.I.	68.00
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AC Electric Motor Service	162.12
Cash-Wa Distributing	24,895.53
Hiland Dairy	3,059.05
Simply Clean	402.69
Sonny's Super Foods	4,274.17
Wells Fargo Card Services	717.16
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Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Senator Steve Erdman spoke to the board members regarding the EPIC proposed to the Nebraska legislature. The plan will eliminate Nebraska property, income, inheritance, corporate, and sales taxes. It will impose a Consumption Tax on all services and only new goods at a rate below 8% and puts no taxes on groceries. It is proposed to eliminate double taxation and will be equal for all. He presented a flowchart, a brochure, and a copy of proposed LB 79 for review. He then answered questions from the board members.

Following discussion, it was moved by Amateis and seconded by Pohl to adopt a resolution authorizing the district to continue participation in 8-man football in the next two year NSAA scheduling cycle, as recommended by the Athletic Director, Dave Kuhlen. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Anderson to accept the resignation from Craig Johnson, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Reports and Discussion

Mrs. Reynolds discussed the Target Improvement Plan and K-3 Reading, Dyslexia Screener, and new reporting required by Nebraska Department of Education. Staff attended a training at ESU 13 to assist with learning these requirements. She also mentioned an external visit for Bridgeport scheduled for the 2024-2025 school year, professional development plans, and NSCAS testing completion and schedule for receiving results.

Mr. Simmons reported a 95% attendance at Parent Teacher Conferences, Book Fair sales, Fire Prevention Week, Red Ribbon Week, Ag Safety Day and K-3 Reading and monitoring.

Mr. Blanco discussed upcoming activities, 63% overall attendance at Parent Teacher Conferences, schedule for picture retakes and attendance modules available in the student information system that the school is going to try to take advantage of in order to help cut back on absences. He also announced that Grace Dean was selected for the NSAA Believers & Achievers Recognition, a state-wide program designed to give recognition to Nebraska's future leaders. There were 48 finalists statewide. The Esports Team, only in its second year took second place overall at the first in-person tournament, held in Scottsbluff.

Mr. Schlothauer reported that Bridgeport was awarded a \$140,000 Nebraska Stronger Connections Mental Health Grant. Winter Royalty has been moved to December 15 from 7:00-10:00 PM, auditors from Dana Cole have been at the school this week, roof replacement of the roof over the old gym and multi-purpose room is scheduled for November, insurance plans and potential for increased premiums, Farm to School meeting October 18 and 19, discussion of cooping baseball with Bayard, and success of the switch to HUDL, .Bridgeport has been selected to host play production on November 27. He also updated the board on the vehicle inventory and changes being considered.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 PM.
Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vonnie Brown
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

George Schlothauer, Superintendent