

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Thursday, January 11, 2024 – 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 Monday, January 8, 2024.

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, Jeff Pohl, Kay Anderson, Ryan Amateis, Linda Norman, 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 Amateis to approve the Agenda as presented for the Board Meeting. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Communications included a thank you from Galen & Jill Bartling for the Staff Christmas Party, and a thank you from Dana Morgan for the Ultimate Field Trip earned by the Yellow House and for the Staff Christmas Party.

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 December 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending December 31, 2023, January Expenditures, and January General Fund payroll and withholding of \$589,148.62 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$13,096.56. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

<u>Paid To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>General Fund/Payroll</u>	
Allo Communications	1,694.33
Kathy Baxter	35.94
Benzel Pest Control	165.00

Black Hills Energy	4,462.97
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of	4,460.12
Bluffs Facility Solutions	2,726.44
Bomgaars	66.17
Kylee Bowman	1,624.07
City of Bridgeport	10,590.40
Coach Masters	4,550.16
Crescent Electric Supply Compa	2,576.33
Crossroads Music	741.80
Culligan of Scottsbluff	688.50
DAS State Acctg-Central Financ	267.63
Demco	1,492.21
Dennis Supply Co	299.60
Eakes Office Solutions	11,152.25
Engineered Controls	898.00
Josie Freiburger	840.04
Victor Gutierrez	504.02
HARRIS	466.61
Melissa Hedin	42.86
HomeTown Leasing	7,150.89
Hullinger Glass & Locks	1,030.00
Jaybird Electric	3,190.84
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	244.81
KSB School Law	632.50
Lee's Service	6,770.78
Naomi Loomis	448.02
Mid-American Research Chemical	599.85

Jessica Ann Martin	2,963.34
Morrill County Community Hospi	891.00
Nebraska Bank	6,305.00
Nebraska Safety Center	270.00
NE School Counseling Associati	40.00
NE Safety & Fire Equipment	906.00
Plummer Insurance Inc.	31,462.75
PowerSchool Group LLC	3,992.49
Prestige Group Inc	3,600.00
Quill	657.78
The Simple Company & Floral Sh	80.00
Soar Pediatric Therapy	7,565.95
Sonny's Super Foods	1,056.10
Teachers Discovery	232.90
Trading Post	160.49
Kurt Tremain	400.00
Truck Center Companies	769.54
Wells Fargo Card Services	10,799.11
Nebraska Bank	<u>700,000.00</u>
	<u>842,565.59</u>
<u>Lunch Fund</u>	
Cash-Wa Distributing	8,442.48
Hiland Dairy	1,654.76
SNA Depository	56.50
Simply Clean	362.92
Sonny's Super Foods	3,441.07
Wells Fargo Card Services	<u>389.24</u>
	<u>14,346.97</u>

The floor was opened for public comment. There being none, the floor was closed to public comment.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Kevin Sylvester and Chanelle Hanger of Dana F Cole & Company LLP, the auditors for 2022-2023 school year, brought copies of the final audit and spoke to the board explaining the different sections of the audit booklet. He went through the audit report with the board and concluded with the statement that Dana Cole & Company finds Bridgeport Public Schools to be in compliance with the requirement in the *OMB Compliance Supplement*.

Stacey Watts, Pre-School teacher, presented a report on the progress of the Pre-School that is in its initial year at Bridgeport Public Schools. The class has 13 students enrolled, including one new student in January. Four are attending half days, but the rest are full day students. There are ten students already enrolled for next fall. There will be an orientation day on April 26 for families interested in enrolling their preschoolers. There are plans to get a new playground set up through fundraising to accommodate all the children.

Consideration to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the BEA for the 2024-2025 school year was tabled as the Negotiation Committee and the BEA have not reached a potential agreement.

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

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

Justin Corman was nominated for President by Pohl and seconded by Amateis. It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Lapaseotes 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 Amateis and seconded by Lapaseotes. It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Lapaseotes 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 Anderson and seconded by Amateis. It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Lapaseotes to cease nominations. Linda Norman was named Secretary by a unanimous voice vote.

Kay Anderson was nominated for Treasurer by Norman and seconded by Corman. It was moved by Amateis and seconded by 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, Pohl made a motion seconded by Amateis to continue committees as the previous year: Americanism/ Curriculum/ Instruction Committee - Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman; Facilities, Grounds, & Transportation Committee - Corman, Amateis, Pohl; Business Committee – Lapaseotes, Pohl, & Anderson; Negotiations Committee – Amateis, 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 Amateis and seconded by Norman to continue/renew the Line of Credit with Nebraska Bank. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Lapaseotes to name Platte Valley Bank as the Depository Institution for Bridgeport Public Schools for 2024. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Pohl to contract with Dana F Cole & Company LLP for the school audit for 2023-2024. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

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

Reports and Discussion

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported on Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System NSCAS Benchmark, K-3 reading progress (teachers are doing an excellent job), upcoming parent teacher conferences on February 5 & 6, House meetings, food drive, Christmas ornaments made in December, cards being sent by students to nursing home residents, and the magic of the Ultimate Field Trip. He also discussed topics for the February 1 Inservice.

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported on testing (AQuESTT, NSCAS, & NAEP) and how these tests are helping teachers recognize individual student needs and find ways to meet those needs. Bridgeport was ranked “Great” in the AQuESTT. She also discussed topics at the January 3 Inservice and the Wellness Challenge that the school is participating in this semester.

Mr. Blanco, High School Principal, reported on winter activities (basketball, wrestling, and E-Sports). He discussed the training from the January 3 Inservice, the upcoming Innovation Day, Parent Teacher Conferences, and truancy issues.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, discussed the new donut machine in concessions, the purchase of updated Saxon math curriculum materials for K-8, discussion of the ongoing conversations about coop softball, Spelling Bee scheduled for January 26, interviews for teaching openings, tournaments coming up at Bridgeport Schools, bus driver hirings, bus maintenance for the cold weather, and repairs on the 2019 Expedition.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to move the Job Performance review of Superintendent George Schlothauer to February as the previous review was completed in November. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Lapaseotes to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Yes: Corman, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vonnie Brown
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

George Schlothauer, Superintendent