

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Monday, February 12, 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 Friday, February 9, 2024, and by publication in the Bridgeport News-Blade on February 7, 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 Amateis and seconded by Pohl 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 the family of Dave Miller for the plant sent for his service and another thank you from Kim Metz & family for the flower arrangement sent for her mother's service.

Visitors were recognized.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of the January 11, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending January 31, 2024, February Expenditures, and February General Fund payroll and withholding of \$617,959.93 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$16,023.20. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

<u>Paid To</u> <u>General Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alliance High School Choirs	300.00
Amazon Capital Services	659.71
B & C Steel Corporation	295.24

Jill Bartling	16.10
Benzel Pest Control	165.00
Black Hills Energy	6,292.50
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of	3,775.46
Bluffs Facility Solutions	5,925.90
Bomgaars	316.07
Kylee Bowman	1,741.46
Charter Communications	119.98
City of Bridgeport	11,613.67
Country Cartering (USE COUNTRY	900.00
Crescent Electric Supply Compa	2,576.33
Culligan of Scottsbluff	598.00
DAS State Acctg-Central Financ	267.63
Dennis Supply Co	204.89
ESU #13	20,034.95
Josie Freiberger	1,088.42
Victor Gutierrez	653.05
Hillyard Inc.	353.92
HomeTown Leasing	357.86
Jackson's Garage LLC	2,616.11
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	477.98
KSB School Law	1,225.00
Lee's Service	7,323.37
Naomi Loomis	682.07
Jessica Ann Martin	4,852.20
Matheson-Linweld	1,572.88
Menard's	3.46
Mike's	275.00

Nebraska Choral	360.00
Nebraska Safety Center	270.00
Bridgeport News Blade	145.87
Norfolk Lodge & Suites	1,687.00
Panhandle Coop System	3,056.30
ParentSquare INC	2,750.00
Pitney Bowes Bank INC. Purchas	183.83
Platte River Glass	636.00
Prestige Group Inc	3,600.00
Quill	341.69
Stephanie Schmidt	108.54
Snell Services Inc.	525.00
Soar Pediatric Therapy	6,079.45
Sonny's Super Foods	969.90
TK ElevatorCorporation	1,673.83
Todd Harless Electric	175.97
Trading Post	92.49
Kurt Tremain	400.00
Wells Fargo Card Services	19,731.73
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<u>Lunch Fund</u>	
Cash-Wa Distributing	23,294.64
Dennis Supply Co	104.22
Hiland Dairy	3,223.53
Marketing Consultants	130.00
Nebraska Food Distribution Pro	19.57
Northwest Pipe Fittings	1,806.52
Quill	695.80

Simply Clean	154.86
Sonny's Super Foods	4,438.91
Wells Fargo Card Services	<u>2,746.68</u>
	<u>36,614.73</u>

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

On behalf of the FFA, Demi Lapaseotes presented information that she and other FFA members have been working on to qualify for state representation of Bridgeport.

Sharon Endorf presented information regarding membership in Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) and the benefits of being members.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to offer a teaching position to Derrick Wells for the 2024-2025 school year. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Amateis to accept the Negotiated Agreement with Bridgeport Education Association for 2024-2025. The base increase represents a 4.8 increase. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Reports and Discussion

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported on the Spelling Bee. Josh Gandy, a sixth grader, was the winner for Morrill County and has the opportunity to compete on the state level in Omaha. Bayard will host the Spelling Bee next year. For C-Shop, Nurse Norman will present to fifth grade regarding heart health and Morrill County Community Hospital will be at the school the following week to do testing. Mrs. Bartling's fifth grade social studies class will be celebrating Mardi Gras with a parade. Staff goals have been submitted and observations will be taking place over the next month. Parent Teacher Conferences had a 93% attendance in the Elementary School.

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported on testing (National Assessment of Educational Progress - NAEP) to be done on February 8. This testing is required to be eligible for federal funds. She also discussed Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS). The Special Education Department has been working on a target improvement plan. Mrs. Reynolds announced that Hayley Noonan has recently received the Dyslexia Specialist certificate from University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Mr. Blanco, High School Principal, reported on winter activities (basketball, wrestling, and cheer). Parent Teacher Conferences had a 58% attendance in the High School. Twelve sessions of Sophomore ACT Prep have been scheduled. The Inservice on February 1 covered ACT Data Dig and he said that Freshmen will be taking the pre-ACT test. Students will be doing ACT prep through John Baylor on Zoom this year. Mr. Blanco also announced that Julie Cardenas has been hired to fill the vacancy in the High School office.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, discussed staffing changes, a donation from Karen Harshbarger from Medica Health Plans and News Channel Nebraska for "Stretching Across Nebraska." Fisher Roofing will be replacing the old gym and multi roof as soon as the snow is off the roof. He reported maintenance and repair ongoing with the Transportation vehicles. He also talked about planned summer projects including the Jr High bathroom remodel, window & door replacement, gym floor screening, PreSchool Playground equipment installation, and potentially paving the student parking lot. He also talked about the upcoming activities schedule.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Pohl 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