

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Monday, March 11, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

President Justin Corman called the school board meeting to order at 7:17 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, March 8, 2024, and by publication in the Bridgeport News-Blade on March 6, 2024.

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.

There were no communications.

Visitors were recognized.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of the February 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending February 29, 2024, March Expenditures, and March General Fund payroll and withholding of \$613,311.36 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$15,065.74. 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>
Allo Communications	1,700.53
Amazon Capital Services	2,246.92
Jill Bartling	23.50
Benzel Pest Control	165.00
Black Hills Energy	4,359.70

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of	4,460.12
Bluffs Facility Solutions	4,313.45
Bomgaars	87.92
Kylee Bowman	1,558.15
BSN Sports LLC	3,017.08
Carolina Biological Supply Com	230.00
Charter Communications	119.98
City of Bridgeport	10,988.24
Cobblestone Hotel & Suites - B	1,177.00
Culligan of Scottsbluff	698.00
DAS State Acctg-Central Financ	267.63
Dennis Supply Co	348.72
Docu-Shred	30.00
ESU #13	26,271.05
Josie Freiburger	973.85
HomeTown Leasing	4,240.32
Jackson's Garage LLC	2,166.26
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	74.95
KSB School Law	110.00
Lee's Service	8,277.81
Naomi Loomis	519.38
Mid-American Research Chemical	972.48
Jessica Ann Martin	3,953.76
Matheson-Linweld	946.94
Morrill County Community Hospi	272.00
Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of All Pitney Bowes Bank INC. Purchas	709.00 2,030.00
Platte River Glass	1,023.00

PowerSchool Group LLC	7,381.63
Prestige Group Inc	3,600.00
Quill	689.89
The Simple Company & Floral Sh	148.00
Soar Pediatric Therapy	11,155.07
Sonny's Super Foods	773.09
Marci Sorenson	85.34
Trading Post	69.25
Twin City Hardware Company	91.18
Wells Fargo Card Services	19,664.50
William H. Sadlier	303.93
W.P.C.I.	38.00
Andie Levick	93.86
Serena Stama	<u>187.71</u>
	<u>132,614.19</u>

Lunch Fund

Bomgaars	7.98
Cash-Wa Distributing	19,887.71
Hiland Dairy	2,655.41
Honey-Wagon Express	270.00
Nebraska Food Distribution Pro	155.10
Quill	695.80
Simply Clean	345.53
Sonny's Super Foods	3,605.58
Wells Fargo Card Services	<u>412.24</u>
	<u>28,035.35</u>

Unfinished Business
None.

New Business

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

Approval of updated Wellness Policy No. 5052 was tabled to allow time for the Policy Committee to review and compare the changes.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Norman to approve the calendar for School Year 2024-2025 with clarification of the first day of Teacher Workdays being August 12, 2024, and the January School Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Reports and Discussion

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported on Kindergarten Registration March 12-14 and Kindergarten Roundup on April 26, Missoula Children's Theatre – The Princess and the Pea – practice will be April 2-5, with performances on April 6, at 3:00 PM and 5:30 PM., progress on observations, curriculum updates, and NSCAS testing beginning April 10.

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported that she has been working on the SPED schedule for the 2024-2025 school year, and discussed LifeLinks post-secondary program for students ages 18-21 years of age with disabilities, as well as efforts by the Planning Region Team 12 for identifying and working with children ages Birth to 3, and the school's outreach efforts for these children.

Mr. Blanco, High School Principal, reported on winter activities (boys & girls basketball qualified for state competition and he noted that both teams lost to the state champions). Girls places 3rd at state and boys 4th. Spring activities (Track & boys golf) have started. Show Choir has placed well in competitions at Alliance and the NCDA, and a record number of students were selected for High Plains Honor Choir. In Band, three students were selected for High Plains Honor Band, two students qualified for Class C All State Bank, and 20 band members qualified for WTC All Conference Band. Speech were SPVA Champions, Gering Class C/D Champions, and overall Champion at Mitchell Invite. Prom is on March 16. Pre-ACT and Act is on March 26, which is a half day for students 7-12. 7th and 8th grade will participate in NSCAS testing in April. Julie Cardenas has started in her position as High School Secretary.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, discussed preschool enrollment, roof replacement, changed parent notification system moving to PowerSchool (to save need for double entering information), transportation report (many activities trips with no major issues), increase in state aid for 2024-2025, correction on the calendar of early out on March 26, and not on April 2, and Bridgeport Public Schools was awarded the NebraskArts Award for 2023. This award was given to two schools in the state that have supported and encouraged achievement in the media arts, visual arts, dance, music, or theater.

At 7:50 PM, there was a motion by Amatieis and seconded by Pohl to move to Executive Session for the superintendent job performance evaluation and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and such person has not requested a public meeting. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

President Corman stated, "It has been approved to move to Executive Session for the superintendent job performance evaluation and to prevent needless injury to the

reputation of a person and such person has not requested a public meeting. Consideration of matters is restricted to the reason for the closed session.”

At 8:29 PM, there was a motion by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to return from Executive Session to the Regular Open Meeting, and the public was invited back into the meeting in progress.

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