

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Monday, June 10, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

Vice President Jeff Pohl called the school board meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Vice President Jeff Pohl 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, June 7, 2024, and by publication in the Bridgeport News-Blade on June 5, 2024.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Jeff Pohl, Kay Anderson, Ryan Amateis, Linda Norman, and Jim Lapaseotes. Absent: Justin Corman. 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 Anderson and seconded by Norman to excuse Justin Corman's absence. Yes: Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

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

There was a thank you note from Gail Beyer and family for the flowers sent in memory of her grandmother, Josephine Woods.

Visitors were recognized.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Amateis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of the May 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending May 31, 2024, June Expenditures, and June General Fund payroll and withholding of \$592,531.54 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$11,671.23. Yes: Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

Payee	Amount
Acco Brands USA LLC	\$361.20
Allo Communications	\$850.81
Amazon Capital Services	\$21,075.44
B & C Steel	\$775.53
Black Hills Energy	\$1,297.73
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE	\$3,344.72
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$2,390.51
Bluum of Texas, LLC.	\$19,836.48

Bomgaars	\$199.73
Bridgeport Activity Fund	\$15.92
Burger Werx Catering	\$4,350.00
Carolina Biological Supply Company	\$509.03
Cash-Wa Distributing	\$6,746.33
CDW Government, Inc.	\$708.42
Charter Communications	\$239.96
City of Bridgeport	\$11,044.65
Cobblestone Inn and Suites Bridgeport	\$1,274.00
Culligan of Scottsbluff	\$678.50
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance/OCIO	\$267.63
Dick Blick Art Materials	\$376.45
Docu-Shred	\$30.00
ESU #13	\$19,702.29
ESU Coordinating Council	\$1,332.00
Flooring Garage, The	\$12,828.40
Floyd's Truck Center, Inc.	\$1,100.00
Follett Content Solutions, LLC	\$426.19
Hauff Mid America Sports	\$90.00
Hiland Dairy	\$672.52
Home Depot Pro, The	\$468.37
HomeTown Leasing	\$4,598.18
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Co.	\$11,171.47
Insight Enterprises Inc	\$710.95
Jackson's Garage LLC	\$3,073.11
Kim Metz	\$150.00
KSB School Law	\$1,881.00
Kylee Bowman	\$804.12
Lakeshore Learning Materials	\$449.71
Lee's Service	\$210.79
Matheson-Linweld	\$400.25
McGraw - Hill Education, Inc	\$43,703.65
Mike's	\$40.00
Naomi Loomis	\$336.07
PITSCO Education LLC	\$2,501.10
Playground Outfitters	\$26,602.14
Postmaster	\$154.00
Pyramid School Products	\$679.00
RAPIDS	\$14.46
Reality Works	\$4,471.55
Renkoski	\$2,100.00
Rogue	\$6,966.60
Scholastic Inc	\$1,703.99
School Health Corporation	\$515.72
School Outfitters	\$513.23
School Specialty LLC-Coop orders	\$1,268.54
School Specialty/DBA Classroom Direct/Frey/Sa	\$776.50
Shaggy Buffalo	\$25.00
SHI International Corp	\$6,207.74

Simply Clean	\$491.66
Soar Pediatric Therapy, LLC	\$9,123.57
Sonny's Super Foods	\$3,153.21
TK Elevator Corporation	\$531.58
Trading Post	\$240.70
Waste Connections, Inc.	\$60.00
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	\$29,071.70
William H. Sadlier, Inc.	\$3,073.11
Winsupply	<u>\$1,787.09</u>
	\$282,554.30

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

There was a presentation by Josh MacDonald on updates coming to our PowerSchool student information system. It is expected that these updates will centralize parent information for grades, notifications, activities, menus, messaging staff, etc. so that parents will only need one password to gain access to information from the school. Many forms can be signed and submitted digitally through this system, as well. It is scheduled to go live July 5. There will be an opportunity for parents to be trained later in the summer, at the Back2School celebration, or by contacting the Tech Department at the School. Josh stated that the students who have been working as Summer Techs – Nathan McCoy, Kyler Barnes, and Bodhi Dohse - have been very helpful, skilled, and proactive with the transition and classroom moves this summer. He also said that the ESU 13 staff have been very helpful. He also reported on some e-Sports successes and plans.

After some discussion, it was moved by Amateis and seconded by Norman to approve pay packages for the administration of a 4.8% salary increase for Superintendent Schlothauer effective 7/1/24, and for Principals Jason Blanco, James Simmons, and Erin Reynolds effective 8/1/24. Yes: Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve 4.8% increase in classified staff wages effective 9/1/24. Yes: Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Anderson to change the date for the July school board meeting to July 8 per board policy, rather than July 15 as published in the school calendar. Yes: Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Reports and Discussion

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported that Summer School is in its second week with an attendance of 71 and consistent high interest by the students. Kinder Camp for incoming kindergarten students had a little lower attendance than previous years, but was enjoyed by all. Sondag personal development training is scheduled this summer as a refresher and for new staff. He also said that several classrooms have been painted.

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported that IDEA federal funding reports are due soon. She also stated that she and Lisa Lussetto will be attending a School

Improvement meeting June 26 in Chadron. She also reported that summer special education services (occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech, and early childhood) are being provided every Tuesday for six weeks during the summer for 18 students.

Mr. Blanco, High School Principal, reported on summer school in the junior high and high school. There were 17 students in junior high taking advantage of summer school, and 21 in the high school. He also reported on safety updates. The old fobs have been disabled, and teachers have checked out new fobs or ID cards, and students have been checking out fobs after completing the building access form. Radios for communication have been received and are being delivered.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported on summer projects that are under way. These include annual maintenance on the gym floors, classroom painting in ten rooms and carpeting in five rooms, PreSchool playground and equipment paid in large part through Fundraising, and the Jr High bathroom remodel. Starting soon is replacement of old windows and doors in the high school which are being paid with a Safe Schools Grant. Bridgeport Schools hosted boys and girls basketball team camps early in June and a very good attendance was reported. The Bulldog bus will be taken to Denver for some repairs and service. Accounting software has changed to AptaFund June 1. July board meeting will include new/revised board policies, updated handbooks, and an evaluation model for perusal.

The board discussed the Ron Clark scholarship and some of the maintenance and oversight that should be reviewed.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Lapaseotes to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Yes: Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vonnie Brown
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

George Schlothauer, Superintendent