

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 9, 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, September 6, 2024, and by publication in the Bridgeport News-Blade on September 5, 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 with the addition of Public Comment line item following the consent agenda. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

There was a thank you from the Norman Christensen family for the plant & card sent to his funeral service and a thank you from Dana Morgan for Back to School welcome bucket.

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 August 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending August 31, 2024, September Expenditures, and September General Fund payroll and withholding of \$577,393.24 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$12,277.18. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

Vendor	Amount
385 Meat Market LLC	\$224.63
Amazon eCommerce	\$6,226.07
Benzel Pest Control	\$165.00
Black Hills Energy	\$250.02
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE	\$4,125.02
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$4,332.58
Bomgaars	\$84.79
Bridgeport Activity Fund	\$20.00
Bridgeport News Blade	\$89.20

Cash-Wa Distributing	\$16,923.24
City of Bridgeport	\$11,495.15
Crossroads Music	\$1,562.78
Culligan of Scottsbluff	\$384.00
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance/OCIO	\$292.87
E-470 Public Highway Authority	\$13.45
Eakes Office Solutions	\$159.98
ESU #13	\$2,897.02
ESU Coordinating Council	\$330.00
Flooring Garage, The	\$24,630.00
Floyd's Truck Center, Inc.	\$3,331.08
Follett School Solutions, Inc.	\$2,031.54
Garretson's Sport Center	\$399.75
Hiland Dairy	\$2,086.17
HomeTown Leasing	\$4,598.18
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Co.	\$878.35
Hudl	\$8,500.00
IXL Learning, Inc.	\$10,575.00
Jackson's Garage LLC	\$5,737.94
Jessica Ann Martin	\$718.44
Josie Freiburger	\$1,336.65
Julie Nein	\$43.08
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	\$901.35
KSB School Law	\$102.00
Kylee Bowman	\$572.85
Lee's Service	\$807.47
Legacy Cooperative	\$3,259.03
Matheson-Linweld	\$1,427.76
Naomi Loomis	\$801.99
Nebraska Safety Center	\$720.00
NSCTA	\$350.00
Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of Alliance Inc.	\$850.80
Plummer Insurance Inc.	\$105.00
21st Century	\$175.92
Rochester 100 Inc	\$666.70
Shaggy Buffalo	\$30.00
Sonny's Super Foods	\$3,042.08
Tamika Landrum	\$152.76
Todd Harless Electric	\$1,311.18
W.P.C.I.	\$76.00
Waste Connections, Inc.	\$654.23
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	<u>\$21,563.80</u>
Grand Total	\$152,012.90

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

Unfinished Business

At 7:06 PM, Corman called the Budget Hearing to order. The board reviewed the proposed budget document as presented at the meeting and in the board packets.

There being no further discussion, the Budget Hearing was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

At 7:11 PM, Corman called the Final Tax Request Hearing to order. The board reviewed the proposed tax request as presented at the meeting and in the board packets.

There being no additional discussion, the Final Tax Request Hearing was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

New Business

There was a presentation by Mrs. Babic outlining two honors/opportunities offered to the Choir students for the coming year. The High School Choir has been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City next May. She was also approached by a movie producer for the middle school choir students to perform "Dear Old Nebraska U" for the ending credits of an upcoming film (Going For Two) about a 12 year old Husker fan.

The Annual Financial Literacy Status report was presented showing student progress and financial literacy as provided by NDE when the requirement for Personal Finance be added to the Curriculum. It was reported that 62 students completed the course in 2023-2024.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to approve an increase in the school district's Certified Property Tax Request Authority by \$540,186, which is allowed by statute with 70 % Board approval. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve the 2024-2025 Budget as presented in the Budget Hearing. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Pohl to approve the final tax request for the 2024-2025 school year as presented in the Final Tax Request Hearing. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Norman to approve a Resolution approving Staff Trainings as required by legislation. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Following discussion, it was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to table approval of the new evaluation model for teachers pending further review. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Reports and Discussion

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported that 109 students and families are currently being served by Special Education. Indicator 13 compliance requirements have been met. The SPED budget is due October 13 and she is working with the Business Manager on it. 2324 NSCAS testing results are expected soon and will be reviewed for guidance in planning for 2024-2025. Regarding School Improvement, 33 informal walkthroughs have been completed, and professional and student goal forms will be completed by the first week of October.

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported on Character Counts assembly on Trustworthiness coming on September 20, Parent Teacher Conferences schedule for 15 minute segments on October 1 & 2. Student Assistance Team has been initiated and will provide ongoing monitoring for students at risk due to academic, behavioral, and/or

emotional issues. He reported on the reading progress and the value of Individual Reading Plans for students. Due to the day to day changes in enrollment, it is difficult to measure progress, but overall, it appears that students have improved significantly from last year. He also reported three documented walkthroughs and that he has been in every classroom observing.

Mr. Blanco, Secondary Principal, reported fall activities and Homecoming week activities. He has done several formal and informal walkthroughs. Teachers are completing their instructional and professional goals in September and administration will be meeting with every teacher to review them. He also reported that the eligibility policy appears to be providing the support and incentive necessary.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported that School Messenger is replacing Parent Square and being implemented by the district. More information will be available to community members in the future. The district will be signing up for the JOBS for America's Graduates (JAG) Nebraska starting next year. This program focuses on Career and Technical Education (CTE). Jim Vassos was recognized for his many years of service as the announcer at many of Bridgeport's school events. He reported on the bus routes, lunch program, and concessions.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Lapaseotes to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vonnie Brown
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

George Schlothauer, Superintendent