

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 12, 2024 – 7:30 PM
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

President Justin Corman called the school board meeting to order at 7:31 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, August 9, 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 Amateis and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve the Agenda as presented. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

There was a thank you from Fellowship of Christian Athletes for the use of the bus for transportation for 38 students to attend a camp. There were also thank you notes from Claire Linders, Drew Leisy, and Demi Lapaseotes for their selection as recipients of the Donald Clark Scholarship.

Visitors were recognized.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of the July 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending July 31, 2024, August Expenditures, and August General and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$549,969.99. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

Vendor	Amount Pd
Action Communications Inc.	\$4,956.00
Amazon eCommerce	\$3,466.92
Benzel Pest Control	\$165.00
Black Hills Energy	\$480.58
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE	\$4,626.36
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$198.84
Bomgaars	\$40.42
Bridgeport News Blade	\$264.62

Christy Collins	\$186.00
City of Bridgeport	\$10,893.98
CostaCoast	\$1,904.00
Country Inn and Suites Kearney	\$2,596.32
Culligan of Scottsbluff	\$245.50
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance/OCIO	\$267.63
DGP Publishing, Inc.	\$343.25
ESU #13	\$3,313.05
ESU Coordinating Council	\$2,988.00
Fermin Hernandez	\$16,095.91
Follett Content Solutions, LLC	\$1,857.48
HARRIS	\$22,550.00
Holiday Inn Kearney	\$1,079.60
HomeTown Leasing	\$4,598.18
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Co.	\$3,212.58
Imagine Learning	\$7,335.00
Innovative Office Solutions LLC	\$2,689.55
Jackson's Garage LLC	\$1,038.60
James Simmons	\$80.93
KSB School Law	\$3,338.50
Legacy Cooperative	\$97.81
Marini Diesel Inc	\$17,736.91
Matheson-Linweld	\$181.40
MCS	\$684.56
Mid-American Research Chemical Corp	\$1,366.92
Nebraska Ag Ed Association (NAEA)	\$275.00
Nebraska Council of School Administrators	\$450.00
NKC Tire/McWhorter's Tire	\$1,069.21
Notable, Inc. (Kami)	\$2,177.50
Pitney Bowes Bank INC. Purchase Power	\$224.55
Quill	\$296.99
Really Good Stuff, LLC	\$1,271.75
Riverside Lumber	\$139.80
S & S Worldwide Inc	\$315.90
Scholastic Inc	\$2,279.00
School Health Corporation	\$13.02
Scottsbluff Screenprinting	\$321.00
Soar Pediatric Therapy, LLC	\$4,574.94
Sonny's Super Foods	\$8.89
Team Auto Center	\$1,312.38
Thompson Glass Inc	\$60,000.00
Trading Post	\$320.80
Turf Tank Billing	\$3,745.05
Twin City Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc.	\$8,205.00
Varsity	\$11,400.90
W.P.C.I.	\$76.00
Waste Connections, Inc.	\$117.15
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	\$8,579.10

\$228,054.33

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

There was a presentation by Paul Strommen, candidate for Nebraska Legislature, followed by questions from the board.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Norman to approve the 24-25 Superintendent Contract as printed – a two year contract including specifications regarding health insurance and cash fringe benefit. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to approve the Eligibility Policy as part of the Secondary Handbook for 24-25. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve the PreSchool Handbook which ties in with the Elementary Handbook. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

A new evaluation model for teachers was reviewed. The intent is to make the evaluation a more useful and measurable tool, while identifying areas for improvement.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Anderson to approve second reading and approval for the new board policies and for revision of the following board policies with correction on Policy #3036 to fill blank sections: 3001-Budget and Property Tax Request, 3003.1-Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair, or Related Projects Financed with Federal Funds, 3033-Lending Textbooks to Children Enrolled in Private Schools, 3036-Purchasing (Credit) Card Program, 4003-Drug Policy Regarding Drivers. 4045-Milk Expression, 4059-Behavioral and Mental Health Training, 5003-Admission of Part-Time Students, 5004-Option Enrollment, 5035-Student Discipline, 5045-Student Fees, 5049-Firearms and Weapons, 5062-Lice and Nits, 3059-Audio and Video Recording, 5064-Supplement, Not Supplant, 6003-Instructional Program, 6004-Curriculum Development, and 6025-Student Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Reports and Discussion

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported on testing.

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported on curriculum changes and efforts to clean up unused digital licenses. He reported K-6 enrollment of 247 students. He also discussed changes in the PreService week for teachers to make better use of the time available to prepare for a productive school year. House meetings will be held on the first Friday of Fall attendance to greet new students and welcome everyone back.

Mr. Blanco, Secondary Principal, reported enrollment of 254 in high school and the numbers of students signed up for activities. Fifteen new students have transferred in to the high school while nine transferred out. New student orientation is scheduled for August 15, 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported on current enrollment numbers, Legislative Bill LB9 regarding changes in provisions relating to property tax levies for school districts, vehicle repairs, lunch program costs, discussion with WNCC regarding VoTech/FFA Projects, and progress on the phone app for PowerSchool.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Pohl to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 PM.
Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vonnie Brown
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

George Schlothauer, Superintendent