

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 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, December 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, High School 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.

Communications included a thank you notes from Ray & JoAnn Callan and another from Lew & Joyce Russell for the Veteran's Day program and dinner, from Lindsey Ellis for the educational trip to Ron Clark Academy, from Courtney Bremer for the opportunity to substitute teach at Bridgeport, and from Dean & Bekah Gorsuch with VanPelt Fencing for supporting their business.

Visitors were recognized.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Pohl to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of the November 11, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending November 30, 2024, December Expenditures, and December General Fund payroll and withholding of \$621,993.74 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$15,163.63. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

Vendor	Amount
12 Points Technologies	\$3,718.90
AJ Sheet Metal, Inc.	\$9,425.00
Amazon eCommerce	\$3,679.96
Benzel Pest Control	\$165.00
Black Hills Energy	\$2,899.76
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE	\$5,480.28
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$5,520.61

Bluum of Texas, LLC.	\$27,709.00
Bridgeport News Blade	\$149.24
Cash-Wa Distributing	\$20,443.63
City of Bridgeport	\$11,298.88
Clean Tech Supplies	\$1,196.84
Dana F Cole & Company LLP	\$24,726.00
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance/OCIO	\$292.87
Embassy Suites/Lincoln	\$852.00
ESU #13	\$18,116.67
Follett School Solutions, Inc.	\$264.51
Grace Dubs	\$766.47
Hiland Dairy	\$1,937.60
HomeTown Leasing	\$4,598.18
Jackson's Garage LLC	\$1,795.19
Jessica Ann Martin	\$4,444.56
John Cordes	\$274.97
Joshua MacDonald	\$766.47
Josie Freiberger	\$2,405.97
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	\$25.98
KSB School Law	\$2,705.50
Kylee Bowman	\$1,031.13
Lee's Service	\$255.74
Legacy Cooperative	\$8,312.12
Matheson-Linweld	\$531.24
Mid-American Research Chemical Corp	\$275.40
Naomi Loomis	\$1,443.58
Nebraska Council of School Administrators	\$115.00
Pitney Bowes Bank INC. Purchase Power	\$1,636.25
Prestige Group Inc	\$3,600.00
Scholastic Inc	\$274.73
Simple Company & Floral Shop, The	\$276.95
Simply Clean	\$239.08
Sonny's Super Foods	\$4,167.69
Spectrum Industries Inc.	\$239.96
TALX UCM Services, Inc.	\$244.65
Tamika Landrum	\$427.72
TK ElevatorCorporation	\$531.58
Trading Post	\$118.86
Twin City Hardware Company	\$120.06
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	\$17,512.43
National Art & School Supplies	\$114.00
Soar Pediatric Therapy, LLC	<u>\$21,830.75</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$218,958.96</u>

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

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Amateis to approve second reading and approval for Policy #4030 – Evaluation of Certified Employees, as prepared by KSB Law, and amended and recommended by the Policy Committee, and to approve

reading and approval for Policy #3014 – Use of School Property. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Norman to approve offering Secondary Math teaching position to Anne VanWinkle for the 2025-2026 school year. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Reports and Discussion

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported that second quarter progress reports have been completed, two teachers have attended IMSE (Institute for Multi-Sensory Education) Training, progress on the School Improvement visit, plans for Professional Development in December and January, and NSCAS Accommodations.

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported on House Meetings, the Christmas trees that were decorated by the houses using recycled items, the Ultimate Field Trip on December 20, HQIM (High-Quality Instructional Materials) Meeting, new Reading Curriculum selection, Zoom meetings, Teacher shadow days, and Character Counts.

Mr. Blanco, High School Principal, reported on the Fall/Winter Sports Schedule, One Acts qualified for State Competition on December 12, with a Drumline send off on December 10, updated that all probationary formal observations will be completed by Wednesday, December 10, and January 3, Morrill County Sheriff's Office will do an active shooter training at the school.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported that there is a foreign exchange student expected in 2025-2026. Substitute Teacher pay will be raised from \$135 to \$145 per day, beginning with January payroll. All participants have made their December payment for the Choir New York trip to Carnegie Hall. There will be a new paraprofessional in the Spring as one of our paras, Rachael Blue, will be student teaching. Staff Christmas party is scheduled for December 19 at Los Tres Gallos. Parent's Night for Basketball is December 13. Bridgeport will host the Federation Wrestling Tournament on January 11, as well as the MAC Basketball Tournament and the Bridgeport Speech Meet on January 24. The Bulldog bus was picked up after repairs, and the fleet is in pretty good shape.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vonnie Brown
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

George Schlothauer, Superintendent