

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

Vice President Jeff Pohl called the school board meeting to order at 7:05 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, October 11, 2024.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Jeff Pohl, Kay Anderson, Ryan Amateis, Linda Norman, and Jim Lapaseotes. Also present were Elementary Principal James Simmons, Principal of Instruction Erin Reynolds, Superintendent George Schlothauer, and Recording Secretary Vonnie Brown.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Norman to excuse Justin Corman’s absence from the meeting. Yes: Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

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

There was a thank you from Dana Morgan for the meal provided during the Parent Teacher Conferences, and a thank you from Deb Fisher for the tour of the school, a thank you from Michaela Babic and the Bridgeport Choir for the support of the choir’s performance at Carnegie Hall this coming May, and from Elizabeth Higgins for the financial support for the Carnegie Hall trip.

Visitors were recognized.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Anderson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of the September 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending September 30, 2024, October Expenditures, and October General Fund payroll and withholding of \$614,020.36 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$15,612.52. Yes: Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

<u>Payment Vendor</u>	<u>Ck amount</u>
12 Points Technologies	\$20,309.40
385 Meat Market LLC	\$357.60
AED Authority	\$636.87
Amazon eCommerce	\$4,844.11
Benzel Pest Control	\$165.00
Black Hills Energy	\$546.81

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE	\$6,690.59
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$3,524.69
Bomgaars	\$139.34
Bridgeport News Blade	\$366.87
Burger Werx Catering	\$587.43
Cash-Wa Distributing	\$23,558.57
Chadron State College	\$318.00
Christy Collins	\$150.00
City of Bridgeport	\$15,509.75
Creative Sites, LLC	\$388.00
Crossroads Music	\$750.00
Culligan of Scottsbluff	\$564.50
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance/OCIO	\$292.87
Dennis Supply Co	\$120.76
Eakes Office Solutions	\$791.84
Engineered Controls	\$13,105.00
Epic Sports	\$790.03
ESU #10	\$5,250.00
ESU #13	\$20,710.11
ESU Coordinating Council	\$1,800.00
FORRESTS MUSIC INC	\$59.28
George Schlothauer	\$300.00
Gorsuch and Sons Inc.	\$4,323.00
Grace Dubs	\$763.80
Hampton Inn/Kearney	\$776.00
Hiland Dairy	\$2,488.73
HomeTown Leasing	\$4,598.18
Imagine Learning	\$1,500.00
Jackson's Garage LLC	\$2,388.09
Jason Blanco	\$62.02
Jessica Ann Martin	\$4,713.90
John Cordes	\$45.82
Jones School Supply Co. Inc.	\$671.15
Joshua MacDonald	\$1,271.72
Josie Freiburger	\$2,673.30
Jostens, Inc.	\$704.70
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	\$856.05
KSB School Law	\$281.00
Kylee Bowman	\$1,145.70
Lauren Gasseling	\$300.00
Learning A to Z	\$712.50
Leaving The Village LLC	\$750.00
Lee's Service	\$719.99
Legacy Cooperative	\$8,009.66
Logoz L.L.C.	\$326.00
Matheson-Linweld	\$326.00
MCS	\$341.30
Melissa Hedin	\$300.00
Mid-American Research Chemical Corp	\$1,386.95
Modern Arborculture	\$1,050.00
Morrill County Community Hospital	\$3,610.00
Naomi Loomis	\$1,603.98
Nebraska Central Equipment, Inc.	\$306.24
Prestige Group Inc	\$7,700.00
Purchase Power	\$2,157.30

School Health Corporation	\$13.02
Scottsbluff Country Club	\$4,995.00
Scottsbluff Public Schools	\$450.00
Scottsbluff Screenprinting	\$593.00
Shaggy Buffalo	\$30.00
Simple Company & Floral Shop, The	\$64.95
Simply Clean	\$84.22
Sonny's Super Foods	\$5,264.03
TK Elevator Corporation	\$531.58
Tomi Childers	\$300.00
Trading Post	\$280.63
Tricia Schmunk	\$40.58
Twin City Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc.	\$3,960.00
Varsity	\$117.45
W.P.C.I.	\$250.00
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	\$23,432.77
Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc	\$1,274.86
Yanda's Music & Pro Audio	\$4,001.52
	<u>\$227,174.11</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 accept the resignation of Tricia Schmunk effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Yes: Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Reports and Discussion

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported on the School Improvement progress and the scheduled interview date of January 20, 2025. Professional Development on October 23, 2024, will focus on MTSS School Improvement. The SPED Financial Report is due October 31, and the Business Manager and Mrs. Reynolds are working on it. She also reported that Lisa Lussetto, the Speech Therapist at the school has added an Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) endorsement to her certificate which qualifies her for a wider age group. NSCAS Spring scores will be mailed out with report cards.

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported a 91% attendance at Parent Teacher Conferences, down just 4% from the previous year. The Scholastic Book Fair netted around \$5000. Ag Safety Day will be held October 21, and Mick Lund will meet with the 4th and 5th graders. Red Ribbon Week is coming up with the theme, "Life is a Movie," and decorations have been made by the students for Skyview. Character Counts assembly on Responsibility is coming on October 25, and a new Reading Curricula is being reviewed.

It was reported for High School that fall activities are winding down and sub-districts, playoffs, and state competitions are coming up. There was an overall Parent Teacher

Conference attendance of 59% compared to 63% from last year. Formal and informal walkthroughs have been taking place over the last two weeks. Teachers have completed their instructional and professional goals this month. They will each be meeting with their administrators to discuss them.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported on the ribbon cutting for the new PreSchool playground on October 3. The Audit is currently in progress, and it is going fairly smoothly considering reporting from two software systems. October 18 is the end of First Quarter and report cards will be mailed out by October 24. It is expected that Parent Square will be discontinued and Power School Messenger taking its place by the end of the month. Transportation vehicles were discussed. Bridgeport placed first in the CSC Scholastic Day Competition, with several students placing in the top 25% of their category. Accounting – Kyra Sikes Robbins-2nd, Algebra – Emily Hunter-6th, Animal Science – Makayla Martin-2nd, Art Drawing – Katie Eckhardt-3rd, Chemistry – Colton Carrier-4th, General Anatomy – Anahi Sosa Barron-6th, General Science – Emily Hunter-10th, Literary Analysis – Aubrey Watts-2nd, Nebraska History – Logan Noonan-3rd, Plane Geometry – Halle Carter-3rd, Veterinary Science – Madelyn Martin-2nd, Wildlife Ecology & Management – Alexander Blake-9th, World History – Ben Babic -7th, and World History – Logan Noonan-7th. Congratulations to these students. Mr. Schlothauer met with Andrew Plummer and the policy for next year has been set up. MAC Volleyball Tournament will be held at BPS on October 19 and District One Acts will be hosted on December 4. There will be a Nebraska Department of Education visit to monitor the Federal Title programs on October 22. Mr. Schlothauer, Mrs. Childers, Ms. Gasseling, Mrs. Ellis, and Mrs. Hedin will be attending the Ron Clark Academy November 6-9. Currently there are 13 students and 8 sponsors signed up to attend the Carnegie Hall Trip, and fundraisers are being planned. Mrs. Reynolds and Mr. Schlothauer are working on an Option Survey to identify the things that draw students to Bridgeport Schools. Mr. Schlothauer will be on vacation November 25-27.

It was reported that the Donald Clark scholarship issues have been addressed and the board is content with the management of the funds at this time.

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