

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2025 – 7:00 PM
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

President Justin Corman called the school board meeting to order at 7:02 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, February 7, 2024, and by publication in the Bridgeport News-Blade on February 6, 2025.

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

There were no communications.

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 January 13, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending January 31, 2025, February Expenditures, and February General Fund payroll and withholding of \$629,503.20 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$16,039.21. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

Vendor	Check Amount
AC Electric Motor Service, LLC	\$871.21
Amazon Capital Services	\$3,305.45
Awards Unlimited	\$40.49
B & C Steel Corporation	\$57.88
Barnes & Noble, Inc.	\$7,392.77
Black Hills Energy	\$6,800.44
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE	\$5,404.34
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$2,356.51
Bomgaars	\$66.98
Bridgeport News Blade	\$78.90
Builders Warehouse	\$1,878.59
Burger Werx Catering	\$294.22

Cash-Wa Distributing	\$26,932.20
City of Bridgeport	\$11,378.69
Culligan of Scottsbluff	\$1,224.97
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance/OCIO	\$292.87
Eakes Office Solutions	\$1,423.32
Engineered Controls	\$333.58
ESU #13	\$12,538.56
Floyd's Truck Center, Inc.	\$1,012.47
Follett Content Solutions, LLC	\$423.73
Grace Dubs	\$845.28
Hampton Inn/Kearney	\$298.92
Hiland Dairy	\$1,893.94
HomeTown Leasing	\$4,804.70
Jackson's Garage LLC	\$10,823.45
Jessica Ann Martin	\$2,977.20
John Cordes	\$303.24
Joshua MacDonald	\$845.28
Josie Freiburger	\$2,653.35
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	\$971.78
KSB School Law	\$167.50
Lee's Service	\$1,693.09
Legacy Cooperative	\$4,662.42
Matheson-Linweld	\$422.81
McGraw - Hill Education, Inc	\$1,157.33
Mechanical Sales Parts, Inc.	\$3,594.75
Menard's	\$6.99
Mid-American Research Chemical Corp	\$1,159.39
Naomi Loomis	\$1,592.01
Nebraska Bank	\$900,000.00
Nebraska Choral	\$360.00
Pitney Bowes Bank INC. Purchase Power	\$483.63
Prestige Group Inc	\$10,300.00
Quaver Music.com, LLC	\$1,800.00
Quill	\$170.76
Rapid Fire Protection	\$976.00
Scholastic Inc	\$65.89
School Nurse Supply	\$215.14
Simply Clean	\$427.92
Sonny's Super Foods	\$5,442.76
Trading Post	\$3,521.55
Truck Center Companies	\$1,032.50
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	\$12,952.41
Nebraska Bank	\$377,108.47
Soar Pediatric Therapy, LLC	\$8,887.89
Western Nebraska Community College	\$5,610.00
Total	\$1,454,336.52

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

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

A letter of resignation was received from Larry Jones. It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Norman to accept the resignation of Larry Jones. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Amateis to offer a teaching position to Ethan Strey for High School Science for the 2025-2026 school year. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Anderson to offer a teaching position to Sydney Nein as Elementary Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Pohl to approve as First Reading Policy #6040-PreSchool. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Norman to approve second reading and approval for amending Policy #2008-Meetings and Policy #3004.1 Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds, and adding Policy #6043-Sharing Mapping Data. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Norman to approve a Bleacher proposal for the old gymnasium with a proposed cost of \$121,547.50. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Reports and Discussion

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported on the Accreditation visit, the next steps to prepare for the next visit, closeout letter on Indicator 13 stating that Bridgeport Public Schools is in compliance with Nebraska Department of Education requirements, and she has completed two formal evaluations in January. There has been an uptick in new IEP's which is considered due to staff improvement in recognizing potential students.

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported that Kelly Roach from Nebraska Bank will attend the March school board meeting to present an "In School Savings Plan" for students K-6 to learn about saving, interest, and other banking activities. He also stated that Bridgeport Elementary School uses 10 degrees as the cut off for outdoor recess. He has called area schools and this is in line with what other schools are doing.

Mr. Blanco, High School Principal, reported on winter sports. At this point, four girls have qualified for the NSAA State Wrestling competition. Bridgeport will host Girl's Sub-district basketball, Boy's Sub-district basketball will be held in Ogallala. There was also discussion of new legislature regarding phone bans in school slated to go into effect next school year.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported on WTC/SPVA wrestling hosted by Bridgeport Schools, the 2025-2026 Calendar, a new lease bus picked up that has an option to purchase later, that all open teaching positions for the fall have been filled, and discussion of current financial status.

At 8:00 PM it was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to adjourn to Executive Session for the superintendent job performance evaluation and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and such person has not requested a public meeting. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

President Corman stated, "It has been approved to move to Executive Session for the superintendent job performance evaluation and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and such person has not requested a public meeting. Consideration of matters is restricted to the reason for the closed session."

At 9:26 PM, there was a motion by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to return from Executive Session to the Regular Open Meeting, and the public was invited back into the meeting in progress.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Pohl to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:27 PM. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vonnie Brown
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

George Schlothauer, Superintendent