

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

President Justin Corman called the school board meeting to order at 7:15 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, March 6, 2025.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Justin Corman, Jeff Pohl, Kay Anderson, Ryan Amateis, and Linda Norman. 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 Anderson to excuse Jim Lapaseotes' absence. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

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

There were no communications.

Visitors were recognized.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Norman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of the February 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending February 28, 2025, March Expenditures, and March General Fund payroll and withholding of \$619,646.82 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$15,625.97. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

| Vendor | Amount |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| AC Electric Motor Service, LLC | \$871.21 |
| Amazon eCommerce | \$4,445.27 |
| Black Hills Energy | \$8,397.59 |
| Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE | \$5,404.34 |
| Bluffs Facility Solutions | \$3,271.98 |
| Bomgaars | \$139.62 |
| Bridgeport News Blade | \$267.71 |
| Burger Werx Catering | \$559.23 |
| Cash-Wa Distributing | \$18,387.29 |
| Chadron State College | \$360.00 |

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| City of Bridgeport | \$12,831.33 |
| Class Intercom | \$568.10 |
| Culligan of Scottsbluff | \$741.00 |
| DAS State Acctg-Central Finance/OCIO | \$292.87 |
| Dave Kuhlen | \$82.10 |
| Engineered Controls | \$420.00 |
| ESU #13 | \$16,962.30 |
| Fresh Ideas, Chadron State College | \$357.90 |
| Grace Dubs | \$711.81 |
| Hampton Inn | \$770.00 |
| Hampton Inn/Kearney | \$4,071.44 |
| Hiland Dairy | \$2,012.10 |
| Hillyard Inc. | \$337.66 |
| HomeTown Leasing | \$4,804.28 |
| Jackson's Garage LLC | \$6,820.20 |
| James Simmons | \$15.14 |
| Jason Blanco | \$585.00 |
| Jessica Ann Martin | \$2,977.20 |
| John Cordes | \$255.36 |
| Joshua MacDonald | \$711.81 |
| Josie Freiburger | \$2,234.00 |
| Koke's Auto Farm Truck | \$300.91 |
| Kylee Bowman | \$510.72 |
| Lee's Service | \$1,550.43 |
| Legacy Cooperative | \$1.00 |
| Marketing Consultants | \$130.00 |
| Matheson-Linweld | \$165.20 |
| Mike's | \$40.00 |
| Morrill County Clerk | \$987.12 |
| Naomi Loomis | \$1,340.64 |
| Pitney Bowes Bank INC. Purchase Power | \$498.73 |
| Prairie Winds Community Center | \$83.90 |
| Prestige Group Inc | \$6,200.00 |
| Simple Company & Floral Shop, The | \$360.00 |
| Simply Clean | \$222.46 |
| Soar Pediatric Therapy, LLC | \$7,408.85 |
| Sonny's Super Foods | \$3,239.56 |
| Susanna Batterman | \$1,250.00 |
| Trading Post | \$3,045.96 |
| Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc. | \$16,700.79 |
| Bridgeport Schools Bond | \$328,412.56 |
| | \$473,114.67 |

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

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

There was a presentation by Kelly Roach & Cassidy Harvey from Nebraska Bank about a banking program offered to Elementary students, which helps students learn about banking, saving, careers in banking and money counting skills. Representatives will

come to the school weekly to collect deposits and award prizes, assisted by 6th grade tellers. This program is set for Fall 2025.

The 2025-2026 school calendar proposed in February has been amended and was presented for approval. It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Norman to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar as presented. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Pohl to approve as second reading and approval for Board Policy #6040-PreSchool. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Amateis to approve roof replacement on the high school area with the estimate of \$89,300. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Reports and Discussion

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported on the NSCAS testing coming up in April, SPED Target Improvement Plan for Reading, and Inservice topics for March 14.

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported 95% participation for Parent Teacher Conferences with seven teachers reporting 100%. Kindergarten Registration will be held March 18-20, and has been advertised on Social Media and in the Newsletter. He also discussed the upcoming Missoula Children's Theatre presentation in April, Robotics Team activities, WNCC Music performance and the growth of the band and choir participation, new Reading curriculum purchase and implementation. He also discussed next year's schedules for staff.

Mr. Blanco, High School Principal, reported on Spring sports. He also reported on the Speech Team successes, as well as ACT prep and testing that will be happening in March. High school reported a 41% attendance for Parent Teacher Conferences.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported that Willis Beyer, Maintenance Director, will be running lines to all the water coolers in the building. The school will be using an RO system for water and no longer purchasing Culligan bottles of water, saving a lot of money for the school. Fisher Roofing has started replacing the roof on the high school side and should be finished by March 12. He presented an update on Cheerleading finances, sponsor, and tryouts for next year. The New York trip for choir students who have chosen to attend is very nearly paid up. Removal of bleachers in the Old Gym will begin next week for the project of replacing the bleachers and painting the gym. Installation of the new bleachers is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. Flight Squad, a Harlem Globetrotter style basketball group, will be at the school March. There will be an anti-bullying message for the elementary students in the morning, and a community basketball game in the evening. Final approval is pending on the Exchange student previously discussed. The white charter bus is in Kearney for service. He also reported that Speech showcase is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, at 5:30 PM.

There was discussion of some activities issues that need to be addressed, and administration is working on the issues. There was an update on the student financing for the New York Carnegie Hall trip scheduled for May.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 PM. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vonnie Brown
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

George Schlothauer, Superintendent