

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 14, 2025 – 7:00 PM
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

President Justin Corman called the school board meeting to order at 7:04 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, April 11, 2025.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Justin Corman, Jeff Pohl, Kay Anderson, Ryan Amateis, Jim Lapaseotes, and Linda Norman. Also present were Elementary Principal James Simmons, 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, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Communications included a thank you from Elizabeth Higgins for the board's contribution to the Carnegie Hall Music trip, a thank you from Dana Morgan for providing a meal during Parent Teacher Conferences, and a thank you from Michaela Babic and the choir students for the board's support of the music program and their contributions to the Carnegie Hall Music trip.

Visitors were recognized.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Anderson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of the March 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending March 31, 2025, April Expenditures, and April General Fund payroll and withholding of \$617,522.31 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$16,701.96. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Action Communications Inc.	\$4,576.00
Affordable Floor Covers	\$2,760.00
Amazon eCommerce	\$6,619.27
Annabell Gardens	\$5,058.00
B & C Steel Corporation	\$31.92
Benzel Pest Control	\$495.00
Black Hills Energy	\$5,435.15
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE	\$5,404.34
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$3,455.82
Bluum of Texas, LLC.	\$8,070.00

Bomgaars	\$118.96
Bridgeport News Blade	\$60.00
Builders Warehouse	\$131.82
Buller Fixture Company	\$410.93
Cash-Wa Distributing	\$17,987.31
Chad Cargill's Test Prep	\$3,080.00
Charter Communications	\$239.96
Christy Collins	\$693.00
City of Bridgeport	\$11,366.85
Clean Tech Supplies	\$1,197.93
Culligan of Scottsbluff	\$398.50
Curriculum Associates	\$75,537.88
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance/OCIO	\$292.87
E-470 Public Highway Authority	\$4.60
Embassy Suites/Lincoln	\$983.78
ESU #13	\$24,977.93
Fisher Roofing & Restoration Co. Inc.	\$89,300.00
Gail Beyer	\$87.50
Grace Dubs	\$800.79
Graduate by Hilton	\$3,654.00
Hampton Inn/Kearney	\$4,776.52
Hiland Dairy	\$2,012.11
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Co.	\$7,329.18
Hubert Company	\$64.51
Independent Plumbing & Heating	\$73.30
Jackson's Garage LLC	\$1,211.49
Jessica Ann Martin	\$4,422.00
John Cordes	\$287.28
Jones School Supply Co. Inc.	\$396.90
Josie Freiberger	\$2,513.70
Kaiser Tire	\$1,561.00
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	\$56.54
Kylee Bowman	\$574.56
Lee's Service	\$5,574.08
Legacy Cooperative	\$1,419.64
Los Tres Gallos	\$3,500.00
Matheson-Linweld	\$243.00
MCT Inc	\$3,200.00
Mechanical Sales Parts, Inc.	\$2,162.16
Morrill County Community Hospital	\$124.00
Naomi Loomis	\$1,508.22
Nebraska Central Equipment, Inc.	\$422.00
Nein Pharmacy	\$347.61
Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of Alliance Inc.	\$769.00
Pitney Bowes Bank INC. Purchase Power	\$61.73
Platte River Glass	\$282.00
Prairie Winds Community Center	\$80.00
Prestige Group Inc	\$6,200.00
Quaver Music.com, LLC	\$1,800.00
Quill	\$543.85
Shaggy Buffalo	\$100.00
Simply Clean	\$473.38
Soar Pediatric Therapy, LLC	\$7,129.15
Sonny's Super Foods	\$4,616.74
TK Elevator Corporation	\$531.58

Trading Post	\$678.10
Value Up Inc.	\$2,500.00
W.P.C.I.	\$38.00
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	\$8,684.87
Winsupply	\$25.76
Christy Collins	\$693.00
Los Tres Gallos	\$3,500.00
	\$355,717.07

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 change in the 2025-2026 calendar to show an early dismissal. It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Amateis to approve this change to the 2025-2026 calendar. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve the Superintendent base salary for 2025-2026, with a 4.5% increase based on Teacher Negotiated increase for 2025-2026. This puts the salary at \$158,798 for the year. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Pohl to approve an agreement with ESU 13 for consortium for VALTS (Valley Alternative Learners Transitioning School) for the 2025-2026 school year. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Reports and Discussion

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported on testing as the year is wrapping up. She also discussed transition meetings, student schedules, Paraprofessional schedules, and SPED Teacher schedules for 2025-2026 school year. She also talked about ESU's Panhandle Day Treatment Center & the Target Improvement Plan.

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported on Kindergarten Registration, Kindergarten Roundup, Kinder Camp, Summer School, Missoula Children's Theatre, Robotics Team, the new Reading curriculum, 6th Grade Promotion on May 13, and the upcoming Spring Concert on May 1. He also shared a summary of the scheduled field trips for Elementary students.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, shared the High School report for Mr. Blanco, High School Principal. Spring sports, including Track & Field and Boys Golf, have started. ACT testing was conducted and Colton Carrier joined the Over 30 Club. The Day of Service will be on April 23, with Demoine Adams speaking to the students. The new radios for Safety & Security are operational. These radios link administrators with the High School office, buses, and the Morrill County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported that the E-Sports team finished the season at the state meet, placing second to Hemingford. Many of the Activity Banquets have been

held, and there has been a lot of good feedback. Summer projects include replacing the bleachers in the old gym (half have been removed and installation is planned for Memorial Day weekend). The Elementary playground will have the "rubber gravel" replaced with rubber tiles this summer, also. Upcoming events include Academic Banquet, 6th grade promotion, Graduation, Awards Day, and the Year End Board/Staff Dinner. The Bulldog Bus will have an annual checkup in the last week of June, the yellow lease bus will be returned after the last day of school, and the whit bus will be returned at the end of May. Cheer tryouts begin April 14, and there will be two seasons this year, with the winter season potentially including a drill team. Katie Plummer will be coaching with Marie Brown next year. Jennifer Kriha has been hired as the new Business Manager. She will start part time and transition into full time by the end of August. Pre-school registration has been filled for 2025-2026. Paperwork is progressing for the Exchange Student. The FFA presented a check for \$7500 to the Morrill County Building Champions. Volunteers from the board were selected to hand out diplomas at graduation.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:49 PM. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vonnie Brown
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

George Schlothauer, Superintendent