

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 14, 2025 – 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 Wednesday, July 2, 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, Secondary Principal Jason Blanco, Principal of Instruction Erin Reynolds, Superintendent George Schlothauer, and Recording Secretary Vonnie Brown.

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

Communications included "thank you's" from Megan, Milo, and Molly Miller for donations, meals, and concern extended in the loss of Maverick, from Kim Metz for the staff dinner and the retirement recognition and gifts, from Vonnie Brown for the staff dinner and the retirement recognition and gifts and support over the past 20 years, from Claire Linders for the Donald Clark Scholarship, and from Bridgeport Beez for the use of printers, speakers, and coffee dispensers.

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 June 9, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, the May 16 Work Session for Goal Setting for 2025-2026 school year, and 5 year and 10 year goals, financial reports and payables ending June 30, 2025, July Expenditures, and July General Fund payroll and withholding of \$550,427.80 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$6,907.75. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

Payee	Amount
Benzel Pest Control	\$330.00
Black Hills Energy	\$779.18
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE	\$5,109.29
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$953.88
Bomgaars	\$69.96

Bridgeport News Blade	\$99.49
BSN Sports LLC	\$6,285.00
Builders Warehouse	\$29.57
Carrot.Top Industries	\$215.07
Cash-Wa Distributing	\$198.35
City of Bridgeport	\$11,278.26
Cobblestone Inn and Suites Bridgeport	\$927.28
Crescent Electric Supply Company	\$2,758.51
Culligan of Scottsbluff	\$257.00
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance/OCIO	\$292.87
DGP Publishing	\$502.20
Docu-Shred	\$60.00
Egan Supply	\$203.52
Essential Screens	\$15.50
ESU #10	\$315.00
ESU #13	\$27,617.47
Floyd's Truck Center, Inc.	\$1,125.00
Gail Beyer	\$112.75
Gold Medal	\$9,666.75
Hampton Inn/Kearney	\$585.06
HomeTown Leasing	\$4,804.28
Hubert Company	\$18.13
Innovative Office Solutions LLC	\$55.42
Jackson's Garage LLC	\$2,735.07
Jessica Ann Martin	\$1,684.80
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	\$59.97
Lee's Service	\$816.98
Lucy VanBuren	\$448.31
Matheson-Linweld	\$176.00
Menard's	\$249.99
Mid-American Research Chemical Corp	\$607.90
Morrill County Community Hospital	\$334.00
Nebraska Safety Center	\$520.00
Nebraskaland Tire	\$2,264.78
Oriental Trading Company	\$44.72
Pitney Bowes Bank INC. Purchase Power	\$1,572.30
PowerSchool Group LLC	\$6,561.77
Prairie Winds Community Center	\$266.00
Pyramid School Products	\$3,171.13
Quill	\$1,059.51
Rapid Fire Protection	\$360.00
Sandberg Implement Inc.	\$122.80
School Specialty LLC	\$526.41
Sherwin Williams	\$6,499.54
Soar Pediatric Therapy, LLC	\$2,611.30
Staples	\$2,211.40
Todd Harless Electric	\$1,501.34
Trading Post	\$28,768.93
Vector	\$1,150.00
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	\$22,894.49
Wickard Heating & Plumbing Inc	\$3,288.35
William H. Sadlier, Inc.	\$1,427.05
	\$168,599.63

The floor was opened for public comment.

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

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Public Hearing was held on Policy 5018 - Parent Involvement in Education practices, required annually per statute. There were no comments.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Amateis to approve new signers for the Safe Deposit Box at Platte Valley Bank to include George Schlothauer, Justin Corman, and Jennifer Kriha. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Amateis to approve changes to Graduation Requirements for the 2025-2026 school year to require fewer Career and Technical Education courses and to allow for more elective courses. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Amateis to approve the 25-26 Secondary Student Handbook as presented. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Pohl to approve the 25-26 Elementary Student Handbook as presented. Yes: Corman, Norman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Norman to approve the 25-26 Staff Handbook as presented. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to table reading of Policy 5031- Student Appearance until there is further guidance from the legislature and to approve first reading for new and revised policies as follows: 1002-Creation, Amendment & Distribution of Policies, 2006-Complaint Procedure, 3003-Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair, or Site Improvement, 3004.1-Fiscal Management for Purchasing & Procurement Using Federal Funds, 3023-Record Management & Retention, 3026- Handbooks, 3036-Purchasing (Credit) Card Program, 3043-Design-Build Contracts, 3047-Data Breach Response, 3057-Title IX Policy, 4051-Staff & District Social Media Use, 4057-Superintendent Evaluation, 4059-Behavioral & Mental Health Training, 5001- Compulsory Attendance & Excessive Absenteeism, 5015-Protection of Pupil Rights. 5016-Student Records, 5018-Parent Involvement in Education Practices, 5034- Handbooks, 6025-Student Cell Phone & Other Electronic Devices, 6031-Emergency Exclusion, 6034-Concussion Awareness, 6044-Participation & Assignment of Athletic Teams, 6045-Behavioral Intervention. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No: None.

Reports and Discussion

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported that the district met the Maintenance of Effort (MOE). MOE ensures school districts are using federal funds as a supplement to

state and local funds. To meet MOE, school districts must continue spending the same level of state and local funds for special education as the previous year. She also reported that the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) grant will open in August. This accounts for federal funding in Special Education. Bridgeport has hired two new SPED paraprofessionals for the 25-26 school year, and the Professional Development schedule has been set for the August Inservice week.

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal reported on the finalization of class lists with letters going out at the end of the month.

Mr. Blanco, Secondary Principal, reported that Fall practice will begin August 11. He also reported that he is working on an issue with PowerSchool report cards not showing grades that were submitted after the deadline.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported that the Bulldog Bus was taken to Denver for minor maintenance, the gym floors have been refinished, playground tiles have arrived and should be installed by the end of the week, fence replacement on the baseball field by VanPelt Fencing will occur in the next few weeks, and technology upgrades and security improvements are being implemented. He also mentioned talk of Federal spending cuts, but not much is known about how it will affect schools at this time. Physical keys to the building are being recovered. He reported that he will be attending a Budget meeting in North Platte with new Business Manager, Jennifer Kriha, on July 15 and Administrator Days in Kearney July 23-24. He has been trying to work with Big O regarding an airbag issue. Anne VanWinkle and Ethan Strey have been to the school to begin preparations for the fall.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:19 PM. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vonnie Brown
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

George Schlothauer, Superintendent