

**Proceedings of the  
Bridgeport Public Schools  
Morrill County School District #63  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 12, 2025 – 7:00 PM  
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

President Justin Corman called the school board meeting to order at 7:05 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, May 9, 2025.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Justin Corman, Jeff Pohl, Kay Anderson, Ryan Amateis, Jim Lapaseotes, and Linda Norman. Also present were Secondary Principal Jason Blanco, Elementary Principal James Simmons, 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 a thank you from Dana Morgan for the gifts of appreciation received during Staff Appreciation Week.

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 April 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, financial reports and payables ending April 30, 2025, May Expenditures, and May General Fund payroll and withholding of \$627,341.27 and Lunch Fund payroll and withholding of \$16,283.12. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Bills were paid as follows:

Payee	Amount
ACT Finance	\$770.00
Amazon eCommerce	\$14,449.61
Amsterdam Publishing	\$489.30
Belle Gregory	\$355.82
Benzel Pest Control	\$165.00
Black Hills Energy	\$2,980.80
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$2,535.38
Bomgaars	\$188.82
Bridgeport Activity Fund	\$750.00
Bridgeport News Blade	\$83.78
Builders Warehouse	\$281.56

Cash-Wa Distributing	\$21,749.38
CDW Government, Inc.	\$142.10
City of Bridgeport	\$11,969.50
Culligan of Scottsbluff	\$270.00
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance/OCIO	\$292.87
Discount School Supply	\$6.81
Druide Informatique Inc.-CANADA	\$360.00
Eakes Office Solutions	\$4,523.86
Emmily Jeffries	\$182.00
Equifax Workforce Solutions	\$244.65
ESU #10	\$40.00
ESU #13	\$23,198.25
Fairfield by Marriott/Kearney	\$249.40
Grace Dubs	\$889.77
Hampton Inn/Kearney	\$649.53
HARRIS	\$1,067.52
HD Supply	\$1,518.05
Hiland Dairy	\$1,693.27
HomeTown Leasing	\$9,608.56
Inman Service	\$206.17
Jackson's Garage LLC	\$1,485.11
Jessica Ann Martin	\$2,527.20
Jirdon AgriChemicals, Inc.	\$1,460.31
John Cordes	\$319.20
Joshua MacDonald	\$889.77
Josie Freiburger	\$2,793.00
Kaiser Tire	\$125.00
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	\$102.24
KSB School Law	\$636.50
Kylee Bowman	\$638.40
Lakeshore Learning Materials	\$119.50
Learning Without Tears	\$472.88
Lee's Service	\$6,199.27
Legacy Cooperative	\$90.63
Matheson-Linweld	\$359.40
Micheal Berry	\$82.12
Mike's	\$160.00
Morrill County Community Hospital	\$328.00
Naomi Loomis	\$1,675.80
Nebraska Bank	\$1,833.33
Nebraska Bank	\$400,000.00
Nebraska Council of School Administrators	\$435.00
Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc.	\$226.38
Plummer Insurance Inc.	\$100.00
Prestige Group Inc	\$5,200.00
Prestwick House	\$1,349.93
Quill	\$4,410.36
Renkoski	\$2,205.00
School Nurse Supply	\$1,801.88
School Specialty LLC-Coop orders	\$602.77
Shaggy Buffalo	\$90.00
Simple Company & Floral Shop, The	\$103.30
Soar Pediatric Therapy, LLC	\$11,267.20
Sonny's Super Foods	\$2,933.47
Staples	\$2,234.71

Steel Grill	\$5,850.00
Synergy Rehab Bridgeport LLC	\$1,010.00
Tamika Landrum	\$31.92
Trading Post	\$642.47
W.P.C.I.	\$38.00
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	\$19,362.88
Wilson Painting	<u>\$12,942.00</u>
	<u>\$597,046.69</u>

The floor was opened for public comment.

Colton Carrier presented a proposal to reactivate a Student Council in the school system. He also presented a petition signed by 30 students.

There being no further comment, the floor was closed to public comment.

### ***Unfinished Business***

None.

### ***New Business***

The Clark Scholarship Recusal was discussed, and James Lapaseotes will submit a recusal letter.

Playground tiles need to be installed to replace the rubber mulch currently on the Elementary playground to ensure it is compliant with handicap accessibility legislation (ADA). The cost is estimated at \$122,500. There is potential for 25% reimbursement through the state. The City will clean up the current mulch at no additional cost to the school and repurpose it. It was moved by Norman and seconded by Amateis to approve the purchase of the playground tiles. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

### ***Reports and Discussion***

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported that all testing is complete for the year, and an unofficial Comparison Summary Report has been released and was shared with the board. The Target Improvement Plan for third through sixth grade is in progress, as well as training for new paraeducators. IDEA Grant submission is due in June. All SPED teacher observations have been completed, and preparation for August Inservice has commenced.

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported that all Formal Walkthroughs and Evaluations have been completed for the year. The new Magnetic Reading Curriculum Professional Development has begun. The Ultimate Field Trip is scheduled for May 15 in Cheyenne, and Junior High NSCAS Incentive students will be joining the trip. Sixth grade promotion was a success, Track and Field Day in the Elementary was held earlier in the day and was well received and the students from National Honor Society and Junior High Track did a great job and were very much appreciated. Elementary Summer school will be held June 2 – 6 this year.

Mr. Blanco, Secondary Principal, reported that all Observations and Evaluations have been completed for the year. District Track is scheduled for May 15, State Track May 23, District Golf May 19, and State Golf May 28. High School Summer school will be held May 27 – June 13, 8:30 – 11:30 AM, via ZOOM through VALTS this year, in Math,

English and Science. Junior High School Summer school will be held June 9 – 20, 8:30 – 11:30 AM, in Math, English and Study Skills. In the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) testing, students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade who tested proficient in both Math and English & Language Arts, or students who showed significant growth, and in 8<sup>th</sup> grade who tested proficient in Math and English & Language Arts, or showed significant growth in all three, were invited to join the Elementary Ultimate Field Trip in Cheyenne at the Trampoline Park.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported that graduation was very successful. The school will be employing a long term substitute teacher next school year. Summer projects include painting and new bleachers in the old gymnasium. The old bleachers have been removed, prep for painting has begun, and bleachers are scheduled to be delivered on May 23. The playground tiling is expected to begin the week of May 19. Josh MacDonald will be installing 60 new access points around the building to replace old ones that are starting to have issues. Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) funds will be used for this project. There will be several uses of the buses and other vehicles to Denver for trips through the summer and for camps and excursions. Marie Brown is looking into the cost of a backup camera for the Bulldog bus. Two routes will be combined this fall, so a leased route bus should not be necessary. All current vehicles are equipped with dash cams. A replacement SUV is required however. Over 150 free physicals were completed at the school, with assistance from the UNMC nursing students. The cheer team will have two seasons next school year. Marie Brown and Katie Plummer will be coaching them. Staff dinner will be May 13 at 6:00 PM. He also reported that LB 645 has passed reducing staff contribution to NPERS to 8%.

There was discussion of the Academic Banquet.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Norman to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:57 PM. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No: None.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vonnie Brown  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

George Schlothauer, Superintendent

BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #63

WORK SESSION

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2025 – 7 PM

JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

President Justin Corman called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

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 State Post Office, Sonny's Super Foods, and Prairie Winds Community Center on Friday, June 13, 2025.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Justin Corman, Jeff Pohl, Kay Anders, Ryan Amateis, Jim Lapaseotes, and Linda Noman. Also present was Superintendent, George Schlothauer.

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

There were no visitors.

There was no unfinished business.

New business was the review of 2024-2025 goals and to set new goals for the 2025-2026 year, 5 years and 10 years. There were great discussions and interactions on how we want our school to proceed. There were several goals that had been reached, and we are working on the new goals set.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Amateis to adjourn at 9:02 PM. Yes: Corman, Pohl, Norman, Lapaesotes, Amateis, and Anderson. No: None.

Kay Anderson