

**Proceedings of the
Bridgeport Public Schools
Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 8, 2025 – 7:00 PM
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

President Justin Corman called the school board meeting to order at 7:03 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 Thursday, September 4, 2025.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Justin Corman, Jeff Pohl, Kay Anderson, Ryan Amateis, Jim Lapaseotes, and Linda Norman. Also, present were Principal of Instruction Erin Reynolds, Superintendent George Schlothauer, and Recording Secretary Jennifer Kriha.

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

Communications included a "thank you" for the continued support of the volleyball team from Claire Eckhardt and a "thank you" from Jonelle Bowman for the scholarship she was awarded.

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 August 11, 2025, regular board meeting; financial reports and payables ending August 31, 2025; September 2025 Expenditures; and September 2025 General Fund payroll & withholding of \$628,354.19 and Lunch Fund payroll & withholding of \$13,932.01. Yes votes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No votes: none.

Bills were paid as follows:

Vendor	Amount
385 Meat Market LLC	\$279.59
Amazon eCommerce	\$7,315.64
Black Hills Energy	\$555.06
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$5,990.74
Bluum of Texas, LLC.	\$4,766.00
Bomgaars	\$588.78
Burger Werx Catering	\$577.50
Carolyn Enevoldsen	\$360.00
Cash-Wa Distributing	\$15,295.97
CDW Government, Inc.	\$13.12

Charter Communications	\$119.98
Christy Collins	\$179.00
City of Bridgeport	\$14,334.20
Clean Tech Supplies	\$1,729.76
Crossroads Music	\$852.90
Culligan of Scottsbluff	\$439.23
EMC Insurance Companies	\$971.00
Emily Hackett	\$126.00
Equifax Workforce Solutions	\$251.99
ESU #10	\$5,580.00
ESU #13	\$2,274.07
ESU Coordinating Council	\$2,984.75
Floyd's Truck Center, Inc.	\$671.22
Follett Content Solutions, LLC	\$449.78
Grace Dubs	\$464.84
HARRIS	\$1,800.00
Hiland Dairy	\$1,769.92
HomeTown Leasing	\$4,804.28
Imagine Learning	\$7,360.00
J.W. Pepper & Sons, Inc	\$659.33
Jackson's Garage LLC	\$4,916.69
Jessica Ann Martin	\$4,713.90
Jill Bartling	\$116.37
John Cordes	\$159.60
Jones School Supply Co. Inc.	\$653.25
Joshua MacDonald	\$444.89
Josie Freiberger	\$1,396.50
Julie Nein	\$105.28
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	\$45.43
KSB School Law	\$602.00
Kylee Bowman	\$319.20
Lee's Service	\$4,268.57
Legacy Cooperative	\$55.22
Matheson-Linweld	\$617.41
Menard's	\$404.58
Mid-American Research Chemical Corp	\$119.93
Naomi Loomis	\$837.90
Nebraskaland Tire	\$911.09
Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of Alliance Inc.	\$191.00
PowerSchool Group LLC	\$224.47
Prestige Group Inc	\$10,800.00
Quill	\$773.20
RAKA	\$1,153.72
Rapid Fire Protection	\$3,857.00
Rogue	\$368.56
Savvas Learning Company LLC	\$196.02
Sean Sterkel	\$190.58
Shaggy Buffalo	\$70.00
Sonny's Super Foods	\$2,400.06
Tamika Landrum	\$159.60
Todd Harless Electric	\$435.17
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	\$28,706.79
Whiting Signs LLC	\$4,998.00
	\$158,776.63

The floor was opened for public comment.

Karen Peterson introduced herself to the board members and administration as the new 4-H Extension Assistant.

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

Unfinished Business

Corman opened and called the 2025-2026 Budget Hearing to order at 7:08 PM. The board reviewed the proposed budget document as presented at the meeting and in the board packets. There being no further discussion, the 2025-2026 Budget Hearing was closed at 7:15 PM.

Corman opened and called the 2025-2026 Final Tax Request Hearing to order at 7:16 PM. The board reviewed the proposed tax request as presented at the meeting and in the board packets. There being no additional discussion, the Final Tax Request Hearing was closed at 7:18 PM.

New Business

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Pohl to approve an increase in the school district's Certified Property Tax Request Authority by \$592,128, which is allowed by statute with 70% board approval. Yes votes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No votes: none.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Norman to approve the 2025-2026 Budget as presented in the Budget Hearing. Yes votes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No votes: none.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Amateis to approve Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request, Resolution No. 2025-01 to set the final tax request for the 2025-2026 school year as presented in the Final Tax Request Hearing. Yes votes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No votes: none.

Reports and Discussion

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported on the NSCAS model of testing this year. K-3 has new reading curriculum this year and they are required to complete three (3) benchmark tests with the first test given in September. Teachers will relay information to parents during Parent-Teacher Conferences. The SPED Budget is due October 31st. Attendance reports will be pulled on Monday (September 15th).

Mrs. Reynolds presented Mr. Blanco's, Secondary Principal, report in his absence. Fall athletic teams have been competing with success. Homecoming will be the week of September 22nd with various activities throughout the week ending with the football game against Kimball, coronation, and dance on Friday the 26th. New parking procedures have been implemented and are going well. Teachers report students are following the new cell phone procedures as there have only been a handful of infractions. Student Council representatives have been selected with the first meeting to occur on Wednesday (September 10th).

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported Marie went to Denver to pick up the Bulldog bus. While the AC was being fixed they realized there was an issue with a wheel bearing so it was also fixed. Bus 8 is at Floyds for exhaust work and will be done in 2-3 weeks. We currently transport 180 students on 11 different bus routes, which is 1 less route than last year. We are still looking to find another sub CDL driver. Current enrollment is 496 students K-12 with the junior class being the largest at 50 students and 1st grade the smallest with 27 students. Seven students will be attending FFA National Convention at the end of October. Corrections to the glossy calendars include: FFA Labor Auction is Nov. 6th (not September 18th), September 23rd is VB at Hemingford, and October 2nd is VB home against Alliance.

The Board of Education report came from Norman regarding homeschool enrollment for activities. She stated there are some conflicts with decisions on the state level and there would be more information to come.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Kriha
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

George Schlothauer, Superintendent