

**Proceedings of the Bridgeport Public Schools Morrill County School District #63  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, October 13, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

President Justin Corman called the school board meeting to order at 5:34 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, October 9, 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, 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” from the elementary staff for the new chairs in the staff lounge: “not only do they look great, they are a comfy spot to unwind during lunch.” A “thank you” from Dana Morgan, BPS Kindergarten teacher, thanked Mr. Schlothauer and the BPS Board of Education for the dinner provided during parent teacher conferences and not have to worry about a meal.

Visitors were recognized.

***Business Meeting:***

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Amateis to approve Consent Agenda items A-C, with the removal of item D (payroll) and setting a Special Meeting to approve payroll at a later date. Items A-C include the minutes from September 8, 2025, regular board meeting; financial reports and payables ending September 30, 2025; and September 2025 Expenditures. 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 Freiburger	\$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
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$158,776.63</b>

The floor was opened for public comment. There being no public comment, the floor was closed to public comment.

**Unfinished Business:** *There* was no Unfinished Business to conduct.

### ***New Business***

Mr. Schlothauer explained WNCC no longer charges tuition (which BPS paid on behalf of the students) for the dual credit classes being taken by BPS students; however, WNCC is no longer paying staff teaching those classes. It has been proposed to amend the 2025-2026 Teacher Contracts to include extra duty stipends to accommodate the staff teaching the WNCC dual credit courses at the same rate they were previously paid (which is what we paid to WNCC for the students' tuition). It was moved by Norman and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve an amendment to the 2025-2026 Teacher Contract involving WNCC Dual Credit Classes. Yes votes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No votes: none.

BPS has an opportunity to purchase a 2006 MCI J5400 Coach charter bus from Colorado Coach Transportation LLC for \$35,000. The owner of the business is retiring; therefore, going out of business and would like to see the bus to go to a school instead of his competition. Marini Diesel Inc. has been the mechanic for the history of this bus and recommends it for BPS. BPS will no longer need to lease a charter bus with the purchase of this charter bus. It was moved by Pohl to purchase the 2006 MCI J5400 Coach for \$35,000 from Colorado Coach Transportation LLC and seconded by Amateis. Yes votes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Lapaseotes, Norman, and Amateis. No votes: none.

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

Colton Carrier gave the Student Council presentation. StuCo has eighteen (18) members with 5 officers. Since starting back up, they have solved the paper towel issues and continue to discuss weighted grade point average (GPA), and complaints of internet issues with school computers. Activities they are planning include a social outreach with the nursing home where they will paint pumpkins and hosting a Penny Carnival on October 30, 2025. As a fundraiser, StuCo will be operating the concessions stand on November 13<sup>th</sup> for the Junior High Girls Basketball game.

Presentation by Kylee Sterkel, Business, Comp Science, & Marketing teacher, on what the Marketing class is working. This presentation took place in Mrs. Sterkel's classroom. The class has started BPS Press, the shop to purchase Bridgeport Bulldogs apparel. They are learning all aspects of the business, from accounting to marketing to designing the logos to printing the apparel for customers and packaging the finished product for shipping. The screen-printing press was purchased with Career & Technical Education (CTE) grant funds through NDE. Ordering can take place several ways: a link on the school's website, Facebook, or by contacting one of the students.

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported on Indicator 13 with the Transition Assessment for ages 14-22 being competed. Indicator 11 had the number of initial evaluations being 24 out of 25. SPEDFRS (SPED 2024-2025 budget/expenses) is due to NDE on October 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be two new students needing 1:1 service, making a total of 5 students in our district. Teach Like a Champion in-service will be held on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The 24-25 NSCAS State Report Card will be released on November 26<sup>th</sup>. A writing portion will be added to the assessment in the Spring for 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, presented the highest participation percentage we have had for Parent Teacher Conferences at 98% (231/235). This year's Bookfair brought in \$5,800 for the school with \$2,600 in Scholastic money, which is higher than last year. Nebraska Bank Savings initiative

kicks off tomorrow, October 14<sup>th</sup> for the elementary students. Sixth-Grade students went through an interview process and 6 were hired as tellers for this initiative. Twenty-two formal walkthroughs have been completed, with 3 formal observations with the probationary teachers scheduled in the next several weeks. Magnetic Reading meetings are scheduled for next week to discuss what the likes/dislikes are and if there is further support needed. There are 24 students in grades K-3 on IRP (Individual Reading Plans). The attendance process has started with five letters being sent due to students missing 5+ days through the first quarter, this is less than last year. End of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is October 17<sup>th</sup>, with grades due on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Red Ribbon Week will be held October 27-31 with the theme being "Not Just for a Week, but for a Life."

Mr. Blanco, Secondary Principal, reported on fall activities with cross-country district being held in Ogallala this week; volleyball will participate in the SPVA tournament in Kimball this coming weekend and sub-districts will be on October 27<sup>th</sup>; football play-off pairings will be released after Friday's game against Sutherland-BPS will host the first round as district champions; girls' golf districts was held last week-we did not have individuals qualify; however, some of the girls shot their best scores of the season; band attended the UW game and performed at halftime. The music concert is tonight at 7:00 p.m. He had numerous compliments on the homecoming parade with several stating it was the best parade. The dance went well and StuCo is discussing sponsoring it in future years. Walkthroughs continue with formal observations being scheduled and completed for tenured and probationary teachers. BPS did have a student graduate from VALTS last Thursday. Five-Day Attendance letters (10-12) and 2 Ten-Day Attendance letters have been sent regarding secondary students who have missed the respective number of days. Secondary had a 64% average attendance for Parent Teacher Conferences this year, with the junior class having the lowest attendance.

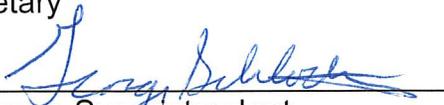
Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported we are currently leasing a 2016 route bus from Prestige in Kearney with 115,000 miles. They are offering to sell it to us for \$24,000. We plan to take it to Marini Diesel Inc. to have it looked at before deciding if it would be a good purchase. Bus 8 has been fixed and returned to the fleet. He reiterated the dates for events coming up including National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, which he will attend from October 29-November 1<sup>st</sup>. If we win the first round of football playoffs we could host 2<sup>nd</sup> round as well on October 31<sup>st</sup>, which he would be gone. November 6<sup>th</sup> will be the FFA labor auction. He gave each board member a handout regarding the WNCC CDL program that could be offered to our students who are age 18 or older. They would only take 6 students in this first class if we choose to offer it. He has had quite a bit of interest from students he has talked to.

The Board of Education report came from Anderson stating she attended the VALTS graduation of a BPS student last Thursday. She shared about the program and how another BPS student received a Leadership & Attendance award. She also passed along good commendations on the football team members who cheered on the Leyton football team in a positive manner.

Special meeting to approve October 2025 payroll was set for Friday, October 17, 2025, at noon, in the Jr./Sr. High School Media Center.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Norman to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:40 p.m. Yes votes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No votes: none.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Kriha  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:   
George Schlothauer, Superintendent

**Proceedings of the Bridgeport Public Schools Morrill County School District #63**  
**Board of Education**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Friday, October 17, 2025 – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

President Justin Corman called the school board meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

President Justin Corman informed the public of the Open Meetings Act posted by the library door.

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

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

October 2025 Payroll totals were presented to the board in the amounts of: General Fund payroll & withholding of \$665,330.49 and Lunch Fund payroll & withholding of \$19,743.71. It was moved by Pohl to approved October 2025 payroll and seconded by Anderson. Yes votes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No votes: none.

It was moved by Pohl and seconded by Amateis to adjourn the special meeting at 12:15 p.m. Yes votes: Corman, Pohl, Anderson, Norman, Lapaseotes, and Amateis. No votes: none.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Kriha  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:   
George Schlothauer, Superintendent