

**Proceedings of the Bridgeport Public Schools Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2026 – 5:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

President Jeff Pohl called the school board meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

President Jeff Pohl informed the public of the Open Meetings Act posted by the library door.

The public was informed of this meeting by public posting at the United States Post Office, Sonny's Super Foods, and Prairie Winds Community Center on Thursday, February 5, 2026.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Jeff Pohl, Kay Anderson, Justin Corman, 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 Corman and seconded by Anderson to excuse board member Amateis. Yes votes: Pohl, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

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

Communications received: None

Visitors were recognized.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Corman and seconded by Anderson to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: minutes from January 12, 2026, regular board meeting; minutes from the January 21, 2026, special board meeting; financial reports and payables ending January 31, 2026; January 2026 expenditures; and February 2026 payroll. Yes votes: Pohl, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Bills were paid as follows:

Vendor	Amount
AC Electric Motor Service, LLC	\$2,809.40
Amazon eCommerce	\$2,592.03
Benzel Pest Control	\$181.50
Black Hills Energy	\$6,602.50
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE	\$5,536.88
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$5,772.26
Bluum of Texas, LLC.	\$10,172.51
Bridgeport News Blade	\$117.56
Builders Warehouse	\$10.75
CASH for meals	\$1,050.00
Cash-Wa Distributing	\$21,826.57
Chadron State College	\$460.00
City of Bridgeport	\$10,565.33
Class C Band	\$84.00
Cobblestone Inn and Suites Bridgeport	\$98.54
Crescent Electric Supply Company	\$1,125.72

Culligan of Scottsbluff	\$270.00
UNL Extension	\$950.00
Eakes Office Solutions	\$1,920.13
Embassy Suites/Lincoln	\$537.00
Emmily Jeffries	\$224.00
ESU #10	\$20.00
ESU #13	\$16,711.37
Floyd's Truck Center, Inc.	\$1,077.82
Grace Dubs	\$914.73
HARRIS	\$6,737.50
Hiland Dairy	\$2,805.38
HomeTown Leasing	\$5,030.99
Jackson's Garage LLC	\$3,256.72
Jason Blanco	\$204.45
Jessica Ann Martin	\$3,792.80
Joshua MacDonald	\$914.73
Josie Freiburger	\$2,748.11
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	\$583.74
Lakeshore Learning Materials	\$126.20
Lee's Service	\$95.00
Legacy Cooperative	\$14,356.68
Matheson-Linweld	\$181.40
Menard's	\$61.37
Mid-American Research Chemical Corp	\$1,097.43
Morrill County Community Hospital	\$136.00
Naomi Loomis	\$1,648.86
Nebraska Choral	\$585.00
Nebraska Food Distribution Program	\$268.25
Nebraska Safety Center	\$625.00
NSpire Today!	\$100.00
Parco Scientific Company	\$62.00
Plummer Insurance Inc.	\$500.00
Prestige Group Inc	\$2,600.00
Purchase Power	\$2,045.06
Quill	\$38.91
Rapid Fire Protection	\$368.50
Shaggy Buffalo	\$40.00
Simply Clean	\$343.20
Soar Pediatric Therapy, LLC	\$9,185.23
Sonny's Super Foods	\$4,811.81
Stacey Harden	\$400.00
Susanna Batterman	\$600.00
Team Auto Center	\$160.45
TK Elevator Corporation	\$549.92
Trading Post	\$188.26
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	\$11,508.26
GRAND TOTAL	\$170,387.81

The floor was opened for public comment: There was no public comment.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business to conduct.

New Business

It was moved by Corman and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve Jeff Pohl as a signer on all Platte Valley Accounts and to remove Justin Corman, while leaving all other current signers on all accounts. The accounts are as follows: General Checking (#3470), Building (#3500), Money Market (#0168), Depreciation (#4167), Employee Benefits (#3497), Imprest Checking (#3462), and Lunch (#3489). Yes votes: Pohl, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Lapaseotes to add Jeff Pohl as a signer on the Debt Service Fund Checking account (#904) at Nebraska Bank account and to remove Justin Corman, while leaving all other current signers on the account. Yes votes: Pohl, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

After some discussion regarding breaks in February and March 2027, it was moved by Corman and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented by Mr. Schlothauer. Yes votes: Pohl, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

It was presented to increase the superintendent's contract by 3.5% (which is what was given to the teachers) and to leave the contract in the mid-range of area superintendents. It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Corman to approve the 2026-2027 Superintendent's contract starting on July 1, 2026, for a total of \$163,355. Yes votes: Pohl, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

It was moved by Corman and seconded by Anderson to accept the resignation of Ms. Sydney Nein effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Yes votes: Pohl, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Reports and Discussion

Mr. Blanco, Student Council sponsor, reported to the board that the student council has been discussing what to do with the funds from the Penny Carnival. They are also discussing what format the student council elections should be for the upcoming school year. Continued conversations regarding the weighted scale for grades have been

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported the Part C: Birth-2 PRT meeting and outcomes training will be held in Alliance in March. Part B: Target Improvement Plan data will be reported for the 2024-2025 school year with the submission due by May 1, as the requirements have changed. There was training on those changes today (2/9/2026). She also reported the NSCAS Growth assessment in Math, ELA, and Science for fifth grade and 8th grade will be April 13-17, 2026. Teachers will be trained in how to proctor and administer the assessment by February 18th. On the professional development side, the SPED staff participated in data reviews, vertical alignment work, NSCAS writing preparation, and Autism training for paraprofessionals on February 5th. The district now has six (6) 1:1 students (3 are new this school year) and using the same language among departments with the students is critical.

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported to the board there are 6 teachers and Mr. Simmons will be leaving after the meeting for the ESEA conference in Denver to accept our award and attend the conference. BIST training took place last week (first week of February 2026) and then a meeting with staff was held to go over what will be coming regarding BIST.

Mr. Blanco, Secondary Principal, reported on the winter activities and how busy February will be with the end of the season tournaments. Both boys' and girls' basketball teams are WTC Conference champions. Two girls qualified for state wrestling, while boys' district wrestling will take place later in the month. Speech meets continue each week with district and state being held in March 2026. Vape

detectors have been purchased with Title IV funds for a safe and drug free school. There will be a security/lockdown drill held in conjunction with the Sheriff's department on Tuesday, February 24th. Core teachers met to review data and notate different trends. They also went over the 8th & 9th grade Pre-ACT tests. New Math curriculum in the high school is being discussed, and they will be getting samples of different curriculums in the next few weeks. NMRP (NE Math Readiness Program) through a college is another way for our students to get credit. Discussion about being more deliberate in the placement of students in math classes has also taken place.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, stated he was going to leave for Denver tonight for the presentation of the award tomorrow morning at the ESEA Conference. He will be back tomorrow for the basketball games. The district will be recognizing Jeff Nichols for all he does for the district and community during the basketball games. He reported we have Elizabeth Goltl booked to be the graduation speaker this year. He reported on the WNCC CDL program which has 8 students participating in it. They must complete 12 hours of book work before February 24th, then they go to the college for the inspections and non-book items. The students will have their learner's permit through this program and then have 1 year to get their CDL. Legislative Bill #765 is something we need to keep an eye on, as it deals with passing bonds for school districts.

During the Board of Education Reports section had discussions around AI and how it is affecting school districts.

It was moved by Corman and seconded by Lapaseotes to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Yes votes: Pohl, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Kriha
Recording Secretary

Approved by: 
George Schlothauer, Superintendent