

**Proceedings of the Bridgeport Public Schools Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

President Jeff Pohl called the school board meeting to order at 7:02 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 Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Jeff Pohl, Ryan Amateis, 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 Amateis to approve the agenda as presented. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, 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 March 9, 2026, regular board meeting; minutes from April 6, 2026, special board meeting; financial reports and payables ending March 31, 2026; March and April 2026 expenditures; and April 2026 payroll. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Bills were paid as follows:

Vendor	Amount
Amazon eCommerce	\$769.71
Banner County Schools	\$50.00
Benzel Pest Control	\$181.50
Black Hills Energy	\$5,722.82
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE	\$5,536.88
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$3,629.06
Bridgeport Activity Fund	\$82.75
Bridgeport News Blade	\$102.98
Cash-Wa Distributing	\$19,972.51
Chad Cargill's Test Prep	\$3,040.00
Charter Communications	\$599.80
Christy Collins	\$1,437.50
City of Bridgeport	\$11,104.94
Crossroads Music	\$280.00
Culligan of Scottsbluff	\$288.00
Dan Krentz	\$17,000.00
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance/OCIO	\$635.74
E-470 Public Highway Authority	\$4.60

Eakes Office Solutions	\$3,946.71
Emmily Jeffries	\$145.00
Engineered Controls	\$420.00
ESU #13	\$27,035.63
Floyd's Truck Center, Inc.	\$1,551.30
Grace Dubs	\$866.57
Hiland Dairy	\$2,401.89
HomeTown Leasing	\$5,282.53
Inman Service	\$702.63
Insight Enterprises Inc	\$1,694.00
Jackson's Garage LLC	\$3,548.94
Jessica Ann Martin	\$3,320.80
Jirdon AgriChemicals, Inc.	\$1,143.54
Joshua MacDonald	\$962.87
Josie Freiberger	\$2,748.11
Jostens, Inc.	\$51.00
Kaiser Tire	\$20.00
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	\$174.55
KSB School Law	\$1,089.50
Kurt Tremain	\$450.00
Kylee Sterkel	\$524.17
Matheson-Linweld	\$238.99
MCT Inc	\$3,000.00
Mechanical Sales Parts, Inc.	\$717.55
Mid-American Research Chemical Corp	\$740.63
Morrill County Community Hospital	\$127.00
Naomi Loomis	\$1,735.65
National Art & School Supplies	\$763.61
Pitney Bowes Bank INC. Purchase Power	\$2,215.64
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC	\$1,338.57
Plummer Insurance Inc.	\$100.00
PowerSchool Group LLC	\$8,794.08
Prestwick House	\$708.94
Quill	\$159.98
Rapid Fire Protection	\$632.00
Riverside Discovery Center	\$229.00
School Specialty - Supply Orders	\$128.42
Shaggy Buffalo	\$40.00
Simply Clean	\$219.01
Soar Pediatric Therapy, LLC	\$20,365.34
Sonny's Super Foods	\$4,324.02
Trading Post	\$6,317.59
Turf Tank Billing	\$2,325.00
VIAERO	\$495.35
W.P.C.I.	\$76.00
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	\$26,355.51
GRAND TOTAL	\$210,666.41

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

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business to conduct.

New Business

After discussion on the policy process works, it was moved by Corman and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve Policy #6019 – Awarding High School Credit for Algebra Completed in Middle School notating the change of “5 high school credits” to “10 high school credits”. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, and Lapaseotes. No votes: Norman.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Corman to accept the resignation of Tammy Howitt-Covalt, school librarian, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Anderson to accept the resignation of Michael Berry, ESL instructor, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

It was moved by Corman and seconded by Amateis to approve the 2026-2027 elementary teaching contract for Rayleigh Franklin. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Anderson to award Mack Haddix with a posthumous Bridgeport Public Schools diploma. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Reports and Discussion

Colton Carrier, Student Council president, reported to the board the student council held their election for the office of President with Dixon Leisy winning the office and Landon Dean being Vice President. Colton stated 169 votes were places which represented 68% of the student body. The change in officers will be effective June 2026. The remaining officer positions will be voted on during their April 2026 meeting. Colton also reported that Josh is conducting a weighted grade point average demo in PowerSchool. This continues the discussion on how to possibly move forward with changing over to a weighted GPA system for BPS students.

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported ACT testing was completed on April 7, 2026, and NSCAS General/Alternate testing is currently in progress. The make-up window for the NSCAS will be April 20-May1, 2026. Secondary SPED is building schedules for the 2026-2027 school year. Elementary and secondary SPED teams will project paraeducator support needs based on current IEPs and 1:1 service for the 2026-2027 school year. Staff observations for the current school year are wrapping up. The Targeted Improvement Plan is due May 1. She happily reported the 2024-2025 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) was met. She ended her report by stating the 2026-2027 Professional Development Calendar is currently being built.

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported on a couple of items Mrs. Reynolds touched on. Otherwise, things are beginning to wrap up the 2025-2026 school year.

Mr. Blanco, Secondary Principal, reported on the spring activities continuing with possibility of weather causing some changes in the schedule for track. He also noted a couple of upcoming events: Day of Service is April 22nd, Awards Day is April 27th, last day for seniors is May 1st with the seniors participating in track checking out on April 20th, Academic Banquet is May 6th, graduation will be May 9th, and the last day of school for students is scheduled to be a half day on May 12th.


Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported on the CDL class went to WNCC for a day to get more hands-on experience by driving a simulator while others drove semis. Several of these students plan to attend lineman school in South Dakota, which means some aspects of the CDL class will need to

be worked out for them. He also touched on several upcoming events to include: cheerleading tryouts will take place April 20th – 25th, Spring Play will be held on April 30th-which is a different date than what is the fancy calendars, May 4th is the Elementary Spring Concert, Fine Arts Night/Spring Concert will be May 5th, Senior Walk – Graduation Practice – Academic Banquet will all take place on May 6th with graduation starting at 3:00 p.m. on May 9, 2026. He reported the white activity bus is currently being looked at to have the oil cooler replaced along with some other repairs the mechanic found including 2 cracked hoses, and air leak, and changing out the filters while he has the bus. Cal Renander has also announced his retirement at the end of the school year. Marie is planning to restructure some of the route stops to avoid having to replace Cal which could also lead to not having to lease a route bus next school year. It has been decided not to purchase the current lease bus, so it will be taken back to Prestige in May after school is out. The auditorium construction was completed today. Preschool letters will be mailed out tomorrow (4/14/2026) as we can accept 20 of the 25 applicants.

No reports from board members.

It was moved by Corman and seconded by Amateis to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Kriha
Recording Secretary

Approved by: 
George Schlothauer, Superintendent

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Board of Education
Special Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

President Jeff Pohl called the school board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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, April 1, 2026.

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

Communications received: None.

No visitors were in attendance.

The floor was opened for public comment, and there was none.

New Business

It was moved by Amateis to move into executive session at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of the superintendent's job performance evaluation and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and such person has not requested a public meeting, second by Corman. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

President Pohl stated, "It has been approved to move into executive session for the superintendent job performance evaluation and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and such person has not requested a public meeting. Consideration of matters is restricted to the reason for the closed session."

At 9:04 p.m. Amateis moved to come out of executive session with no action taken and to return to the regular open meeting, Corman seconded the motion. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none. The public was invited back into the meeting in progress.

It was moved by Corman and seconded by Amateis to adjourn the special meeting at 9:05 p.m. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Kriha
Recording Secretary

Approved by: 
George Schlothauer, Superintendent