

**Proceedings of the Bridgeport Public Schools Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center**

President Jeff Pohl called the school board meeting to order at 7:01 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 Friday, May 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 with the requested change of moving "Item E: Presentation of Mack Haddix posthumous diploma" to the beginning of new business. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Communications received: Linda read a letter from the Mack Haddix family thanking the school board for awarding Mack a posthumous diploma, explaining what it means to family and generations to come. Another thank you note from Bobbi Wright regarding her appreciation of the clean-up day (Day of Service) was also read.

Visitors were recognized.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Corman and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: minutes from April 13, 2026, regular board meeting; financial reports and payables ending April 30, 2026; April and May 2026 expenditures; and May 2026 payroll. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Bills were paid as follows:

Vendor	Amount
Amazon eCommerce	\$7,373.35
Benzel Pest Control	\$181.50
Black Hills Energy	\$3,020.31
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE	\$5,536.88
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$3,873.04
Bomgaars	\$489.50
BPS Press	\$25.00
Bridgeport Education Association	\$150.00
Bridgeport Independent Living	\$99.90
Bridgeport News Blade	\$752.71
Builders Warehouse	\$353.16
Burger Werx Catering	\$2,694.84
CASH for meals	\$764.00
Cash-Wa Distributing	\$21,517.63
City of Bridgeport	\$11,333.53

Clean Tech Supplies	\$1,724.76
Culligan of Scottsbluff	\$288.00
DGP Publishing	\$343.25
Docu-Shred	\$70.00
Eakes Office Solutions	\$252.57
Embassy Suites/Lincoln	\$298.00
Emmily Jeffries	\$266.00
ESU #10	\$20.00
ESU #13	\$19,255.42
Filnn Scientific Inc.	\$1,048.78
Gorsuch and Sons Inc.	\$4,137.30
Grace Dubs	\$240.72
HARRIS	\$12,642.20
Hiland Dairy	\$2,574.30
Hillyard Inc.	\$398.24
HomeTown Leasing	\$5,282.53
Jackson's Garage LLC	\$1,414.38
JAMF Software, LLC	\$1,100.00
Jessica Ann Martin	\$3,532.50
Joshua MacDonald	\$770.29
Josie Frelberger	\$2,892.75
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	\$352.90
KSB School Law	\$1,044.00
Lee French Bleacher Repair	\$1,455.00
Matheson-Linweld	\$456.58
McGraw - Hill Education, Inc	\$832.46
Mechanical Sales Parts, Inc.	\$2,303.72
Naomi Loomis	\$1,637.50
Nebraska Ag Ed Association (NAEA)	\$275.00
Nebraska Council of School Administrators	\$780.00
Prestige Group Inc	\$2,600.00
Pryor-ity Sweet Treats	\$210.00
Really Good Stuff, LLC	\$49.98
School Nurse Supply	\$797.36
School Specialty - Supply Orders	\$2,579.07
Shaggy Buffalo	\$70.00
Simply Clean	\$184.00
Soar Pediatric Therapy, LLC	\$10,661.94
Cash-Wa Distributing	\$1,316.32
Sonny's Super Foods	\$4,742.49
Trading Post	\$7,822.36
Walsworth	\$1,229.17
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	\$13,396.19
William H. Sadler, Inc.	\$369.67
GRAND TOTAL	\$171,883.05

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

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business to conduct.

New Business

Mr. Schlothauer presented the family of Mack Haddix a posthumous Bridgeport High School diploma. Mack was a junior at BHS in 1943 before he left school to fight in WWII; therefore, he was unable to receive his diploma.

It was moved by Corman and seconded by Norman to approve the Clemens Carpet bid in the amount of \$27,186.36 for the summer carpet project to carpet six (6) classrooms. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Corman to approve Marini Diesel Inc. (MDI) to complete the engine overhaul of the 2006 MCI Activity Bus (white bus). Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Anderson to approve to approve the December 2026 graduation request by Cody Bates, as per Policy 5065: Early Graduation. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

After some discussion about the high school counselor position, it was moved by Corman and seconded by Lapaseotes to accept with congratulations the retirement of Kathy Baxter, High School Counselor. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, and Lapaseotes. No votes: Norman.

Reports and Discussion

Colton Carrier, Student Council president, reported to the board the results of the officer election for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year. They are as follows: President, Dixon Leisy; Vice President, Landon Dean; Secretary, Kambrey Amateis; Treasurer, Olivia Corman; and Social Outreach, Elizabeth Higgins. The change in officers will be effective June 2026. Colton also reported there is approximately \$3,300 in the Student Council account to start next year with as they do a lot with Homecoming. The weighted GPA discussion took place again to see if it would be able to be moved forward before the next school year.

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported the required Annual Consultation Meeting for non-public students and families with possible disabilities will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. She stated all testing has been completed for the year and the post-test verification reviews will take place as follows: ACT due July 24th – 27th, NSCAS general is due May 22nd, and NSCAS alternate date is June 10th. The 2026-2027 Assessment Calendar is still being worked on to see when tests dates will be. She will be attending the Literacy Conference in Kearney June 11-12, 2026, thanks to a grant from ESU #13 for the registration. This is a requirement of the Reading Improvement Act for PreK-3rd grade reading. Mrs. Reynolds also stated the PRT 12 Annual Meeting will be held on June 3, 2026.

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported the Ansvr House (Green Team) won the House competition for the year and will be rewarded with the Ultimate Field Trip on May 12th. Elementary field day took place earlier today (May 11th) and ran smoothly with the help of the National Honor Society students and the junior high track team. He also reported the Elementary Spring Concert, held on May 4th, was well attended and the students did a wonderful job. He also reported on the attendance for the 2025-2026 school year with 4 students having perfect attendance. Mr. Simmons mailed 4 letters where students had missed 20 days and 1 letter with a student missing 25 days. He said this is the first year for these letters and creates a good baseline for data in the coming years.

Mr. Blanco, Secondary Principal, reported on the spring activities with District Tract taking place at Perkins County on May 14th, and District Golf being held in Ogallala May 18-19, 2026. Graduation was held on Saturday, May 9th and went well other than some audio issues. The audio issues have been notated and will be looked at for improvement before next year's graduation 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 a successful Academic Banquet on May 6, 2026, and re-capped the success of graduation. We will have 11 girls on the Cheer squad for the 2026-2027 school year comprised of 8 returning and 3 new members. They plan to compete at state cheer this upcoming year, which hasn't happened for the last 2 years. He touched on a couple of summer projects which include the carpet project (approved earlier in the meeting) and the need to replace the remaining gym lights with energy-efficient fixtures currently being used when an old fixture fails. He is still waiting for bids for this project. He also discussed the "swatting" calls that have been happening to area school districts. "Swatting" is where perpetrators create a fake, high-risk emergency (such as a bomb threat, active shooter, or hostage situation) to cause chaos and fear. Alliance high school was on lockdown earlier today (May 11th) because of a "swatting" call. He also discussed the Canva hack which affected schools and colleges across the nation, one of which was Chadron State College. The hack involved unauthorized access to part of Canva's environment which included usernames, email addresses, course names, enrollment information and messages. Canva is what teachers use for class assignments among other features. He also mentioned having a budget workshop during the week of June 22nd to review the current budget and discuss next year's budget. He reminded the board the staff dinner will be tomorrow (May 12th) at 6:00 p.m.

Board reports included discussion about moving forward with the weighted GPA. Discussion was also had regarding some minor changes to the Academic Banquet regarding the recognition of students on the High Honor Roll and students with all A's, and to announce the Valedictorians. It was brought up to possibly have a "staff" section at graduation where teachers and BHS staff could sit as a group in support of the students. It was mentioned to see about hanging senior banners along Main Street, like what Bayard does, as another way to recognize our seniors before graduation.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Amateis to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 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