

Proceedings of the Bridgeport Public Schools Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, June 08, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

President Jeff Pohl called the school board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Notice of this meeting was provided to the public through postings at the United States Post Office, Sonny's Super Foods, and the Prairie Winds Community Center on Thursday, June 4, 2026. Additionally, the notice was published on the same date in the *Bridgeport News-Blade*, a local legal newspaper of general circulation.

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

It was moved by Amateis to table Item "D: Consideration to approve Resolution on capacity at each grade level for the 2026-2027 school year" and seconded by Anderson. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

It was moved by Lapaseotes and seconded by Amateis to approve the agenda with the requested change of tabling "Item D: Consideration to approve Resolution on capacity at each grade level for the 2026-2027 school year." Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Communications received: Linda read a "thank you" note from Mrs. Morgan, Kindergarten teacher, thanking the board and administration for the year-end staff dinner and all of the goodies during staff appreciation week. Cal Renander wrote a "thank you" note to the board and school district for the many memories during his many years of employment. He also appreciated the dinner, retirement plaque and the card he received. Demi Lapaseotes thanked the board and the Donald Clark Scholarship Committee for selecting her as a recipient of the scholarship as she continues her college education.

Visitors were recognized.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Norman to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: minutes from May 11, 2026, regular board meeting; financial reports and payables ending May 31, 2026; May and June 2026 expenditures; and June 2026 payroll. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Bills were paid as follows:

Vendor	Amount
Allo Communications	\$848.04
Amazon eCommerce	\$2,418.76
Benjamin Peter Stewart	\$225.00

Benzel Pest Control	\$181.50
Black Hills Energy	\$2,517.91
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE	\$6,296.87
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$955.40
Bomgaars	\$40.96
Box Butte County	\$100.00
Bridgeport News Blade	\$111.88
Burger Werx Catering	\$4,960.00
Carolina Biological Supply Company	\$666.70
Cash-Wa Distributing	\$5,869.99
City of Bridgeport	\$14,137.36
Class Intercom	\$1,495.00
Cobblestone Inn and Suites Bridgeport	\$1,830.52
Cool School Studios	\$46.84
Crescent Electric Supply Company	\$341.74
Culligan of Scottsbluff	\$288.00
DAS State Acctg-Central Finance/OCIO	\$317.87
DGP Publishing	\$456.00
E-470 Public Highway Authority	\$5.00
EBSCO Information Services	\$837.52
Embassy Suites/Lincoln	\$298.00
Erin Reynolds	\$125.00
ESU #13	\$24,020.40
Gall Beyer	\$150.00
Gumdrop Books	\$1,326.71
Hiland Dairy	\$257.68
HomeTown Leasing	\$5,282.53
Jackson's Garage LLC	\$1,929.84
Joshua MacDonald	\$433.29
Josie Freiburger	\$1,301.73
Jostens, Inc.	\$70.73
JP Boiler Service LLC	\$267.00
Juan Perez	\$39.15
KSB School Law	\$2,181.00
Legacy Cooperative	\$9,123.84
Macmillan Holdings LLC	\$2,847.65
Matheson-Linweld	\$176.00
Menard's	\$176.15
Mid-American Research Chemical Corp	\$1,080.41
Midwest Technology Products	\$241.68
Morrill County Community Hospital	\$167.00
Musician's Choice, LLC, The	\$117.50
Naomi Loomis	\$775.66
Nebraska Food Distribution Program	\$754.00
Neenah Joint School District	\$1,280.00
Notable, Inc. (Kami)	\$2,380.00
Pearson Education Inc.	\$7,069.72
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC	\$446.19
Postmaster	\$162.00
Prestige Group Inc	\$1,300.00
Rochester 100 Inc	\$546.98
School Financial Services, LLC	\$1,872.00
School Health Corporation	\$85.64
School Specialty - Supply Orders	\$139.52
Shaggy Buffalo	\$100.00

Sherwin Williams	\$724.42
Simply Clean	\$184.00
Soar Pediatric Therapy, LLC	\$3,531.93
Sonny's Super Foods	\$2,817.89
Synergy Rehab Bridgeport LLC	\$1,250.00
Trading Post	\$4,382.85
Turf Tank Billing	\$3,825.00
Vector	\$1,515.00
VIAERO	\$247.54
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	\$11,353.55
Willis Beyer	\$60.00
Yanda's Music & Pro Audio	\$1,148.10
GRAND TOTAL	\$144,514.14

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 explained Mrs. Kylee Sterkel will be moving to the High School Counselor position for the 2026-2027 school year, which left a vacancy in the Business teacher's position. Mrs. Christine Mulloy applied for the vacancy. Kylee will continue to teach two (2) of the classes for the 1st semester and 1 class for the 2nd semester, as she is qualified to teach the dual-credit courses of Personal Finance. It was then moved by Amateis and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve a 1-year teaching contract for Christine Mulloy as the Bridgeport Public Schools Business Teacher effective 2026-2027 school year. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

It was moved by Norman and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve a 3.5% increase in Classified staff wages as presented, except for paraprofessionals as they will follow their pay scale, with an effective date of 9/1/2026. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Board member Corman arrived at 7:17 p.m. and participated in the remainder of the meeting.

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Lapaseotes to approve the yearly staff training requirements, which are the same as last year's Vector training courses. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Karen with KSB suggested having a School Board Retreat which was scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2026, to take place between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (noon). Mike Lucas from Omaha Westside will be conducting the retreat at a cost of \$3,500. This will be a work session; therefore, no decisions will be made during this retreat and will be published as such.

Reports and Discussion

Colton Carrier, Student Council president, reported to the board this is his last meeting as his term as President is complete. Colton proposed a 5.0 grade point average scale to the board members. The purpose of changing the type of grade point average Bridgeport Public Schools uses is to allow our students a more competitive edge with scholarships and college applications by giving more credit (weight) to higher level classes. An example is Calculus would be based on a 5.0 scale; whereas, Algebra I would be based on a 4.0 scale. This topic will be tabled until the Curriculum Committee can meet with Mr. Blanco.

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported the 2026-2027 Assessment calendar is in draft form at this time. An EAU test has been added to the end of the winter testing time frame. AQuESTT Classifications for 2026 are changing to a more holistic approach as compared to "just testing." Moving forward each category will be weighed. The Target Improvement Plan ties the Literacy Project for K-3 Reading and SPED together. She will attend the Heroes Training in Kearney on June 11, 2026, where the Fidelity Checklist for Explicit Instruction will be presented as required by the State.

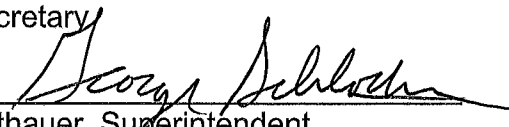
Mrs. Reynolds read Mr. Blanco and Mr. Simmons' reports in their absence. Mr. Blanco's report discussed summer school starting the last week of May with 13 Junior High and 17 High School students attending. High School summer school runs for 3 weeks via Zoom through VALTS as credit recovery. Junior High summer school runs for 2 weeks. Vape detectors will be installed in student bathrooms and locker rooms this week. Summer activities have included: football camp at Chadron State College, volleyball camp in Ft. Collins in July, boys' basketball camp in Pueblo in June, girls' basketball camp in Kearney at the end of June, girls wrestling will have a camp in Scottsbluff in July, and cheer camp will be in Alliance next week. There has been high attendance for morning conditioning and weightlifting. Mr. Simmons' report included Elementary summer school has 60 plus participants, which is slightly more than last year. Mr. Simmons is also working with Mrs. Schuler on a partnership between the elementary and FFA, which could have events like Elementary Ag Day, FFA Barnyard, and/or utilizing the greenhouse more.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported that John with Coach Masters did what he needed to do to be certified to upfit our vans legally. The van should be dropped off on June 21st while the girls' basketball team is going to team camp in Kearney. The bus will take them down, while one of the coaches will drive the van down to be uplifted, which could take 3-4 days. Mr. Schlothauer handed out a rough estimate of what the tax implications of the Morrill Fire could be. Summer projects have started with painting, carpet replacement, and new lights in the new gym. Another handout with different decal designs for the white activities bus was discussed and it was agreed to have both activity bus decals match. He also presented a rough estimate of what our Fall 2026 enrollment could be with a total of 212 students in 1st – 6th grade and 243 students in 7th – 12th grades for a possible total of 455 students 1st – 12th grade.

Board reports included Anderson thanking Mr. Schlothauer for the use of the school for the Alumni Reunion during Camp Clarke Days. It looked nice and had plenty of room for the good turnout of alumni. Discussion took place regarding previous goal setting to improve math scores. ACT scores will not be finalized until later in the year; however, preliminary scores show a significant increase in the math scores. As part of the goals a Statistics class has been added as an offering to students.

It was moved by Corman and seconded by Lapaseotes to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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
Board Retreat
Thursday, June 25, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.
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President Jeff Pohl called the board retreat to order at 8:00 a.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.

Notice of this meeting was provided to the public through postings at the United States Post Office, Sonny's Super Foods, and the Prairie Winds Community Center on Monday, June 22, 2026. Additionally, the notice was published on Thursday, June 18, 2026, in the *Bridgeport News-Blade*, a local legal newspaper of general circulation. All notice publications noted there would be no business decisions made at the board retreat.

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

Mike Lucas, Superintendent at Omaha Westside, was recommended by Karen Haase with KSB School Law to facilitate the board retreat. Mr. Lucas presented his agenda and goals for today's retreat which included: focus on a student-centered process, clarify BOE and superintendent roles, establish communication norms, refresh governance protocols, understand the difference between disagreement and dysfunction, and create longstanding commitments for how to operate as a team.

It was moved by Corman and seconded by Amateis to adjourn the board retreat at 12:16 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