

Proceedings of the Bridgeport Public Schools Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education Budget Workshop
Monday, July 13, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

President Jeff Pohl called the school board budget workshop to order at 6:07 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 Friday, July 10, 2026. Additionally, the notice was published on June 25, 2026, in the *Bridgeport News-Blade*, a local legal newspaper of general circulation.

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

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.

Visitors were recognized.

The budget workshop discussed various aspects of the upcoming 2026-2027 budget. Various aspects of the state aid formula were discussed including foundation funds, option funding, allocated income tax funding, and equalization aid (which Bridgeport does not receive). Bridgeport's state aid for the 2026-2027 school year will have a slight increase of approximately \$23,000. Discussion on if the district would use the unused budget authority (pink postcards) for the 2026-2027 budget year also took place with various opinions being voiced. This will not be known until we receive the certified property valuation in August, and the numbers can be entered into the budget form. Board members requested several items to give a better picture of where the district was in past years compared to where they are currently. Discussions will continue into August when more definite numbers are available. The budget is due to NDE by September 30, 2026.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Lapaseotes to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 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

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

President Jeff Pohl called the school board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Roll call was taken. Members present: Jeff Pohl, Ryan Amateis, Kay Anderson, Justin Corman, Jim Lapaseotes, and Linda Norman. Also present were: Principal of Instruction, Erin Reynolds; Secondary Principal, Jason Blanco; 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.

No communications were received.

Visitors were recognized.

Business Meeting:

It was moved by Corman and seconded by Norman to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: minutes from June 8, 2026, regular board meeting and June 25, 2026, Board Retreat; financial reports and payables ending June 30, 2026; June and July 2026 expenditures; and July 2026 payroll. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Bills were paid as follows:

Vendor	Amount
Allo Communications	\$825.73
Amazon eCommerce	\$6,389.18
April Halverson	\$400.00
Ashleigh Dominguez	\$400.00
Benzel Pest Control	\$181.50
Black Hills Energy	\$823.34
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE	\$5,464.06
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$2,303.16
Bluum of Texas, LLC.	\$15,326.70
Bomgaars	\$418.29
Bridgeport News Blade	\$244.16
Charter Communications	\$0.10
Christina Deines	\$400.00
City of Bridgeport	\$11,070.54
Crescent Electric Supply Company	\$4,053.02
Culligan of Scottsbluff	\$288.00
Dennis Supply Co	\$261.16

Dick Blick Art Materials	\$994.57
Discount School Supply	\$149.77
Docu-Shred	\$87.50
Dustin Lee	\$400.00
ESU #13	\$31,773.34
ESU Coordinating Council	\$7,011.50
Flinn Scientific Inc.	\$111.03
Gail Beyer	\$100.00
Gold Medal Squared	\$5,499.75
Hampton Inn/Kearney	\$1,966.00
Healthy Roster, Inc. (SWAY)	\$918.00
Holiday Inn Kearney	\$447.00
HomeTown Leasing	\$5,282.53
Hubert Company	\$21.93
Independent Plumbing & Heating	\$558.94
Jessica Ann Martin	\$2,369.08
John Richard Post	\$125.00
Jones School Supply Co. Inc.	\$49.85
Kevin Myers	\$125.00
Koke's Auto Farm Truck	\$9.99
KSB School Law	\$70.00
Lakeshore Learning Materials	\$1,006.16
Legacy Cooperative	\$120.41
Lexi Blomenkamp	\$400.00
Macmillan Holdings LLC	\$1,108.82
Matheson-Linweld	\$181.40
MBA	\$2,700.00
Mechanical Sales, Inc.	\$3,629.98
Menard's	\$115.52
Mid-American Research Chemical Corp	\$614.01
Midwest Technology Products	\$84.24
Morrill County Clerk	\$100.00
Morrill County Community Hospital	\$205.00
Nebraska Council of School Administrators	\$310.00
Nebraska School Transportation Association	\$150.00
NKC Tire/McWhorter's Tire	\$1,093.89
Olivia Joles	\$400.00
Paper 101	\$4,857.94
ParentSquare INC	\$3,827.00
Platte River Glass	\$1,203.81
Prairie Winds Community Center	\$266.00
Quill	\$3,376.71
Rapid Fire Protection	\$2,793.95
Really Good Stuff, LLC	\$41.85
Riverstone Bank	\$275.22
Scholastic Inc	\$4.86
School Specialty - Supply Orders	\$75.05
School Specialty LLC	\$4,991.74
Shaggy Buffalo	\$70.00
Shelby Spaur	\$400.00
Sherwin Williams	\$1,179.34
Soar Pediatric Therapy, LLC	\$1,456.10
Staples	\$8,539.16
Tami Janicek	\$21.12
Trading Post	\$895.93

VIAERO	\$495.08
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	\$22,605.33
Yanda's Music & Pro Audio	\$8,047.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$184,562.34

The floor was opened for public comment and the Stoltenberg family discussed Policy 5003 pertaining to homeschool students attending Bridgeport Public Schools to participate in activities. Part of the included the state law behind Policy 5003.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business to conduct.

New Business

Mr. Blanco presented a basic framework for the possible move to a 5.0 grade point average (GPA) scale. He stated he would like to have teacher feedback before it is presented to the board for possible approval at the August 10, 2026, board meeting.

Corman moved and Lapaseotes seconded to dispose of the following school property through an auction at Kraupie's: 2009 Ford E350 Van (VIN #**9330-Silver van); 2011 Blue Bird 47 Passenger Bus (VIN #**0848-Bus 11); 2001 Blue Bird All American bus (VIN #**9514-yellow, flat nosed activity bus); 2007 Chrysler Pacifica (VIN #**3169) & an old vending machine. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

There was discussion about Policy 3059 and if the 7-12 Handbook for 2026-2027 matched. Amateis moved and Corman seconded to table the approval of the 7-12 Handbook for 2026-2027 school year until the August 10, 2026, regular board meeting. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Norman moved to approve and Lapaseotes seconded to approve the K-6 Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Amateis moved to approve and Corman seconded the approval of the Staff Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Discussion took place as the presented policies were reviewed. Policy 4065 & 6038 deal with how AI tools can be used for staff and students, respectively, and the need for permissions. Policy 6046 regarding parents receiving permission to record meetings with teachers and/or administrators. Policy 5003 had a few minor changes to follow NSAA rules and to allow homeschool students to take a minimum of 5 credit hours with Bridgeport Public Schools in order to participate in extracurricular activities. Corman moved to approve all listed policies as presented with a second from Amateis. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Corman moved to approve Policy 5052-School Wellness Policy as presented and Lapaseotes seconded the motion. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Reports and Discussion

Dixon Leisy presented to the board as the new Student Council President for 2026-2027. He informed the board the student council volunteers with the Bridgeport City Sounds events this summer. They will also help with the Back To School evening on August 8th. He asked the board, and Mr. Blanco, if

a student, or students, could also be included in the discussions with the teachers for the possible change to the 5.0 GPA scale. Otherwise, not a lot of activity has happened this summer.

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported in regards to the 2026-2027 Assessment dates. The SPED MOE (Maintenance of Effort) was completed and submitted before Wednesday, July 15th due date. The IDEA grant applications are due August 3rd. School Improvement will be reviewed at Admin Days in Kearney the last week of July with the teachers receiving it during the in-service days the week of August 10th. Her final point of discussion was letting the board know the SAT (Student Assistant Team) process is focussing on the 2026-2027 school year.

Mr. Blanco, Secondary Principal, reported to the board the vape detectors have been installed and the coaches were informed. He will also be attending Admin Days in Kearney the last week of July. Various sports have had several camps this summer as well.

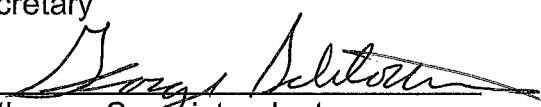
Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported the glossy calendars have been sent to the printers and hopes to have them before school starts. A few items that are not on the calendars include September 18th will be an early out due to the homecoming parade and Winter Royalty will be in November this year as that is the only time the schedule allows for it. He discussed there is a possibility the homecoming parade may have to take place on an alternate route, or may not be able to happen due to the work being done on the highway (Main Street). The carpet project has started and is expected to be complete this week. The lights in the new gym are installed and have made such a difference he would like to switch out the lights in the old gym as well. He also reported the hiring of paraprofessionals continues as more applications have been received recently. He stated Marie's transportation report was included in his written report for the board to review.

Board reports included Corman informing the board 3 cows were going to be processed on Wednesday for the school beef program. Anderson asked about the generator that was approved by NEMA. Mr. Scholthauer stated he has not heard any more concerning the generator and it has not been installed.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Corman to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 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