

**Proceedings of the Bridgeport Public Schools Morrill County School District #63
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 10, 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.

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, August 7, 2026. Additionally, the notice was published on August 6, 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, and Linda Norman. Also present were: Principal of Instruction, Erin Reynolds; Elementary Principal, Jason Simmons; Secondary Principal, Jason Blanco; Superintendent, George Schlothauer; and Recording Secretary, Jennifer Kriha.

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Corman to excuse board member Lapaseotes. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, and Norman. No votes: none.

Motion by Corman, seconded by Amateis, to approve the agenda as amended. Item E was amended to reflect the proper vehicle description: "2007 Blue Bird Chevy 13-passenger bus (VIN #2494)." Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, and Norman. No votes: none.

Norman read a "thank you" note from Kris Phelps and the Bill Alvarez family for the beautiful flower arrangement.

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 July 13, 2026, regular board meeting and July 13, 2026, Budget Workshop; financial reports and payables ending July 31, 2026; July and August 2026 expenditures; and August 2026 payroll. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, and Norman. No votes: none.

Bills were paid as follows:

Vendor	Amount
4imprint	\$2,557.42
Allo Communications	\$823.10
Amazon eCommerce	\$1,027.57
Amy McVicker	\$300.00
Atlas EcoServices LLC	\$2,205.00
Benzel Pest Control	\$181.50
Black Hills Energy	\$530.12
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NE	\$4,485.61
Bluffs Facility Solutions	\$531.71
Bomgaars	\$31.47
Bridgeport News Blade	\$20.07
City of Bridgeport	\$10,776.51

CORNERSTONE of Care/BIST	\$12,500.00
Crescent Electric Supply Company	\$2,962.67
Culligan of Scottsbluff	\$288.00
E-470 Public Highway Authority	\$62.75
Equifax Workforce Solutions	\$763.53
ESU #13	\$2,304.27
ESU Coordinating Council	\$2,586.61
Floyd's Truck Center, Inc.	\$4,053.98
Hampton Inn/Kearney	\$1,954.32
Haus of Lanoue	\$2,246.40
HomeTown Leasing	\$5,282.53
Hubert Company	\$32.34
Hudl	\$8,500.00
Inman Service	\$599.33
Jackson's Garage LLC	\$6,126.24
Jessica Ann Martin	\$2,569.08
JJ Pratt Enterprises, LLC	\$14,100.00
KSB School Law	\$175.00
Lee's Service	\$305.00
Legacy Cooperative	\$80.80
Menard's	\$57.76
Modern Arborculture	\$1,200.00
Nebraska Council of School Administrators	\$125.00
Nebraskaland Tire	\$102.12
Nippon Sanso Matheson Inc.	\$176.00
Pearson Education Inc.	\$3,770.00
Pitney Bowes Bank INC. Purchase Power	\$91.29
PowerSchool Group LLC	\$641.87
RAKA	\$1,353.30
Rasmussen Mechanical Services	\$694.20
Renaissance Learning, Inc.	\$3,882.80
RIDDELL All American Sports	\$239.40
School Health Corporation	\$80.96
Scott Dechant Electric LLC	\$2,000.00
Sonny's Super Foods	\$286.48
Sterling Computers Corporation	\$1,690.08
Student Assurance Services, Inc.	\$795.00
Turf Tank Billing	\$2,125.00
Wells Fargo Card Services, Inc.	\$14,129.05
GRAND TOTAL	\$124,403.24

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

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business to conduct.

New Business

Discussion concerning the possible move to a 5.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) scale. Some issues have come up due to there being no continuity in grading among staff currently. Mr. Blanco explained that new implementations for the 2026-2027 school year will bring continuity in grading. This will help to weigh the grading more equal among all classes. It was agreed to continue to meet with the teacher committee and bring monthly updates to the board with a target date of January 2027.

Discussion around Policy 3059 took place before Corman moved to approve the 7-12 Handbook for 2026-2027 with a second by Norman. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, and Norman. No votes: none.

Corman moved to dispose of the following school property through an auction at Kraupie's: 2007 Blue Bird Chevy, 13-passenger bus (VIN #**2494). Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, and Norman. No votes: none.

Reports and Discussion

Mrs. Reynolds, Principal of Instruction, reported it has been a great start to the in-service week. She stated the IDEA grant applications were submitted with the following allocations for the 2026-2027 year: Part B (6408) is \$109,682; Pre-K Birth to 3 years old PT & OT (6404) is \$2,881; and Non-Public (6412) is \$6,253. Overall this is a decrease in funding from the 2025-2026 awards. District testing reported grades 7-9 NSCAS report were mailed this week and grades 4-6 will be distributed at Back-to-School night with the teachers handing them to parents.

Mr. Simmons, Elementary Principal, reported on there are 2 new teachers (3rd grade & 6th grade), a new paraprofessional in Pre-K, and an Elementary library paraprofessional this school year. Curriculum has been looking at steam-lining the high school math series. This was tabled until October 2026 so teachers can observe other districts before moving forward for the 2027-2027 school year. Magnetic reading was new for the 2025-2026 school year with K-2nd grade scores coming great. It will be 1 more year before they move 3rd-5th grade together with 1-2nd grade. "8 To Great" will be introduced to the elementary this school year since it is already being used in the junior high. He reported the first week of school will be a busy week with picture day and Lions Club Health screenings taking place Wednesday, fire & bus evacuation drills on Thursday, and ending the week with the New House members celebration. There will be a few early dismissals with kindergarten dismissing early on the 17th, and K-12 dismissing early on Friday, August 28th for the varsity football game against Wood River starting at 2:00 p.m. Pre-school starts on Monday, August 24th.

Mr. Blanco, Secondary Principal, reported fall activities officially started today (Monday, August 10th) with the following participants: football-38; volleyball-27; girls golf-6; cross county-6 boys & 2 girls; and cheerleading has 11. Activity photos will also be Wednesday, August 19th with individual pictures. Mr. Blanco also reported for Student Council helping with the Bridgeport City Sounds Cruise Night and the cornhole tournament. Stuco also gave the young kids a tour of the newly wrapped activities bus. Stuco will be planning homecoming very soon as the new year starts.

Mr. Schlothauer, Superintendent, reported student enrollment has been busy with the elementary being about even with the end of last school year; however, the district is up about 20 students. The numbers will continue to fluctuate over the next few weeks. Administrator Days talked about ADA accessibility in regard to the website and curriculum. Starting in April 2028 all social media and curriculum must be ADA accessible. Mr. Simmons and Mr. Schlothauer are working on transitioning Preschool responsibilities over to Mr. Simmons. Tour de Nebraska met with Gail and Mr. Schlothauer about using the school facilities the week of June 22, 2027 as they expect 300-400 bikers. He discussed some changes in bus routes for the 2026-2027 school year. A few routes have become very long and to help shorten the time pick up/drop off points have been established in Bayard and Melbeta instead of going to each house. Mike Asmus is no longer painting the football field; therefore, Josh and one of the student techs have been practicing over the last month, which has worked out well. The E-Collect system will go into effect with the 2026-2027 school year with the student handbooks being available and signed electronically. A Digital Citizenship assembly for junior high and high school students this fall is being discussed with Gering and Scottsbluff.

It was moved by Corman and seconded by Amateis to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Yes votes:
Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, 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 Budget Workshop
Wednesday, August 26, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

President Jeff Pohl called the school board budget workshop to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

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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: Superintendent, George Schlothauer; and Recording Secretary, Jennifer Kriha.

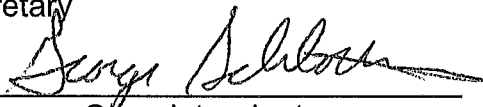
It was moved by Corman and seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. Yes votes: Pohl, Amateis, Anderson, Corman, Lapaseotes, and Norman. No votes: none.

Visitors were recognized.

The budget workshop discussed various aspects of the upcoming 2026-2027 budget. The certified property valuations were received with a net decrease of 1,298,270 in the school district's valuation between Morrill County and Box Butte County; however, the real growth value was a net increase of 769,185. This results in an allowable increase of \$148,515.94 in the overall general fund property tax request over the 2025-2026 request. Seeing these certified numbers generated the opinion the board will not be mailing out the pink postcard to request usage of the district's unused budget authority for the 2026-2027 budget year. The special building fund was also discussed regarding a request of a three (3) cent levy for future restricted projects to alleviate the general fund of these expenses. According to revised Statute 79-10,120, some allowable uses for special building funds include restricted capital and construction-related expenses like roofs, technology equipment, safety/security projects, and remodeling of specific instructional spaces. The budget notices will be published in the *Bridgeport News-Blade* with the budget hearing taking place on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Media Center. The budget

It was moved by Amateis and seconded by Corman to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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