

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, April 14, 2025 7:30 PM

Boone Central High School Art Room
605 South 6th St.
Albion, NE 68620

Karrie Fogleman: Absent

Justin Frey: Present

Ed Knott: Present

Andy Roberts: Present

Kathleen Rolf: Present

Ben Stuhr: Present

1. Open the Meeting, Recognition of Open Meetings Law and Publication of Meeting
Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication to the public and to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance. The Open Meetings Act was available for review.
2. Roll Call
Motion to approve the absence of Board Member Karrie Fogleman for personal reasons. This motion, made by Andy Roberts and seconded by Kathleen Rolf, Passed.
Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0
3. Agenda and Minutes
4. Welcome Guests
5. Bill Roster and Financial Reports
Motion to approve the Applied Connective bill, and to authorize the Board Vice President

and Treasurer to sign and validate the check as presented. This motion, made by Kathleen Rolf and seconded by Justin Frey, Passed.

Ed Knott: Abstain (With Conflict), Justin Frey: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion to approve the bills, and to authorize the Board President and Treasurer to sign and validate all the checks as presented. This motion, made by Ben Stuhr and seconded by Andy Roberts, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

6. Reports

6.1. Boone Central Recognitions

Knott- I would like to shout out all the cast, crew, directors, staff that were involved in the Curtains musical. It's a very busy time of year for many of these students with Speech, FBLA, FFA, FCCLA, track and other activities also competing for their time. It was a great show and I'm always amazed at the talented actors and singers that participate.

Roberts- Shout out to the bus drivers coming home from Wayne when a bus broke down. Trevor did a nice job handling it and getting everyone home safely.

Frey- Shout out to the musical cast and crew members. I watched it three times and it got better every time. The cast, crew and sponsors put in a lot of hours. It was really fun to watch.

Stuhr- Mrs. Kayton for her efforts in the interview process for hiring a 1st grade teacher, she did a great job picking a great candidate for the position.

Fogleman- I would like to recognize Nolan Vandenberg. I was sad to hear the news that he was leaving Boone Central. Nolan has helped so many kids recognize the importance of health, exercise and especially lifting. I feel like he really helped Boone Central itself focus on the importance of these things. A quote from my son "From my standpoint he was more than a coach, he was a friend, inspiration and supported in everything that I did." I feel he was like that for every student he had at Boone Central. With that being said we do wish him all the best in his next chapter.

Rolf- I'd like to recognize the FFA students and Mrs. Hitchler. State FFA is a great opportunity for the kids to get involved in the FFA program. Thank you to Mrs. Hitchler for all her time and effort.

McDonald- The custodial team consistently demonstrates their dedication by ensuring our campus and buildings remain in excellent condition every day. They maintain a positive and adaptable mindset while collaborating with the Leadership Team, prioritizing effective communication and transparency across all aspects of their work.

Larsen- All of our Substitute Teachers. The Spring of a school year is a busy time in our calendar. The individuals that agree to show up, sometimes at a moment's notice, to allow us to continue with our regular school day are integral to our success. I appreciate their dedication to our district as well as the support they provide our students and staff.

Additionally, Mrs. Angie Zoucha handles the scheduling of these substitute teachers. She

also deserves recognition for all of her efforts to keep our days running smoothly when teachers have to be absent.

Curry- I want to give a personal recognition tonight to Mr. Sup, who continues to do tremendous things with our Speech program. Coming off a state championship year last year and graduating many (but not all) of our state points, he and his assistant coaches coached our Speech Team to their 5th District Championship in a row! They earned a 4th-place finish at State. My daughter can now say she has both a Team State Championship and an Individual State Championship! Additionally, Katelyn and 6 other of her FBLA members earned an opportunity to compete at the national level this summer. She and two of her friends earned a first-place finish in Event Planning at State FBLA. I am greatly appreciative of how he has pushed and challenged not only Katelyn, but everyone on his teams to be their best!

Kayton- I would like to recognize the staff members that helped with Kindergarten Round Up last week. Angie Zoucha, Jen Molt, Mandi Kettelson, Payton Miller, Shayla Nelson, Bonnie Molt, Julie Stone, Deb Lyon, Nicole Bennett, Laura Larsen and Theresa Wilke. Our newest Cardinals participated in a "signing day" and were able to complete various stations in the Kindergarten classrooms while getting to know the teachers, staff, and classmates! This would not have been possible without the help of these staff members!

6.2. Continuous School Improvement

Next Thursday, Kendra Gustafson from ESU 7 will be hosting our All Staff Data Dig. During this Data Dig we will look at data results from the Perceptual Survey that was given to students, parents, and staff. We will look for trends and determine action plans to improve before the survey is given again in two years. We had students in grades 3-12 complete the survey. All Boone Central staff members were asked to complete the survey. We had about 150 parents complete the survey. We are hoping the results will give us valuable data and insight on ways we can improve.

6.3. Board Reports

The Albion Education Foundation approved a total of 24 out of the 36 requests that were received, totaling 41,580, two of which were for St. Mike's. The directive is that the AEF does not fund anything that would be covered by the district. \$120,000 scholarship funds are available to students who wish to further their education.

6.4. Superintendent Report

Dr. McDonald discussed the year-to-date budget. We are currently 7.3% under budget. Grounds and maintenance items that are under discussion include trailer and roof repairs. Mr. Look visited Boone Central last month, he spent some time with the leadership team and board members. Legislative preview and laws were summarized.

6.5. Principal & AD Reports

Larsen- MAPs testing on April 16th, ACT testing on April 8 (Casey's Building); Juniors Pre-ACT (Main Gym); Sophomores 1st of 2 times. ACT will be changing starting next year; Open to the idea of providing an ACT opportunity for Jr.'s starting in the Fall of next year to better prepare them to be successful on the state test, School to cover all or some of the costs \$69 w/o writing; \$94 w/ writing. Other districts do this; some do a cost share; some pay for extra reports for teachers, etc. Career Fair and Career Academy Showcase on April 30, 2025. Career Fair in Morning; Career Academy Showcase in Afternoon. Graduation is May 18th (Sunday) at 2:00PM, looking for Board Members to participate in the ceremony

(diplomas). AEF Update - Total support from accepted grant submissions was around \$44,000. This includes the Big Give pledge to update the TouchPro touchscreen and to move its location in the Commons, which has already ordered; will get installed as able. AEF is still waiting on any Nationals qualifiers after the last couple of weeks. May meeting will review this information. AEF Board tabled a grant application for a generator for the Greenhouse in case of power failure, wanted to make sure this was brought before the board; extra costs associated with connecting a generator. Something for the Building and Grounds Committee to discuss further. PE/Strength & Conditioning Update - Mr. Vandenberg has taken an opportunity for family and to advance professionally, have started advertising, but will add some additional promotion after starting tomorrow. Time is short, but will recruit and promote this opening moving forward.

Curry- MAP & NSCAS Testing is rostered and ready to go. Results will be shared once we get that information. The 8th Grade went to NECC. They learned what they are "smart" in, meaning what they might like to do for a career. They took a tour of the campus, ate lunch in the cafeteria, and traveled to Faith Regional, hearing about the many different careers that the organization needs to be successful. They came back to school and participated in a "Reality 101" event sponsored by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. We had several community people volunteer to help us make it a meaningful experience.

Kayton- After Easter Break, our students will begin their end-of-the-year testing. The teachers and students have put in a lot of work, so it will be exciting to see all of the growth that has been made this year! One School One Book - We are excited to introduce One School, One Book to Boone Central Elementary! Each family received a copy of *Flora & Ulysses* to read and discuss at home. At school, students will engage in activities that celebrate and explore the story with their classmates. This initiative strengthens reading instruction, increases parental involvement, bridges the home-school connection, and fosters a true community of readers. We will wrap up this special event by watching the movie that goes along with the book. A special thank you to the Albion Education Foundation for generously funding this opportunity for our students and families. Kindergarten Round Up - We held a Kindergarten Round Up last Friday. We held two sessions throughout the day. We had a Signing Day for incoming Kindergarten students and then they had the opportunity to visit the Kindergarten classrooms for various stations while Mrs. Kayton and nurse Jen met with parents and completed paperwork. It was a successful day. We have various activities planned for May including our Spring Program, multiple field trips, Track & Field Day and Park Day! Boone Central Elementary will be holding a Summer Learning Program for qualifying students who need additional support in the areas of reading and/or math. Summer Learning Programs have been proven to help prevent the regression that often occurs between spring and fall. The Summer Learning Program will be held Monday-Thursday from 8:30-10:30 in the month of June. We will take one week off for Vacation Bible School.

7. Discussion of Action Agenda Items

9.1 Mr. Knott read the letters of resignations from Nolan Vandenberg and Barb Foland.

9.2 Boone Central will be welcoming Mr. Scott Ketteler as a first grade teacher for the 2025-26 school year

9.3 The Superintendent evaluation was read and discussed.

8. Public Comment

9. Action Items

9.1. 2024-25 Resignation(s)

Motion to approve the resignation of Barbara Foland and Nolan Vandenberg at the end of the 2024-25 school year. This motion, made by Andy Roberts and seconded by Ed Knott, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9.2. 2025-26 Staff Contract(s)

Motion to approve the 2025-26 staff contract for Scott Ketteler. This motion, made by Andy Roberts and seconded by Kathleen Rolf, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9.3. Superintendent Evaluation

Motion to approve the Superintendent evaluation for the spring of 2025. This motion, made by Andy Roberts and seconded by Ben Stuhr, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

10. Next Meeting Date

Monday, May 12th at 6:30 am.

11. Questions by the Media

12. Adjournment

Adjourned 8:20 pm.

Chairperson

Superintendent

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, March 10, 2025 7:00 PM

Boone Central High School Art Room
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1. Open the Meeting, Recognition of Open Meetings Law and Publication of Meeting
Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication to the public and to all members of the Board of Education. The Open Meetings Act is here and available for review. Motion to approve the meeting open and properly posted by advance notice. This motion, made by Ben Stuhr and seconded by Andy Roberts, Passed.

Karrie Fogleman: Yea, Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

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5. Bill Roster and Financial Reports

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Karrie Fogleman: Yea, Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6. Reports

6.1. EL Program Update - Tammy Gonzalez

Mrs. Gonzalez will report at the May board meeting.

6.2. Boone Central Recognitions

Knott - National Staff Appreciation Day was on March 7th, I'd like to shout out to all staff in the District for all the work that they do.

Roberts - I'd like to recognize the Speech Team. Awesome job so far this season!

Frey - What a great season for both girls and boys activities this winter. Good wrestling and

basketball season!

Stuhr - Congratulations to all FFA state qualifiers!

Fogleman - I would like to recognize Jen Molt and our secretaries. It has been a very sick cold and flu season that puts a lot of sick kids their way to either send home or decide what to do with. I appreciate them being on the forefront of it and hopefully we are moving out of the season.

Rolf - Everyone who has helped with activities the past few months. Thank you to those who stepped up and helped out especially while hosting district final events.

McDonald - Dan Zoucha and the Seniors for organizing our Blood Drives. Very valuable effort to help save lives!!!

Larsen - Business Office Staff. Spring requisition season can be a busy, hectic, and stressful part of the school year as teachers plan their orders for the next school year. Through their attention to detail, communication, and availability for assistance, Tori Petsche, Jordan Classen, and Lauren Mrsny have done an excellent job of making this sometimes-complicated process run as smooth as possible. They do a phenomenal job with this large task requiring prior planning, patience, proactive communication, and teamwork. A. Thanks to Lauren, Jordan, and Tori for all you do to make sure requisitions are efficient and effective at all levels throughout the school year!

Curry - Music Teachers- Mrs. Wright & Mrs. Paulson put in many extra hours over the last month. They give our students some great musical opportunities to showcase their talents!

Kayton - Bus Drivers. Nebraska Winters aren't for everyone! But a big shout-out to our transportation staff! They do a great job getting our students to and from school and activities always but especially in the middle of winter. They are great at communicating and determining what needs to be done in order to keep our students safe.

Perone- We have had zero parent meetings and zero phone calls. Kudos to the school environment. We have had a great game atmosphere for our students, parents and community. Everyone has done a great job keeping the negativity out of the facility.

6.3. Continuous School Improvement

Last Friday we closed our NDE Perceptual Surveys. April 17th In Service our staff will take a look at the survey results. As a SIP team, we will look at the data and determine areas of improvement and come up with some action steps in order to improve im the areas of students/staff/parents. We created a TIP team with our SIP team members to come up with goals in the area of special education. This will tie together with our SIP goal.

6.4. Board Reports

6.4.1. LB 399 meeting - Committee on American Civics
LB 399 was reviewed and discussed.

6.5. Superintendent Report

Dr. McDonald discussed the overall review of the YTD budget. We are currently 6.3% under the budget. State Aid for next year will be slightly less than the current amount, adjustments have been made due to the number of students and the formula calculating state aid. Legislative updates were provided. A Superintendent evaluation will take place this month.

6.6. Principal & AD Reports

Larsen - I am currently serving on the External Review Team for Franklin Public Schools today and tomorrow as a part of their 5-year Accreditation Cycle. P/T Conferences Update: Flexible Change to allow for conversations to occur on March 18th, with NO SCHOOL for District Speech, the logistics allow us to schedule a window of time for parents/guardians who wish to have in-person conversations with teachers, will be in the PA Gym from 11:00AM - 3:00PM. A couple of HS Students Represented Boone Central on bigger stages within the last month. Riley Lordemann, Junior, participated on a team of Deaf/Hard of Hearing Students who competed in the Midwest Academic Bowl put on by Gallaudet University in Colorado Springs. Riley was awarded an All-Star Player award as a part of this contest. Congratulations, Riley! Madison Gompert, Senior, won the VFW's State of Nebraska Voice of Democracy Essay Contest. If you remember, this was the essay she read at our Veterans Day program where she was selected as our local winner. This qualified her for the National Voice of Democracy Contest that is held annually in Washington, D.C. Madison was able to experience our nation's capital representing not only Boone Central, Albion's VFW chapter, but also the State of Nebraska during this event. Congratulations, Madison. HS SPED contract is on the agenda for later tonight for Mrs. Alyssa Seier. Mrs. Seier will be coming to us from Norfolk Public Schools where she worked in Special Education primarily with students in what can be described as their "Life Skills" program. She has experience in SPED that will bring knowledge of SPED as well as insight/knowledge/experience to share with our entire SPED Team. Before next month's meeting, Juniors will take the State-required ACT on April 8th. Test will be at the Caseys Building at the Fairgrounds. Sophomores will also take the Pre-ACT for the 1st time in the Main Gym

Curry- 3rd Quarter classes end Wednesday. Last ¼ class rotation will start on Monday. 8th graders will tour HS classrooms soon. More to report next month. Freshman orientation is March 24th. 5th Grade Orientation will be May 5th. Scheduling for next year is underway. We are looking to add math intervention for students based on certain criteria. This is a result of a need based on our school improvement goal. JH Track starts Wednesday. Middle School Dance will be April 11th. MAP test rostering will begin next week. Spring testing season is almost here. ELPA testing is complete. Results will be available in May. MS Speech will host a meet on Friday, April 2nd. MS Students will be dismissed at 1:00 pm that day. Teachers will assist in helping to run this event. We've done this the past several years and it has worked very well.

Kayton - 3rd grade just completed Chick Embryology. They will be hosting Community Coffee tomorrow at The Dotted Daisy. Quest For A Million Pennies: local schools teamed up with US 92 in the Quest For A Million Pennies for St. Jude's Hospital. Boone Central Elementary raised

48,608 pennies aka \$486.08! Tuesday March 18th, elementary staff will be working together to pack backpacks for Blessings In A Backpack! They will be available for P/T Conferences from 11:00-3:00 in their classrooms Fifth Grade Orientation is May 5th. Kindergarten Round Up is April 11th, two Half Day Sessions. Preschool Round Up is May 8th. Opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and paras before summer to start building those relationships. Preschool Graduation is May 16th. Preschool Teachers and Albion Child Care provides will be meeting in April

Perone - Track participants this year: boys 28, girls 34. Golf has 16. Jeff Hrabik is running with Quiz Bowl, Districts has started. District Speech is coming together, our sponsors and coaches are excited to coach. People want to come work at our events, it's been refreshing and encouraging to have the officials step up. That is a reflection of our building and staff. Our doors are open, we have a professional environment, our school is attractive and we have a ton of interest in hosting Districts at our facilities. Our BC Club has stepped up and are engaged students.

7. Discussion of Action Agenda Items

9.1 No services are changing from previous years

9.2 Proposal includes 4 days per week next year

9.3 No contract. Discussions have taken place regarding a switch over to Apptegy. A final decision has not been made. We are currently in a contract with Finals site.

9.4 Three new Certified Contracts to be approved for HS Special Education, MS Science and MS Math

9.5 Finance Committee discussed the high school CKC staff rates for next year. The budget will accommodate this increase.

9.6 Upgrades include staff Macbook Air and Ipad mini devices

8. Public Comment

9. Action Items

9.1. 2025-2026 ESU7 Special Education Services

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 ESU7 Special Education Services as presented. This motion, made by Justin Frey and seconded by Kathleen Rolf, Passed.

Karrie Fogleman: Yea, Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.2. 2025-2026 ESU7 Technology Services

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 ESU7 Technology Services as presented. This motion, made by Andy Roberts and seconded by Ed Knott, Passed.

Karrie Fogleman: Yea, Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.3. Apptegy Contract

Motion to table negotiations the Apptegy. This motion, made by Ed Knott and seconded by Kathleen Rolf, Tabled.

Karrie Fogleman: Yea, Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf:

Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.4. 2025-2026 Certified Staff Contracts

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Certified Staff Contracts for Scott Carlin, Carsen Choat and Alyssa Seier as presented. This motion, made by Ben Stuhr and seconded by Justin Frey, Passed.
Karrie Fogleman: Yea, Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf:
Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.5. Amend 2025-2026 CKC Rates

Motion to amend the CKC student rates of pay to \$13.50 starting on the first day of the summer CKC program. This motion, made by Ed Knott and seconded by Andy Roberts, Passed.
Karrie Fogleman: Yea, Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf:
Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.6. Technology Upgrades

Motion to approve the Technology Upgrades as presented with a total of \$33,255. \$7,029 to come out of Activities Fund and the remaining balance to come out of Depreciation Fund. This motion, made by Justin Frey and seconded by Andy Roberts, Passed.
Karrie Fogleman: Yea, Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf:
Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10. Next Meeting Date

April 14th at 7:30 pm.

11. Questions by the Media

12. Adjournment

Adjourned 8:12 pm.

Chairperson

Superintendent