

Board of Education Regular Meeting

6:00 PM

Middle School/High School Media Center
565 S. Kimmel
Osceola, NE 68651-0198

Jennifer Boruch:	Present
Jena Mentink:	Present
Anthony Mestl:	Present
Michael Neujahr:	Present
Douglas Rathjen:	Present
Chelsey Tonniges:	Absent

1. Osceola Public Schools Board of Education Information

Notice of this meeting was posted at the Jeffrey Elementary School, Osceola Middle School/High School, Pinnacle Bank of Osceola, and the Osceola Post Office. A copy of the agenda items is tentative and may be changed by the Board if necessary.

2. Opening Procedures

2.1. Call the Meeting to Order

President Boruch called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 PM and informed those in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room, then directed the public to its location.

2.2. Roll Call

Also in attendance were Superintendent Rinehart, Principal Maynard, Principal Webster, Debra Berry, Carolyn Kuhnel, Pat Mentink, Steve Schmit and Chase Kumpf.

2.3. Excuse Board Members Who Are Absent

Motion to excuse Chelsey Tonniges Passed with a motion by Michael Neujahr and a second by Jena Mentink.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, Jena Mentink: Yea, Anthony Mestl: Yea, Michael Neujahr: Yea, Douglas Rathjen: Yea

3. Approval of Agenda

To approve the agenda as written Passed with a motion by Michael Neujahr and a second by Anthony Mestl.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, Jena Mentink: Yea, Anthony Mestl: Yea, Michael Neujahr: Yea, Douglas Rathjen: Yea

4. Recognition of Visitors/Communications from the Public

4.1. Carolyn Kuhnel and Pat Mentink would like to address the Board of Education about wages. To approve the agenda as written Passed with a motion by Douglas Rathjen and a second by Jena Mentink.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, Jena Mentink: Yea, Anthony Mestl: Yea, Michael Neujahr: Yea, Douglas Rathjen: Yea

Carolyn Kuhnel and Pat Mentink addressed the Board about classified wages. The employees would like to see increases to the classified wages to reflect an individual's skills in the workplace.

4.2. Steve Schmit would like to address the Board of Education about discussion for use of the new property for AG.

Mr. Steve Schmit gave a presentation about ideas to develop the newly acquired property from the David Coffin family.

5. Reports

5.1. Principals Reports

5.1.1. Elementary Report

Elementary Principal Brett Webster gave his written and oral report about: the State testing window opens this month; MAPS testing for grades 1 and 2 will start at the end of April; "Girls on the Run" is on Tuesdays and Thursdays; Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for April 17th at 9:00 AM; Preschool registration for 3 year olds is April 17th at 1:00 - 2:00 PM; "Pennies for Patients" starts on March 17th; and Parent-Teacher Conferences went well.

5.1.2. MS/HS Report

MS/HS Principal Dale Maynard gave his written and oral report about:

Principal Maynard also gave a presentation about the State Assessment data. The majority of Osceola's students are proficient. The teachers and students are working hard to keep improving the proficient percentage.

5.2. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's March Report Items

Superintendent Steven Rinehart gave his written and oral report about: staff observations and evaluations are on schedule and no non-renewals are being considered at this time; the District will be receiving a \$5,000.00 memorial for Mary K. Aksamit (Prell), who was an Osceola Alumni and Band enthusiast; the District is still looking for a 7-12 Spanish Teacher and a 7-12 FCS Teacher; the 2019 NRCSA Spring Conference will be held on March 26 & 27, 2020 in Kearney; Osceola has been recognized by NRCSA as one of 10 rural schools in the state that has closed the achievement gap between non-poverty and poverty students in the area of Science; and meetings with State Health and Education officials continue to address and monitor the spread of the Coronavirus. Monitoring and communication among major organizations will be ongoing to monitor the health and educational needs of schools. Families are urged to wash hands often and disinfect their homes to help reduce virus spreading.

5.3. Board Reports

There were no board reports.

6. Action Items

6.1. Consent Agenda

Approval of the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Michael Neujahr and a second by Jena Mentink.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, Jena Mentink: Yea, Anthony Mestl: Yea, Michael Neujahr: Yea, Douglas Rathjen: Yea

6.1.1. Approval of the Previous Meeting's Minutes

6.1.2. Treasurer's Report

6.1.3. Payment of general fund claims in the amount of \$332,385.16

6.1.4. Payment of special building fund claims of \$107,819.00

6.2. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on substitute teacher pay for 2020-21.

To increase substitute teacher pay to \$65 for a half day, \$120 for a full day and retaining current long term sub pay for the 2020-2021 school year Passed with a motion by Douglas Rathjen and a second by Anthony Mestl.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, Jena Mentink: Yea, Anthony Mestl: Yea, Michael Neujahr: Yea, Douglas Rathjen: Yea

6.3. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on renewing Control Services HVAC maintenance contract for 2020-21.

To renew the HVAC maintenance services contract with Control Services for \$11,150 for the 2020-2021 school year Passed with a motion by Michael Neujahr and a second by Anthony Mestl.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, Jena Mentink: Yea, Anthony Mestl: Yea, Michael Neujahr: Yea, Douglas Rathjen: Yea

6.4. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on Garratt/Callahan Boiler treatment contract.

To renew the Garratt/Callahan boiler treatment contract for 2020-2021 school year Passed with a motion by Anthony Mestl and a second by Jena Mentink.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, Jena Mentink: Yea, Anthony Mestl: Yea, Michael Neujahr: Yea, Douglas Rathjen: Yea

6.5. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on proposal from Midwest Flooring on replacing High School hallway carpet.

To approve the replacement of the north high school hall carpet by Midwest Flooring at a price of \$15,961.00 Passed with a motion by Douglas Rathjen and a second by Jena Mentink.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, Jena Mentink: Yea, Anthony Mestl: Yea, Michael Neujahr: Yea, Douglas Rathjen: Yea

6.6. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on continuation of Central Community College Inter-local Agreement.

To approve the continuation of the inter-local agreement with Central Community College for the 2020-2021 school year Passed with a motion by Anthony Mestl and a second by Michael Neujahr.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, Jena Mentink: Yea, Anthony Mestl: Yea, Michael Neujahr: Yea, Douglas Rathjen: Yea

6.7. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on ESU 7 Special Education Services contract for 2020-21.

To approve the ESU #7 SPED services contract as projected for the 2020-2021 school year Passed with a motion by Anthony Mestl and a second by Jena Mentink.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, Jena Mentink: Yea, Anthony Mestl: Yea, Michael Neujahr: Yea, Douglas Rathjen: Yea

6.8. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on approving revised bid for asbestos abatement of all hall ceilings at Jeffrey Elementary.

To approve Great Plains Asbestos Control's revised bid of \$40,200.00 to remove the asbestos from all hallway and entry ceilings at Jeffrey Elementary Passed with a motion by Jena Mentink and a second by Douglas Rathjen.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, Jena Mentink: Yea, Anthony Mestl: Yea, Michael Neujahr: Yea, Douglas Rathjen: Yea

6.9. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on proposal to update technology equipment.

To approve the replacement of 8 interactive classroom boards at a price of \$4,647.00 each, and the purchasing of 45 student laptops for \$829.00 each for the 1:1 program Passed with a motion by Douglas Rathjen and a second by Michael Neujahr.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, Jena Mentink: Yea, Anthony Mestl: Yea, Michael Neujahr: Yea, Douglas Rathjen: Yea

6.10. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on hiring Payton DeMers-Sahling as the new English teacher for 2020-21 .

To hire Miss Payton DeMers-Sahling as a new English teacher for the 2020-2021 school year Passed with a motion by Anthony Mestl and a second by Douglas Rathjen.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, Jena Mentink: Yea, Anthony Mestl: Yea, Michael Neujahr: Yea, Douglas Rathjen: Yea

Welcome to Osceola Public Schools, Miss. DeMers-Sahling!

7. Discussion Items

7.1. Discuss classified salary raises.

Superintendent Rinehart reviewed the proposed classified wages.

7.2. Discuss interest in forming a golf coop with Cross County.

Superintendent Rinehart discussed with the Board the possibility of cooping golf with Cross County Community Schools. At the present, Cross County does not have golf due to a lack of a coach and low interest from students.

7.3. Discuss Sector Now Display Board bids to possibly be put in the new building.

Sector Now Display Board bids were presented to the Board for discussion. These display boards are a touch screen system that displays awards and achievements of students and alumni. The Board wants to wait until the building project is done.

8. Next Meeting Dates and Times

8.1. Regular meeting April 13, 2020, 6:00 PM at the Osceola Middle/High School Media Center.

9. Adjournment

To adjourn meeting at 8:30 PM Passed with a motion by Douglas Rathjen and a second by Anthony Mestl.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, Jena Mentink: Yea, Anthony Mestl: Yea, Michael Neujahr: Yea, Douglas Rathjen: Yea