

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, April 10, 2023 7:00 PM Central

HS CONFERENCE ROOM

705 N 9th Street
Arlington, NE 68002

Jason Arp: Present

Cassie Flesner: Present

Chase Kratochvil: Present

Brian Laaker: Present

Matt O'Daniel: Absent

Shanon Willmott: Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

Chase Kratochvil called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1.2. Roll Call

Motion to excuse the absence of Matt O'Daniel at tonights meeting due to family emergency

Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Brian Laaker.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Matt O'Daniel:
Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

Matt O'Daniel is absent from tonight's meeting due to a death in his immediate family

Also Present was Superintendent Dr Dawn Lewis, HS Principal Aaron Pfingsten, Elem Principal
Jacque Morgan, and Jennifer Arp, Recording Secretary.

James Shada was absent due to a prior engagement with baseball.

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

1.4. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

Motion to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Jason Arp
and a second by Shanon Willmott.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Shanon
Willmott: Yea

2. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND PUBLIC FORUM

Mike Dywer was present to speak to the board about the progress or lack of progress in the
legislative bills. He spoke about how the legislature works and how school funding works. He
urged the board to make sure they are doing their homework on the bills and how they might act
with our budgets and our funding. Some of the bills will benefit us, such as state aid and special
education additional funding towards schools.

He encouraged the board to stay in tune with the bills and the current session, he suggested the
board considering a mini retreat in June to discuss the bills that passed and filter out what the

changes will look like and affect us.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Jason Arp.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

3.1. Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting(s)

3.2. Monthly Financial Reports

3.3.

Resignations

- Austyn McKee, ELA
- Jacob Duhey, ELA

Hires

- Paige Talacko, ELA
- Eric Daigle, Industrial Arts
- Jake Polk, Physical Education
- Jordan Jenkins, Elementary Special Education
- Alexis Dobson, Elementary Classroom
- Troy Schlueter, ELA

Reassignments

4. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION REPORTS

- Instrumental and Vocal Music ELEM & HS

Allison Mastny

Barina Buresh Crosland and

Gabrielle Morin was present for the meeting.

5. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

5.1. Mrs. Morgan's Elementary Report

5.2. Mr. Pfingsten's Secondary Report

5.3. Mr. Shada's Activity Report

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6.1. Legislative News

Dr. Lewis spoke about the legislative session and filibuster power and how things were going. There are a lot of bills that will change the way we do business and funding structure.

583- \$1500 foundation to state aid and then special education funding increase
589 - 3% soft cap on funding, but you can up your levy asking, bill would come with about 1.7 million in additional funding and tax relief.
647 - text book loan- already exists, the bill would change and would take the man out (public school) and work with the private school and state.
681 distribution for lottery funds
683- (tax donations, and tax write offs) for donations made to scholarships- might take money away from schools- as it would be
LB 71- parental involvement and access to learning materials,
805- access to youth organizations, would have to allow youth organizations to come in and recruit during school hours.
787- STEM initiation, would add Entrepreneurship to this program
724- waive the requirement for praxis to gain a teaching certificate (still would need to be able to demonstrate the basic competency to become a teacher)
762- work to pathway for teaching
800- cap superintendent salary at no more to 5 times the teaching salary
141 moment of silence- would regulate how you offer a moment a silence
lots of talk about mental health, lots to watch, but not much taking shape at this time.
LB 77 in final reading, concealed weapon permit- would still not be allowed on school grounds or during any school activity.

6.2. Update on Curriculum Director Contract

6.3. Enrollment Report

6.4. NASB and NRCSA Updates

7. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

7.1. Buildings and Grounds Committee

Building and grounds met a couple of weeks ago and toured the grounds and what they could improve some enterences, and what things need time and attention.

There is an agenda item later in the meeting for some work to be done.

7.2. Finance Committee

The finance committee met on Friday April 7th and discussed the building level budgets to be approved later in the board meeting.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1. Discuss, Consider and Approve Wages for 2023-2024 for Bus Drivers as proposed
Approve Proposed Transportation Rates Increase for 2023-2024 as Presented Passed with a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Chase Kratochvil.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Review Policy 6615-- Special Education Policy and Regulations/Procedures

9.2. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Building Level Budgets for 2023-2024

Motion to approve building level budgets as presented for the 23-24 year Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Jason Arp.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

9.3. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Buildings and Grounds Projects:

- Asbestos Removal in the Boiler Room (Potential \$17,400 for all areas)
- Concrete Parking Lot Repairs (price TBD)
- Basketball Hoop Straps in Competition/Auxiliary Gym (only the straps, total \$11,429)
- Lawn Mower(s) Trade-In Deal (Approx \$7200)

Motion to approve the Asbestos Removal Proposal #1 and Safety Straps for basketball hoops, total of both jobs not to exceed \$18,629 Passed with a motion by Jason Arp and a second by Brian Laaker.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

Dr. Lewis went over some of the summer projects that would require attention and cost over \$10,000

Asbestos removal in the boiler room- total would be \$17,400 for the removal of pipes and hot water tank insulation. Discussion was had on the hot water tank as well, does the school need to replace the tank, and what will the additional costs be? It was suggested to make sure that the school has a price for a replacement tank just in case it is needed. Board would like more information on Proposal #2, but would like to move forward with Proposal #1 for the asbestos removal.

Second thing to reconsider is the safety straps on the basketball hoops in the main and old gym. \$11,429 Ali-Cap insurance has suggested this safety feature should be added.

These straps are extra safety needed to secure the basketball hoops when they are pulled up for events not needing hoops down.

Bobcat updated, and trade in was already done.

9.4. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Modify the 2022-23 Approved Calendar to Forgive Contact Days Canceled for Weather Related Concerns Beyond the Last Built-In Snow Day

Motion to forgive any extra calendar days that exceed the 2022-2023 Approved Calendar days cancelled to weather related cancellations Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a

second by Cassie Flesner.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

9.5. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Approve Contract for Special Education Related Physical Therapy Services for 2023-2024.

Motion to approve annual contract for Learn 2 Move Physical Therapy for the 2023-2024 Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Shanon Willmott.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chase Kratochvill adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.