

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2026 7:00 PM Central

HS CONFERENCE ROOM
705 N 9th Street
Arlington, NE 68002

Jason Arp: Present
Cassie Flesner: Present
Chase Kratochvil: Absent
Brian Laaker: Present
Steve Slykhuis: Present
Shanon Willmott: Present
Present: 5, Absent: 1.

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

Cassie Flesner called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

1.2. Roll Call

Motion to approve the absence of Chase Kratochvill from tonights meeting Passed with a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Steve Slykhuis.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

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 Cassie Flesner and a second by Brian Laaker.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

2. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND PUBLIC FORUM

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

3.1. Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting(s)

3.2. Monthly Financial Reports

3.3.

Resignations: Mrs. Anna Combs, Secondary Spanish Foreign Language

Hires:

Reassignments:

4. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION REPORTS

- Industrial Arts
- 1st Grade

Mr. Chris Flesner was present for the board meeting on Industrial arts class, and Mrs. Molly Grefe and Miss Jaden Green were present for 1st Grade.

5. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

- 5.1. Mr. Shada's Activity Report
- 5.2. Dr. Morgan's Elementary Report
- 5.3. Mr. Pfingsten's Secondary Report

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lewis discussed a new location that will be for the Fremont pick-up/drop off for the 2026-2027 school year, the board retreat for March, and kindergarten enrollment numbers for next school year. Dr. Lewis also updated the board with some legislative updates and bills to be on the lookout for that will affect the school district if passed by the legislature.

- 6.1. Discussion of Bus Pick Up/Drop Off for 2026-2027 School Year
- 6.2. Supt Leave Log Review
- 6.3. Finalize Date and Location for Board Retreat in March

- March 16, 2025 at 5:00
- Location TBA

6.4. NASB and NRCSA Reports

- NRCSA new Exec Director beginning July 1, 2026 will be Paul Sheffield, former Superintendent of Exeter-Milligan

6.5. Discussion of Kindergarten Round-Up Enrollment Numbers for 2026-2027

6.6. Legislative Update

7. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- 7.1. Buildings and Grounds Committee
- 7.2. Negotiations Committee

- Set Date and Time for Non-Certificated and Admin/Director Salary Negotiations

Email will be sent to committee to set a date and time

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Approve Firewall Five-Year contract Motion to Approve Firewall Security Hardware and Five Year License with Fortinet for \$27,451.31 After eRate Discount Passed with a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Jason Arp.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

8.2. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Purchase/Installation of Vehicle Lift at Bus Barn

Motion to Approve Purchase and Installation of Vehicle lift for the Barn for a Price not to Exceed \$12,000 Passed with a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Steve Slykhuis.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

8.3. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Approve 2026-2027 District Calendar as Presented

Motion to Adopt 2026-2027 District Calendar as Presented Passed with a motion by Steve Slykhuis and a second by Shanon Willmott.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

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8.4. Information Regarding Board of Education Self-Assessment Tool for Discussion Information was attached and will be presented and discussed at the board retreat in March.

8.5. Review Policies 6210-6500's:

- 6210- Curriculum-Development and Adoption
- 6211- Curriculum - Assessments Security
- 6212- Assessments - Academic Content Standards
- 6213- Reading Instruction and Improvement
- 6215- Collection of Information Relating to Dyslexia
- 6220- Experimental Innovative Program
- 6230- Curriculum Guides
- 6240- Homework
- 6241- Purpose of Homework
- 6260- Guidance
- 6270- Field Trips and Admin Reg
- 6280- Activities
- 6281- Activity Funds Management

- 6282- School Colors
- 6283(A)- Return to Learn Concussion and Protocol
- 6284- Initiations and Hazing
- 6286- Return to Learn from Cancer
- 6288- Artificial Intelligence
- 6290- Dedication and Commencement
- 6300- Review of Instructional Materials
- 6310- Textbook Loan (obsolete)
- 6320- Parent Requests for Exclusion
- 6360- Recognition of Religious Beliefs
- 6361- Acknowledgment of Religious Holidays
- 6362- Religion in the Curriculum
- 6363- Purpose of Religions in the Curriculum
- 6370- Multicultural Education
- 6380- Affirmative Action Instruction Programs
- 6390- Controversial Issues
- 6391- Controversial Issues in the Classroom
- 6400- Parent Involvement
- 6410- Family Engagement Policy
- 6500- Free and Reduced Price Meals

9. ADJOURNMENT

Cassie Flesner adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm