

Scottsbluff Board of Education Special Meeting
Monday, March 25, 2024 5:00 PM

District Office
1722 1st Ave
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Mark Lang: Present
Beth Merrigan: Present
Robert Polk: Present
Scott Reisig: Present
Tory Schwartz: Present
Paul Snyder: Present

1. Opening Procedures

The Board of Education Special Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board President Scott Reisig.

1.a. Call to Order

1.b. Roll Call

1.c. Excuse Absent Member(s)

2. Open Meetings Law

3. Consent Agenda

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Passed with a motion by Beth Merrigan and a second by Robert Polk.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

3.a. Adopt Agenda

3.b. Approval of Certified Staff Hire

3.b.1. Holly Marker, 4th Grade, Westmoor Elementary

3.b.2. Whitne Lofink, EL, Scottsbluff High School & Bluffs Middle School

3.b.3. Dathan Brestel, Special Education, SBPS

3.b.4. Cierra Weatherfield, Special Education, SBPS

3.b.5. Amanda Piester, Special Education, SBPS

3.b.6. Bette Griffiths, Registered Nurse, SBPS

3.b.7. Jenna Sims, Registered Nurse, SBPS

3.c. Approval of Certified Staff Resignation

3.c.1. Mikayla Olson, 3rd Grade, Westmoor Elementary

3.c.2. Shaylah Stephens, 4th Grade, Westmoor Elementary

3.c.3. Amanda Serda, Special Education, Westmoor Elementary

3.c.4. Rudi Palomo, Special Education, Roosevelt Elementary

3.c.5. Karla Abshire, 8th Grade Science, Bluffs Middle School

3.c.6. Michelle Bolzer, Family & Consumer Science, Bluffs Middle School

3.c.7. Samantha Faron, LMHP, Bluffs Middle School

3.c.8. Jamie Batterman, School Climate Coordinator, SBPS

4. Move into Closed Session

The Board of Education moved into Closed Session at 5:03 PM.

Move pursuant to §84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, also known as the Nebraska Open Meetings Law, that the Board of Education for Scottsbluff Public Schools move into Closed Session to include Superintendent Dr. Andrew Dick and Executive Director of Finance Marianne Carlson for the purpose of a strategy session with respect to collective bargaining. The Closed Session is necessary for the protection of the public interest. Passed with a motion by Tory Schwartz and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

5. Exit Closed Session

The Board of Education exited Closed Session at 7:22 PM.

6. Adjournment

The Board of Education adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Tory Schwartz.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea



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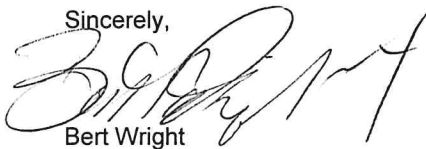
TO: Dr. Andrew Dick, Superintendent
Scottsbluff Public Schools Board of Education

FROM: Bert Wright
Westmoor Principal

DATE: March 14, 2024

I am pleased to recommend Mrs. Holly Marker for a teaching position at Westmoor Elementary for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Holly is currently teaching at Morrill Elementary where she is in her seventh year of teaching 5th grade. Her husband is currently a teacher at Scottsbluff High School. Holly currently holds a K-8 Nebraska Teaching Certificate and graduated from Chadron State College.

Sincerely,



Bert Wright

Principal



BERT WRIGHT, PRINCIPAL

BETHANY JOLLIFFE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Bluffs Middle School

Teaming for Success



Jana Mason

Principal

Brittni Chancellor

Assistant Principal

James Miller

Assistant Principal

TO: Dr. Andrew Dick, Superintendent
Scottsbluff Public Schools Board of Education
DATE: March 5, 2024
RE: Letter of Recommendation for Hire

Dear Dr. Andrew Dick and the Board of Education,

I am pleased to recommend Mrs. Whitne Lofink as a Secondary English Language Learner teacher for Scottsbluff High School and Bluffs Middle School for the 2024-25 school year. Mrs. Lofink holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Chadron State College and a PK-12 English as a Second Language degree from Wayne State College. Mrs. Lofink has twenty four years of education experience and has previously been a sixth grade teacher at Bluffs Middle School.

We look forward to Mrs. Lofink returning to Scottsbluff Public Schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jana Mason".

Jana Mason
Principal
Bluffs Middle School



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March 14, 2024

Dr. Andrew Dick
Scottsbluff Board of Education
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Dear Dr. Dick and the Scottsbluff Board of Education,

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Mr. Dathan Brestel as a teacher for the Scottsbluff Public Schools beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Brestel has a Bachelor of Arts in history from University of Texas – San Antonio, and a Masters of Arts degree in history from American Public University. We are excited to have Mr. Brestel join the Scottsbluff Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wendy Kemling-Horner
Executive Director of Student Services

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Dr. Andrew Dick
Scottsbluff Board of Education
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Dear Dr. Dick and the Scottsbluff Board of Education,

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Ms. Cierra Weatherfield as a teacher for the Scottsbluff Public Schools beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Ms. Weatherfield has a bachelor degree from University of Nebraska and will complete her Masters of Arts in counseling from Concordia in May. We are excited to have Ms. Weatherfield join the Scottsbluff Public Schools.

Sincerely,



Dr. Wendy Kemling-Horner
Executive Director of Student Services



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Dear Dr. Dick and the Scottsbluff Board of Education,

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Ms. Amanda Peister as a teacher for the Scottsbluff Public Schools beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Ms. Peister will earn her Bachelor degree in special education at the end of May 2024. We are excited to have Ms. Peister join the Scottsbluff Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wendy Kemling-Horner
Executive Director of Student Services

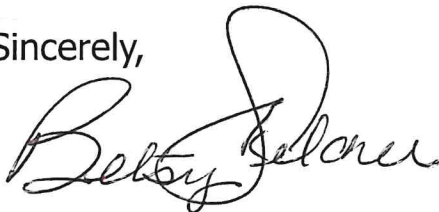
March 22, 2024

Dr. Andrew Dick
Scottsbluff Board of Education
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Dear Dr. Dick and the Scottsbluff Board of Education,

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Bette Griffiths for the position of School Nurse for Scottsbluff Public Schools beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Bette holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She brings nearly 12 years of nursing experience and most recently has worked as a registered nurse for Regional West Medical Center in the Recovery Room. Bette's professional knowledge and her desire to work with a school community to deliver safe and healthy experiences to students aligns with district priorities. We are excited to have Bette join the school health services at Scottsbluff Public Schools.

Sincerely,




Betsy Skelcher
Assistant Director of Student Services



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Dr. Andrew Dick
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Dear Dr. Dick and the Scottsbluff Board of Education,

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Jenna Sims for the position of School Nurse for Scottsbluff Public Schools beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Jenna holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She brings nearly 16 years of nursing experience and most recently has worked as a registered nurse for Regional West Medical Center in the Cardiac Cath Lab. Jenna brings a comprehensive set of skills, experiences and accomplishments. We are excited to have Jenna join the school health services community at Scottsbluff Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Betsy Skelcher
Assistant Director of Student Services