

O'Neill Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2026

Board Members

Amy Jo Rowse - President
Coby Welke - Vice President
Monica Huber - Vice President-Elect
Aaron Sorensen - Member
Mark Thompson - Member
Aaron Troester - Member

Administrators

Michael Rotherham - Superintendent
William Wragge - Jr-Sr High School Principal
Jim York - Elementary School Principal
Bryan Corkle - Jr-Sr High School Assistant Principal
Tricia Wiseman - Elementary Assistant Principal
Nathan Larsen - Activities Director
Jill Brodersen - Special Education Director

Board Secretary

Kathleen Marvin

Board Treasurer

Carol Hammerlun

Attendance Taken at 7:30 PM.

Monica Huber: Present
Amy Rowse: Present
Aaron Sorensen: Present
Mark Thompson: Present
Aaron Troester: Present
Coby Welke: Present

Posted Locations:

- Holt County Independent (print & website)
- KBRX Radio
- O'Neill Post Office
- O'Neill Public Schools Administrative Office
- O'Neill Jr-Sr High School
- O'Neill Elementary School
- O'Neill Public Schools Website

Posted: Thursday, March 5, 2026

1. Call to Order

The **regular board meeting** of the O'Neill Public School Board of Education was called to order by President **Amy Jo Rowse** at 7:30 pm, on **Monday, March 16, 2026** at the Administrative Offices at 635 N 4th Street, O'Neill, Nebraska.

1.A. Roll Call

Administrators Jill Brodersen, Bryan Corkle, Nathan Larsen, Mike Rotherham, Will Wragge, and Jim York were present.

1.B. Excused/Unexcused Board Members

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Recite Mission Statement

The Mission Statement was recited.

4. Approve Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the meeting agenda, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 regular meeting, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6. Reception of Visitors

Visitors were welcomed and informed that this meeting was in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act which is posted on the south wall of the boardroom.

7. Oral and Written Communications

Communications received, either written or oral, were reviewed.

8. Business

8.A. Early Graduation Request

A motion to approve the early graduation request for Carter Gruhn after successfully completing the requirements of the Alternative Program, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Aaron Troester.

Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.B. Track Resurface Bids

A motion to authorize the superintendent to accept the bid from Mid West track in the amount of \$155,240 to resurface the Jr-Sr High School track, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.C. Buses

Mr. Rotherham reported on the additional cost of having two coach buses instead of a coach and a yellow bus for the 2026-2027 school year. No action taken.

8.D. Summer Food Program

A motion to offer the summer food program at the Elementary School during the 2026 summer, passed with a motion made by Monica Huber and seconded by Mark Thompson.

Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.E. Technology Request

A motion to approve the technology request as presented in the amount of \$105,757, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.F. ESU #8 Master Services Agreement

A motion to enter into the Master Services Agreement with ESU 8 for e-rate, nursing, and limited special and general education services for the 2026-2027 school year, passed with a motion made by Mark Thompson and seconded by Coby Welke.

Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.G. Staff Resignation

A motion to accept Sidney Thiele's resignation at the end of the 2025-2026 contract year and thank her for her service, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Monica Huber.

Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

A motion to accept Alex Thramer's resignation at the end of the 2025-2026 contract year and thank him for his service, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Monica Huber.

Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea,

Aaron Sorensen: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

A motion to accept Mariah Utter's resignation at the end of the 2025-2026 contract year and thank her for her service, passed with a motion made by Mark Thompson and seconded by Coby Welke.

Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.H. Teaching Contracts

A motion to approve the offer of a 1.0 FTE teaching contract to Lance Classen for the 2026-2027 school year, passed with a motion made by Monica Huber and seconded by Coby Welke.

Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

A motion to approve the offer of a 1.0 FTE teaching contract to Jody Fox for the 2026-2027 school year, passed with a motion made by Mark Thompson and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

A motion to approve the offer of a 1.0 FTE teaching contract to Heather Heller for the 2026-2027 school year, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

A motion to approve the offer of a 1.0 FTE teaching contract to Kenzie Moeller for the 2026-2027 school year, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Mark Thompson.

Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

A motion to approve the offer of a 1.0 FTE teaching contract to Emily Wlaschin for the 2026-2027 school year, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Mark Thompson.

Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Nay, Amy Rowse: Abstain (Without Conflict), Aaron Sorensen: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 1, Abstain (Without Conflict): 1

8.I. Superintendent Contract

A motion to approve Superintendent Michael Rotherham's contract as presented and as posted on the website, passed with a motion made by Mark Thompson and seconded by Coby Welke.

Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.J. Administrator's Salaries

A motion to enter into closed session to discuss the Administrator's contracts to prevent needless injury to an individual's reputation, passed with a motion made by Monica Huber and seconded by Mark Thompson.

Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Enter closed session at 8:18 pm
Exited closed session at 8:37 pm

A motion to approve the administrator's contracts as presented with a 3.98% average increase, passed with a motion made by Monica Huber and seconded by Mark Thompson.

Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.K. Superintendent Leave Report

The Superintendent Leave Report was reviewed. No action is necessary.

8.L. Option Enrollment Report

The Option and General Enrollment report was reviewed. No action necessary.

9. Administrative Reports

Administrative reports were presented.

10. Bills and Claims and Payroll Report

A motion to approve the bills and claims, and accept the payroll report, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea

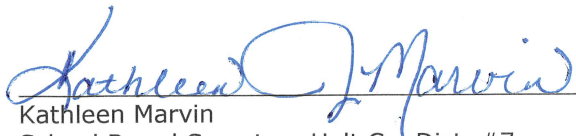
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm, passed with a motion made by Coby Welke and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Aaron Troester: Yea, Coby Welke: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0



Kathleen Marvin
School Board Secretary Holt Co. Dist. #7

Pending Approval

<u>Vendor Name</u>		<u>Amount</u>
<u>Checking</u>	1	
Checking	1 Fund: 01 General Fund	
Advanced Water Company, Inc..		1,806.00
Alder Plumbing LLC		555.16
Alder, Beverli		105.38
Amazon.com		671.98
Appearra		1,050.08
Apple.com		21.38
Armendariz, Jessica		210.76
Avera St. Anthony's Hospital		2,472.96
Berg, Sarah		210.76
Black Hills Energy		8,215.59
Blick Art Materials		143.78
Boshart, Laura		245.89
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc		1,793.28
Brachle, Ashley		210.76
Bradshaw, Melanie		386.40
Burival, Tony		165.30
Buxton, Cody		421.53
Callison, Tara		18.75
Calvo Diaz, Eden		143.00
Camp, Natalie		5,654.01
Carhart Lumber Co.		154.33
Carson, Denise		822.05
Casey's (LaVista)		44.36
Casey's - Norfolk		44.63
Casey's General Store #1181		75.07
Casey's General Store #2378		15.33
Casey's General Stores, Inc.		64.16
CenturyLink		115.28
Chohon, Erin		588.90
Christensen, Jennifer		386.40
City of O'Neill Recycling Center		107.17
City of O'Neill		3,739.40
Clearfly		450.33
Connot Tire Service		1,450.37
Cooper, Maria		123.98
Cubby's, Inc.		724.51
Cuhel, Frank		421.53
Dana F Cole & Company LLP		5,500.00
Dollar General		26.75
Dykshorn, Melissa		210.76
Egan Supply Co		4,060.62
Emme Construction, L.L.C.		750.00
Engineered Controls, Inc.,		4,491.50
Espinoza Hermoso, Kassandra		143.00
ESU #8		26,097.30
Fairfield Inn - Kearney		144.95
Filip, George		176.90
Fisher, Tonya		526.91
Flinn Scientific, Inc.		143.84
Follett School Solutions, Inc		2,823.29
Frank, Shelly		202.50
Fred G Dale Planetarium		217.00
GreatAmerica Financial Services		1,018.80
Guardian Security Service		1,541.52

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<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Gueta-Lopez, Gabriela	210.76
Harte's Lawn Service	725.00
Heartland Counseling Services, Inc.	2,500.00
Holt County Independent	277.44
Instrumentalist Awards LLC	47.50
Island Supply Welding Co.	569.01
J & L Collision Center, Inc	329.96
J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.	99.82
Johnson's, Inc.	10,737.67
Kennedy, Valerie	347.14
Klasna, Lala	396.73
Krysl, Lisa	92.98
Laible, Dustin	264.49
Leaf Funding Inc	142.64
LeFever, Katie	421.53
Limburg, Lisa	198.36
Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker	607.00
Lunchtime Solutions, Inc..	1,510.33
Martinez, Jesse	72.76
McGraw-Hill School Education Holdings, LLC	180.60
Miner, Cheryl	175.04
Mudloff, Lara	185.07
National CPR Foundation	44.05
Nebraska Class B Honor Band	250.00
Nebraska.gov	10.00
Neligh Oakdale Schools	425.00
Neu You Physical Therapy, PC	1,791.80
Noetic Learning	297.00
NPPD	9,285.58
O'Neill Car Wash LLC	7.29
O'Neill Pest Control	725.00
Ogden Hardware	4,740.15
Ollendick, Kacey	70.25
One Office Solution	2,714.79
One Source, The Background Check Co., Inc	43.00
OPS Lunch Fund	584.10
Park Omaha	12.00
Parks, Katie	105.38
Pearson, Inc, NCS	154.25
Peterson, Kristi	456.65
Pinkerman, Denise	396.73
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc	365.21
Prestige Group Inc	5,850.00
Sayers, Angela	386.40
Shell	96.85
Sholes, Molly	210.76
Simplicity.com	60.00
Smoke It Up Welding	327.40
Stadium Sports	118.80
Stepp, Melanie	140.51
Subway	439.95
Superior Wash - Benjamin Ave	12.90
Thompson, Erin	210.76
Three River	187.10
Torpin's Rodeo Market	684.86
Torpin, Carla	421.53

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<u>Vendor Name</u>				<u>Amount</u>	
University of Nebraska at Kearney				270.00	
Vanderbeek, Kendra				20.00	
VanEvery, Maria				386.40	
Viaero Wireless				18.97	
Walmart.com				59.96	
Welke, Amanda				132.24	
Westerberg, Ashley				134.31	
Wettlaufer, Kristin				351.27	
Williamson, Erin				24.00	
Wilson, Sarah				456.65	
Wiseman, Tricia				363.67	
Wm Krotter Co				2,270.87	
Wright, Hannah				843.05	
					Fund Total:
					139,279.16
Checking	1	Fund: 06	NUTRITION FUND		
Lunchtime Solutions, Inc..				39,664.44	
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc				17.02	
					Fund Total:
					39,681.46
					Checking Account Total:
					178,960.62
<u>Checking</u>					
	2				
Checking	2	Fund: 02	Depreciation Fund		
Apple Financial Services				123,495.00	
					Fund Total:
					123,495.00
					Checking Account Total:
					123,495.00

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