

O'Neill Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
Monday, June 15, 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 6:00 PM.

Aaron Troester: Absent
Coby Welke: Absent
Monica Huber: Present
Amy Rowse: Present
Aaron Sorensen: Present
Mark Thompson: 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, June 11, 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 6:00 pm, on **Monday, June 15, 2026** at the Administrative Offices at 635 N 4th Street, O'Neill, Nebraska.

1.A. Roll Call

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

1.B. Excused/Unexcused Board Members

A motion to excuse Aaron Troester and Coby Welke, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Monica Huber.

Aaron Troester: Absent, Coby Welke: Absent, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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 Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Monica Huber.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

5. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2026 regular meeting and the May 28, 2026 special board meeting minutes, passed with a motion made by Mark Thompson and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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.

Public Comment was received from Kasey Hoffman, Denice Garcia Alcala, Heidi Wedige, and Jess Wedige.

8. Business

8.A. Property Insurance

A motion to authorize Mr. Rotherham to pursue ALICAP as our property insurance carrier, passed with a motion made by Monica Huber and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8.B. School Audit Engagement

The engagement letter is being prepared and will be available for approval at the July board meeting. No action is necessary.

8.C. Authorize Superintendent to Apply for Federal Funds for the 2026-2027 school year

A motion to authorize the superintendent to apply for federal fund for the 2026-2027 school year, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Mark Thompson.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8.D. Activity Assignments

Mr. Nate Larsen has nearly wrapped up the activity assignments for the 2026-2027 school year. The list of assignments was reviewed. No action is necessary.

8.E. 2026-2027 Negotiations

A motion to approve the JH Speech stipend as presented in the Negotiated Agreement, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Mark Thompson.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8.F. Set Meal Prices for the 2026-2027 School Year

A motion to adopt the meal prices as presented for the 2026-2027 school year, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Mark Thompson.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8.G. Handbooks

A motion to adopt the 2026-2027 handbooks as presented, with the grading scale amended to the following whole point structure: A+ = 98-100, A = 94-97, A- = 90-93, B+ = 87-89, B = 83-86, B- = 80-82, C+ = 77-79, C = 73-76, C- = 70-72, D+ = 67-69, D = 63-66, D- = 60-62, and F = 59 and

below, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Monica Huber.

Aaron Troester: Absent, Coby Welke: Absent, Mark Thompson: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8.H. 5018 Parent Involvement in Education Practices Policy

President Amy Jo Rowse opened a public hearing at 7:01 pm to receive input, discuss, and consider any changes to the Parent Involvement in Education Practices Policy. Receiving no public comment, President Rowse closed the hearing at 7:02 pm.

A motion to reaffirm Policy 5018 - Parent Involvement in Education Practices, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Mark Thompson.

Aaron Troester: Absent, Coby Welke: Absent, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8.I. 5057 District Title I Parental & Family Engagement Policy

The board conducted an evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent involvement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served. Parent Tricia Wiseman expressed that the policy is good as it is written. A motion to reaffirm Policy 5057 District Title I Parent & Family Engagement, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Monica Huber.

Aaron Troester: Absent, Coby Welke: Absent, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8.J. 5045 Student Fees Policy

President Amy Jo Rowse opened a public hearing at 7:04 pm to receive input, discuss, and consider any changes to the Student Fee Policy. Receiving no public comment, President Rowse closed the hearing at 7:05 pm.

A motion to adopt Policy 5045 - Student Fees, passed with a motion made by Monica Huber and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Aaron Troester: Absent, Coby Welke: Absent, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8.K. 5054 Bullying

A motion to reaffirm Policy 5054 Bullying, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Mark Thompson.

Aaron Troester: Absent, Coby Welke: Absent, Mark Thompson: Yea, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8.L. 5052 Wellness

Under the Healthy and Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, we are required to assess and review the wellness policy.

A motion to reaffirm Policy 5052 Wellness, passed with a motion made by Monica Huber and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

Aaron Troester: Absent, Coby Welke: Absent, Monica Huber: Yea, Amy Rowse: Yea, Aaron Sorensen: Yea, Mark Thompson: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8.M. Policy Updates

A motion to adopt the revisions to policies 2008 Meetings, 3003 Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair, or Site Improvement, 3003.1 Bidding for Construction Remodeling Repair or Related Projects Financed with Federal Funds, 3004.1 Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds, 3048 Communicable Disease, 4017 Relations with Employee Collective Bargaining Associations, 4019 Workplace Injury Prevention and Safety Committee, 4056 Resignation of Certificated Staff, 5001 Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism, 5003 Admission of Part-Time Students, 5004 Option Enrollment, 5035 Student Discipline, 5048 Emergency Response to Life Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis), 6009 Grade Placement and Academic Credits of Transfer Students, and the new policies; 3061 ACH Originator, 4065 Staff Use of AI Tools, 6038 Student Use of AI Tools, and 6046 Right to Access School Library Materials, passed

with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Mark Thompson.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8.M.i. 2008 Meetings

8.M.ii. 3003 Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair, or Site Improvement

8.M.iii. 3003.1 Bidding for Construction Remodeling Repair or Related Projects Financed with Federal Funds

8.M.iv. 3004.1 Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds

8.M.v. 3048 Communicable Disease

8.M.vi. 3061 ACH Originator Policy *NEW POLICY*

8.M.vii. 4017 Relations with Employee Collective Bargaining Associations

8.M.viii. 4019 Workplace Injury Prevention and Safety Committee

8.M.ix. 4056 Resignation of Certificated Staff

8.M.x. 4065 Staff Use of AI Tools *NEW POLICY*

8.M.xi. 5001 Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism

8.M.xii. 5003 Admission of Part-Time Students

8.M.xiii. 5004 Option Enrollment

8.M.xiv. 5035 Student Discipline

8.M.xv. 5048 Emergency Response to Life Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis)

8.M.xvi. 6009 Grade Placement and Academic Credits of Transfer Students

8.M.xvii. 6038 Student Use of AI Tools

8.M.xviii. 6046 Right to Access School Library Materials *NEW POLICY*

8.N. Option Enrollment Report

The Option 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 Monica Huber and seconded by Aaron Sorensen.

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

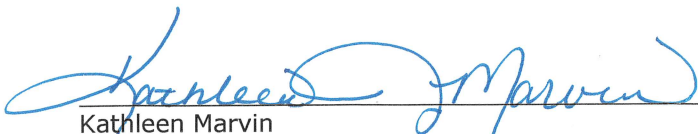
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm, passed with a motion made by Aaron Sorensen and seconded by Mark Thompson.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2



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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Checking 1	
Checking 1 Fund: 01 General Fund	
Advanced Water Company, Inc..	1,806.00
Alder, Beverli	74.39
Amazon.com	1,467.03
Appeara	793.27
Apple.com	621.34
Armendariz, Jessica	161.17
Bartak Glass, Inc	210.00
Berg, Sarah	161.17
Black Hills Energy	3,367.25
Blain Pumping & Plumbing	1,200.00
Bomgaars	13.99
Boshart, Laura	188.03
Bosselman Pump & Pantry Inc	2,460.02
Brachle, Ashley	161.17
Bradshaw, Melanie	181.83
Burival, Tony	134.31
Buxton, Cody	322.34
Camp, Natalie	3,505.68
CarParts.com	262.82
Carson, Denise	644.89
Casey's General Stores, Inc.	72.19
CenturyLink	118.81
Chohon, Erin	10.38
Christensen, Jennifer	250.02
City of O'Neill	4,525.78
Clearfly	450.13
COMPanion Corporation	3,328.00
Cooper, Maria	103.32
Country Bliss Flooring, LLC	588.00
Crowne Plaza	154.95
Cubby's, Inc.	1,463.41
Cuhel, Frank	322.34
Dean, Chad	40.45
Decker Inc. School Fix	606.83
Dykshorn, Melissa	161.17
Egan Supply Co	2,400.97
Embassy Suites	(56.58)
Emme Sand & Gravel, Inc.	292.16
ESU #8	20.00
Fire Protection Services, LLC	1,405.00
Fisher, Tonya	371.93
Flinn Scientific, Inc.	55.96
Follett School Solutions, Inc	938.30
Frank, Shelly	173.57
GreatAmerica Financial Services	1,018.80
Gueta-Lopez, Gabriela	161.17
Harte's Lawn Service	20,980.00
Heartland Counseling Services, Inc.	2,500.00
Holt County Independent	207.05
HOOKandLOOP.COM	385.33
J & L Collision Center, Inc	4,455.61
Jakubowski, Cindy	931.11
Jaymar Business Forms, Inc.	417.10
Johnson's, Inc.	237.50

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jungle Jump LLC	572.93
Kaup's Plumbing & Drain	240.00
Ken's Band Instrument Repair	316.00
Kennedy, Valerie	322.34
Klasna, Lala	322.34
Krysl, Lisa	18.60
KSB School Law	2,150.00
Laible, Dustin	165.30
Leaf Funding Inc	142.64
LeFever, Katie	297.55
Limburg, Lisa	161.17
Lunchtime Solutions, Inc..	3,431.16
Lynn Theatre	330.00
Martinez, Jesse	93.33
McIntosh Jewelry, Inc	42.14
Mid-American Research Chemical	718.99
Midwest Technology Products	392.00
Miner, Cheryl	134.31
Mohawk Factoring LLC	6,113.12
Mosyle Corporation	7,678.50
Mudloff, Lara	161.57
Nebraska Council of School Administrators	1,263.00
Neu You Physical Therapy, PC	158.50
NPPD	5,261.36
NWEA	2,621.50
O'Neill Lumber & Trailer Sales	1,347.63
O'Neill Printing Company	415.00
O'Neill Shopper	50.00
O'Neill Super Foods	620.79
Ogden Hardware	1,460.60
Ollendick, Kacey	53.72
One Office Solution	2,163.63
OPS Lunch Fund	403.50
Paper101	1,287.32
Parco Scientific Company	11.00
Parks, Katie	80.59
Peterson, Kristi	349.20
Pinkerman, Denise	272.75
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc	729.81
Pitsco Education, LLC	43.49
Prime Stop Convenience Store Norfolk	30.02
Sayers, Angela	295.48
Scenario Learning LLC	2,881.28
School Datebooks, Inc	822.18
Shad's Electric	4,075.74
Shamrock Nursery, Inc.	196.63
Sholes, Molly	37.19
Smith, Chelsea	66.82
Stepp, Melanie	107.45
Stuhr Museum	627.00
Supreme School Supply	223.62
Taco's & Tequila	720.00
Thompson, Erin	123.98
Three River	187.10
Torpin's Rodeo Market	227.19
Torpin, Carla	322.34

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>		
UNL - Center on Children, Families, and the Law	180.00		
UpLift Desk	(961.93)		
VanEvery, Maria	272.75		
Viaero Wireless	18.96		
Walmart.com	148.82		
Wayfair LLC	283.54		
Welke, Amanda	24.80		
Westerberg, Ashley	123.98		
Wettlaufer, Kristin	268.62		
Wilson, Sarah	322.34		
Wiseman, Tricia	295.48		
Wm Krotter Co	51.99		
Wright, Hannah	644.69		
		Fund Total:	126,526.70
Checking	1	Fund: 06	NUTRITION FUND
Cornhusker State Industries	64.00		
EduTrak, LLC	3,707.89		
Lunchtime Solutions, Inc..	73,624.15		
Pitney Bowes Bank Inc	395.90		
		Fund Total:	77,791.94
		Checking Account Total:	204,318.64

Pending Approval