

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 21, 2022 7:00 PM
Board Room, Wilber Clatonia Public Schools
900 S Franklin
Wilber, NE 68465-0487

1. Call to Order

President Riechers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Recognition of visitors and procedures to address board

Other guests present were: Dan Conway, Ray Collins, Matt Zajicek, Jenna Schuerman, Lynn Jurgens, Christine Radcliff, Darla Chrans, Chris Cerveney, Kim Zimmerman, Jennifer Pospisil, Scott Arkfield and Anne Marie Rye, and Todd Znamenacek who arrived at 7:13 p.m.

4. Adjustments to the Agenda

5. Public Forum

6. Consent Items

6.1. Board Members receipt of notice of meeting acknowledgment

6.2. Public notice of meeting acknowledgement

6.3. Approval of the Agenda

6.4. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2022

6.5. Approval of the Claims and financial reports:

6.5.1. General Fund - \$ 611,550.89

6.5.2. Special Building Fund

6.5.3. Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund

6.5.4. Depreciation Fund - \$ 8,927.00

6.5.5. Bond Fund

6.5.6. Employment Benefit Fund

6.6. Employment/Resignation

6.6.1. Hire Erin Pomajzl for 1st Grade

6.6.2. Accept Maureen Halama, Vocal Music teacher, resignation

6.6.3. Accept Valerie Ellis, Spanish Teacher, resignation

6.6.4. Accept Dan Conway, Secondary Principal, resignation

6.6.5. Hire Deb Rinne, Life Skills Teacher

7. Agenda

7.1. Unfinished Business

7.1.1. School District "Branding" presentation by representatives of BSN

Anne Marie Rye and Scott Arkfield from BSN Sports presented a presentation on school "Branding". BSN would help us have our colors, mascot, logo, etc. all be the same on everything (stationary, apparel, signage, etc).

7.1.2. Report by Superintendent on auditorium renovation progress to date

Mr. Collins updated the Board on the auditorium renovation. We are nearing completion. We will be doing the final punchlist and, hopefully, will be able to use the auditorium within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Collins said the Board should be congratulated for renovating the whole space at once.

7.1.3. Notice from the County Clerk regarding the certification of candidates running for the Board of Education: Tim Riechers, Chris Woerner and Lance Kuhlmann Note: all will advance to the General Election in November

7.2. New Business

7.2.1. Consider, discuss and act on the 2022-2023 proposed calendar

7.2.2. Report from Superintendent and Board members who attended the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association spring conference.

Bob Sykes was nominated and received the 2022 Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) Outstanding Board Member Award. His family was able to join him and see him win this award. Congratulations Bob! Thank you for your years of service to Wilber Clatonia.

Tim Riechers attended sessions that discussed teacher shortages, which are affecting everyone in the nation. He also attended a session where they discussed as a new board member should not come with an agenda and that Board members do not just rubber stamp things. There is a lot of time, effort and thought that goes into making decisions regarding the district. He also attended a session discussing an Aspiring Leaders Group. He was very impressed and felt that it would be beneficial for our teachers and principals.

Mr. Collins attended sessions for the legislative updates; school finances: federal legislation: which discussed more possible money coming to rural schools and how to build a line item budget.

7.2.3. Consider, discuss and act on Board membership in the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) and the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA)

7.2.4. Mr. Collins report on Certified Budget Authority and Certified State Aid for 2022-2023

8. Administrative Reports

8.1. K-5 Building Update

Mrs. Radcliff updated the Board on the K-5 building.

8.2. 6-12 Building Update

Mr. Conway updated the Board members on the 6-12 building.

8.3. Activities/Technology/Transportation Update

Mr. Zajicek updated the Board members about technology, activities and transportation.

8.4. Department Report

8.5. Superintendent's Absence Report

9. Information and Communications

Mr. Collins informed the Board members that we have offered Mr. Conway a part time administration and teaching contract for next year, which he has accepted. The Board also discussed the policy for releasing a current teacher who is under contract and wishes to leave to take a job elsewhere. The consensus has always been to release the teacher from the contract, but with the changes in education and teachers being harder to find, we will need to re-evaluate and change this policy in the future. More and more schools are changing their policies to set a certain date by which the teacher cannot break their contract.

Mr. Collins also recognized Mr. Znamenacek who had wanted to discuss the interest of students in soccer. He unfortunately arrived after the Public Forum and was not on the agenda, so we will have to wait until next month to hear from him.

10. Executive Session

11. Next Regular Meeting of the Wilber Clatonia Public Schools Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 18, 2022

12. Adjourn

After hearing no objections, President Riechers adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.