

Committee Board Meeting
Bloomfield Community Schools - Board of Education
Monday, April 7, 2025/6:30 PM

High School, Room 14, 311 E. Benton Street, Bloomfield, NE 68718

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the business of the district. Action Items are included in the work of the board.

1. Opening the Meeting

- 1.a. Call to Order:
- 1.b. Board Member Roll Call:
- 1.c. Nebraska Open Meetings Law:
- 1.d. Publication of Meeting:
- 1.e. District Mission Statement:
- 1.f. Pledge of Allegiance:

2. Informational/Discussion Items

- 2.a. Committee Reports - Americanism Committee
- 2.b. Standing District Topics
 - 2.b.i. NASB Upcoming Events for 2025

FINANCE WORKSHOPS
Wednesday, April 9 - Norfolk

UPCOMING WEBINARS
Wednesday, April 16 - Board Academy Collaboration Lunch & Learn
Wednesday, April 23 - Federal Advocacy Update An educated BOE is an involved BOE. These April 2025 events are available to all BCS BOE members and administrators.

- 2.b.ii. BOE Action Plan
 - 2.b.ii.1. Actions Taken - NCRS Conference, NASB President's Call, NASB Legislative Update, and NASB Open Meetings Law Workshop
- 2.b.iii. Strategic Planning No Report at this time.
- 2.b.iv. Continuous School Improvement
 - 2.b.iv.1. Wednesday, March 29th Update To keep the BOE informed as to current CIP planning, actions, training, data collection/interpretation
- 2.b.v. Curriculum & Instruction Update and progress, NWEA Testing Progress, Summer School Plans,
- 2.c. Certified Resignations/New Hires
- 2.d. Non-Certified Resignations/New Hires
 - 2.d.i. Para Professional Positions The administrative team has been interviewing candidates and has made some offers to individuals for the 2024-25 school year. We will act on those contracts in our regular board meeting.
- 2.e. Administrative and Leadership Team Reports
 - 2.e.i. Superintendent
 - 2.e.ii. Secondary Principal

- 2.e.iii. Elementary Principal
- 2.e.iv. SPED Director
- 2.e.v. Guidance Director
- 2.e.vi. Technology Director
- 2.e.vii. Activities Director
- 2.e.viii. Buildings & Grounds Director
- 2.e.ix. Transportation Director

2.f. Policy The BOE and the Administrative Team will review policies from the 4000 - Personnel section. They will focus their efforts on policies 4000 to 4031. Their efforts include, but are not limited to, revising and editing these policies for clarity, accuracy, and applicability.

- 3. **Public Comment** The purpose of the public comment period is for members of the public to inform the governing body of their views.
- 4. **Closed Session**
- 5. **Adjournment**



Deb Wragge <dwrage@blfdbees.org>

COW meeting April 7th

3 messages

Casey Schmeckpeper <cschmeckpeper@blfdbees.org>

Mon, Mar 31, 2025 at 9:14 AM

To: Deb Wragge <dwrage@blfdbees.org>, Todd Strom <tstrom@blfdbees.org>

Good morning Deb and Todd. I'm emailing you both that I will be out of town for the April 7th COW meeting.

Thanks Casey

Deb Wragge <dwrage@blfdbees.org>

Mon, Mar 31, 2025 at 9:18 AM

To: Casey Schmeckpeper <cschmeckpeper@blfdbees.org>

Cc: Todd Strom <tstrom@blfdbees.org>

Thanks for the heads up. Have a great time.

Deb

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Todd Strom <tstrom@blfdbees.org>

Mon, Mar 31, 2025 at 9:29 AM

To: Deb Wragge <dwrage@blfdbees.org>

Cc: Casey Schmeckpeper <cschmeckpeper@blfdbees.org>

Thanks Casey,

Please review the agenda and should you have any questions or need any information prior to the meeting, I will try to help.

Have a safe trip!

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NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT

84-1407. Act, how cited. Sections 84-1407 to 84-1414 shall be known and may be cited as the Open Meetings Act.

84-1408. Declaration of intent; meetings open to public. It is hereby declared to be the policy of this state that the formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret. Every meeting of a public body shall be open to the public in order that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending and speaking at meetings of public bodies, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of Nebraska, federal statutes, and the Open Meetings Act.

84-1409. Terms, defined. For purposes of the Open Meetings Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1)(a) Public body means (i) governing bodies of all political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska, (ii) governing bodies of all agencies, created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, of the executive department of the State of Nebraska, (iii) all independent boards, commissions, bureaus, committees, councils, subunits, or any other bodies created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, (iv) all study or advisory committees of the executive department of the State of Nebraska whether having continuing existence or appointed as special committees with limited existence, (v) advisory committees of the bodies referred to in subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subdivision, and (vi) instrumentalities exercising essentially public functions; and

(b) Public body does not include (i) subcommittees of such bodies unless a quorum of the public body attends a subcommittee meeting or unless such subcommittees are holding hearings, making policy, or taking formal action on behalf of their parent body, except that all meetings of any subcommittee established under section 81-15,175 are subject to the Open Meetings Act, (ii) entities conducting judicial proceedings unless a court or other judicial body is exercising rulemaking authority, deliberating, or deciding upon the issuance of administrative orders, and (iii) the Judicial Resources Commission or subcommittees or subgroups of the commission;

(2) Meeting means all regular, special, or called meetings, formal or informal, of any public body for the purposes of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action of the public body; and

(3) Virtual conferencing means conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants subject to subsection (2) of section 84-1412.

84-1410. Closed session; when; purpose; reasons listed; procedure; right to challenge; prohibited acts; chance meetings, conventions, or workshops.

(1) Any public body may hold a closed session by the affirmative vote of a majority of its voting members if a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. The subject matter and the reason necessitating the closed session shall be identified in the motion to close. Closed sessions may be held for, but shall not be limited to, such reasons as:

(a) Strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body;

(b) Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices;

(c) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct;

(d) Evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting;

(e) For the Community Trust created under section 81-1801.02, discussion regarding the amounts to be paid to individuals who have suffered from a tragedy of violence or natural disaster; or

(f) For public hospitals, governing board peer review activities, professional review activities, review and discussion of medical staff investigations or disciplinary actions, and any strategy session concerning transactional negotiations with any referral source that is required by federal law to be conducted at arms length.

Nothing in this section shall permit a closed meeting for discussion of the appointment or election of a new member to any public body.

(2) The vote to hold a closed session shall be taken in open session. The entire motion, the vote of each member on the question of holding a closed session, and the time when the closed session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. If the motion to close passes, then the presiding officer immediately prior to the closed session shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The public body holding such a closed session shall restrict its consideration of matters during the closed portions to only those purposes set forth in the motion to close as the reason for the closed session. The meeting shall be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken. For purposes of this section, formal action shall mean a collective decision or a collective commitment or promise to make a decision on any question, motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance or formation of a position or policy but shall not include negotiating guidance given by members of the public body to legal counsel or other negotiators in closed sessions authorized under subdivision (1)(a) of this section.

(3) Any member of any public body shall have the right to challenge the continuation of a closed session if the member determines that the session has exceeded the reason stated in the original motion to hold a closed session or if the member contends that the closed session is neither clearly necessary for (a) the protection of the public interest or (b) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Such challenge shall be overruled only by a majority vote of the members of the public body. Such challenge and its disposition shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that any meeting be closed to the public. No person or public body shall fail to invite a portion of its members to a meeting, and no public body shall designate itself a subcommittee of the whole body for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act. No closed session, informal meeting, chance meeting, social gathering, email, fax, or other electronic communication shall be used for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of the act.

(5) The act does not apply to chance meetings or to attendance at or travel to conventions or workshops of members of a public body at which there is no meeting of the body then intentionally convened, if there is no vote or other action taken regarding any matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

84-1411. Meetings of public body; notice; method; contents; when available; right to modify; duties concerning notice; videoconferencing or telephone conferencing authorized; emergency meeting without notice; appearance before public body.

(1) Until January 1, 2025:

(a) Each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting as provided in this subsection. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public.

(b)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b)(ii) of this section, in the case of a public body described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of section 84-1409 or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's website.

(ii) In the case of the governing body of a city of the second class or village or such body's advisory committee or the governing body of a rural or suburban fire protection district, such notice shall be published by:

(A) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's website; or

(B) Posting written notice in three conspicuous public places in such city, village, or district. Such notice shall be posted in the same three places for each meeting.

(iii) In the case of a public body not described in subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice shall be given by a method designated by the public body.

(iv) In case of refusal, neglect, or inability of the newspaper to timely publish the notice, the public body shall (A) post such notice on its website, if available, and (B) post such notice in a conspicuous public place in such public body's jurisdiction. The public body shall keep a written record of such posting. The record of such posting shall be evidence that such posting was done as required and shall be sufficient to fulfill the requirement of publication.

(c) In addition to a method of notice required by subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice may also be provided by any other appropriate method designated by such public body or such advisory committee.

(d) Each public body shall record the methods and dates of such notice in its minutes.

(e) Such notice shall contain an agenda of subjects known at the time of the publicized notice or a statement that the agenda, which shall be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the public body during normal business hours. Agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be altered later than (i) twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting or (ii) forty-eight hours before the scheduled commencement of a

meeting of a city council or village board scheduled outside the corporate limits of the municipality. The public body shall have the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2025:

(a) Each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting as provided in this subsection. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public.

(b)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(b)(ii) of this section, in the case of a public body described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of section 84-1409 or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be given by:

(A)(I) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction that is finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting, (II) posting on such newspaper's website, if available, and (III) posting on a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and on the websites by the newspaper; or

(B)(I) Posting to the newspaper's website, if available, and (II) posting to a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers if no edition of a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction is to be finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and on the websites by the newspaper.

(ii) In the case of the governing body of a city of the second class or village, any advisory committee of such governing body, or the governing body of a rural or suburban fire protection district, such notice shall be given by:

(A)(I) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction that is finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting, (II) posting on such newspaper's website, if available, and (III) posting on a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and on the websites by the newspaper;

(B)(I) Posting to the newspaper's website, if available, and (II) posting to a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers if no edition of a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction is to be finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and on the websites by the newspaper; or

(C)(III) Posting written notice in three conspicuous public places in such city, village, or district. Such notice shall be posted by the public body in the same three places for each meeting.

(iii) In the case of a public body not described in subdivision (2)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice shall be given by a method designated by the public body.

(iv) In case of refusal, neglect, or inability of the newspaper to publish the notice, the public body shall (A) post such notice on its website, if available, (B) submit a post on a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers, and (C) post such notice in a conspicuous public place in such public body's jurisdiction. The public body shall keep a written record of such posting. The record of such posting shall be evidence that such posting was done as required and shall be sufficient to fulfill the requirement of publication.

(3)(a) The following entities may hold a meeting by means of virtual conferencing if the requirements of subdivision (3)(b) of this section are met:

(i) A state agency, state board, state commission, state council, or state committee, or an advisory committee of any such state entity;

(ii) An organization, including the governing body, created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act;

(iii) The governing body of a public power district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state;

(iv) The governing body of a public power and irrigation district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state;

(v) An educational service unit;

(vi) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council;

(vii) An organization, including the governing body, of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act;

(viii) A community college board of governors;

(ix) The Nebraska Brand Committee;

(x) A local public health department;

(xi) A metropolitan utilities district;

(xii) A regional metropolitan transit authority; and

(xiii) A natural resources district.

(b) The requirements for holding a meeting by means of virtual conferencing are as follows:

(i) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given as provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, including providing access to a dial-in number or link to the virtual conference;

(ii) In addition to the public's right to participate by virtual conferencing, reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend at a physical site and participate as provided in section 84-1412, including reasonable seating, in at least one designated site in a building open to the public and identified in the notice, with: At least one member of the entity holding such meeting, or his or her designee, present at each site; a recording of the hearing by audio or visual recording devices; and a reasonable opportunity for input, such as public comment or questions, is provided to at least the same extent as would be provided if virtual conferencing was not used;

(iii) At least one copy of all documents being considered at the meeting is available at any physical site open to the public where individuals may attend the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act; and

(iv) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision or subsection (4) of section 79-2204, no more than one-half of the meetings of the state entities, advisory committees, boards, councils, organizations, or governing bodies are held by virtual conferencing in a calendar year. In the case of (A) an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas, (B) an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, (C) a governing body of a risk management pool and any advisory committee of such governing body, or (D) any advisory committee of any state entity created in response to the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act, such the organization, governing body, or committee may hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if such organization holds at least one meeting each calendar year that is not by virtual conferencing.

(4) Virtual conferencing, emails, faxes, or other electronic communication shall not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act.

(5) The secretary or other designee of each public body shall maintain a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and shall make reasonable efforts to provide advance notification to them of the time and place of each meeting and the subjects to be discussed at that meeting.

(6) When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may be held by virtual conferencing. The provisions of subsection (5) of this section shall be complied with in conducting emergency meetings. Complete minutes of such emergency meetings specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public by no later than the end of the next regular business day.

(7) A public body may allow a member of the public or any other witness to appear before the public body by means of virtual conferencing.

(8)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (3) and (6) of this section, if an emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to the Emergency Management Act as defined in section 81-829.39, a public body the territorial jurisdiction of which is included in the emergency declaration, in whole or in part, may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing during such emergency if the public body gives reasonable advance publicized notice as described in subsections (1) and (2) of this section. The notice shall include information regarding access for the public and news media. In addition to any formal action taken pertaining to the emergency, the public body may hold such meeting for the purpose of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action by the public body.

(b) The public body shall provide access by providing a dial-in number or a link to the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act. Reasonable arrangements shall be made to accommodate the public's right to hear and speak at the meeting and record the meeting. Subsection (5) of this section shall be complied with in conducting such meetings.

(c) The nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes. Complete minutes of such meeting specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of section 84-1413.

(9) In addition to any other statutory authorization for virtual conferencing, any public body not listed in subdivision (3)(a) of this section may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing if:

(a) The purpose of the virtual meeting is to discuss items that are scheduled to be discussed or acted upon at a subsequent non-virtual open meeting of the public body;

(b) No action is taken by the public body at the virtual meeting; and

(c) The public body complies with subdivisions (3)(b)(i) and (ii) of this section.

84-1412. Meetings of public body; rights of public; public body; powers and duties.

(1) Subject to the Open Meetings Act, the public has the right to attend and the right to speak at meetings of public bodies, and all or any part of a meeting of a public body, except for closed sessions called pursuant to section 84-1410, may be videotaped, televised, photographed, broadcast, or recorded by any person in attendance by means of a tape recorder, a camera, video equipment, or any other means of pictorial or sonic reproduction or in writing.

(2) It shall not be a violation of subsection (1) of this section for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings, including meetings held by virtual conferencing. A body may not be required to allow citizens to speak at each meeting, but it may not forbid public participation at all meetings.

(3) No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. The body shall require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

(4) No public body shall, for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act, hold a meeting in a place known by the body to be too small to accommodate the anticipated audience.

(5) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds its meeting in its traditional meeting place which is located in this state.

(6) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds a meeting outside of this state if, but only if:

(a) A member entity of the public body is located outside of this state and the meeting is in that member's jurisdiction;

(b) All out-of-state locations identified in the notice are located within public buildings used by members of the entity or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience;

(c) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including making virtual conferencing available at an in-state location to members, the public, or the press, if requested twenty-four hours in advance;

(d) No more than twenty-five percent of the public body's meetings in a calendar year are held out-of-state;

(e) Out-of-state meetings are not used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act; and

(f) The public body publishes notice of the out-of-state meeting at least twenty-one days before the date of the meeting in a legal newspaper of statewide circulation.

(7) Each public body shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at a meeting.

(8) Public bodies shall make available at the meeting or the in-state location for virtual conferencing as required by subdivision (6)(c) of this section, for examination and copying by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at an open meeting, either in paper or electronic form. Public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. At the beginning of the meeting, the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information.

84-1413. Meetings; minutes; roll call vote; secret ballot; when.

(1) Each public body shall keep minutes of all meetings showing the time, place, members present and absent, and the substance of all matters discussed.

(2) Any action taken on any question or motion duly moved and seconded shall be by roll call vote of the public body in open session, and the record shall state how each member voted or if the member was absent or not voting. The requirements of a roll call or viva voce vote shall be satisfied by a public body which utilizes an electronic voting device which allows the yeas and nays of each member of such public body to be readily seen by the public.

(3) The vote to elect leadership within a public body may be taken by secret ballot, but the total number of votes for each candidate shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) The minutes of all meetings and evidence and documentation received or disclosed in open session shall be public records and open to public inspection during normal business hours.

(5) Minutes shall be written or kept as an electronic record and shall be available for inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier, except that cities of the second class and villages may have an additional ten working days if the employee responsible for writing or keeping the minutes is absent due to a serious illness or emergency.

(6) Beginning July 31, 2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a city of the metropolitan class, the city council of a city of the primary class, the city council of a city of the first class, the county board of a county with a population greater than twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and the school board of a school district shall make available on such entity's public website the agenda and minutes of any meeting of the governing body. The agenda shall be placed on the website at least twenty-four hours before the meeting of the governing body. Minutes shall be placed on the website at such time as the minutes are available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of this section. This information shall be available on the public website for at least six months.

84-1414. Unlawful action by public body; declared void or voidable by district court; when; duty to enforce open meeting laws; citizen's suit; procedure; violations; penalties.

(1) Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be declared void by the district court if the suit is commenced within one hundred twenty days of the meeting of the public body at which the alleged violation occurred. Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in substantial violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be voidable by the district court if the suit is commenced more than one hundred twenty days after but within one year of the meeting of the public body in which the alleged violation occurred. A suit to void any final action shall be commenced within one year of the action.

(2) The Attorney General and the county attorney of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets shall enforce the Open Meetings Act.

(3) Any citizen of this state may commence a suit in the district court of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets or in which the plaintiff resides for the purpose of requiring compliance with or preventing violations of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of declaring an action of a public body void, or for the purpose of determining the applicability of the act to discussions or decisions of the public body. It shall not be a defense that the citizen attended the meeting and failed to object at such time. The court may order payment of reasonable attorney's fees and court costs to a successful plaintiff in a suit brought under this section.

(4) Any member of a public body who knowingly violates or conspires to violate or who attends or remains at a meeting knowing that the public body is in violation of any provision of the Open Meetings Act shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class III misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

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7-12 Secondary Board Report

04/07/25

- 1) State Fortnite, our students did well in their first outing and earned 7th place as a team.
- 2) Schedule is ready for students to request classes they would like to have
 - a) Internships/Work-Based Learning vs Work Releases
 - b) What is the Board's preference?
 - c) Half-days? At school in the morning or afternoon? Just Fridays?
- 3) To clarify, on the 11/18/24 Board meeting we agreed that Dual Credit Classes are to be as follows:
 - a) We keep the current system with everything at 10 credits for dual credit offerings through this year. Next year adjust to five (5) HS credits per semester regardless of the class designation .
 - b) I just want to clarify this as we are starting to have questions involving scheduling arise.
 - i) This is 5 credits per class for classes that we do not offer. Is that correct?
 - ii) If a student chooses to take a class that we offer, do they earn 0 high school credits?
 - c) I want to ensure that we are all on the same page with this.
- 4) CRDC (Civil Rights Data Collection) Report has been submitted
- 5) NSCAS Testing is Scheduled for the 7th and 8th graders
- 6) Per Diem Amounts given to students attending district/state/national-level events
 - a) Currently we provide \$6 for breakfast, \$7 for lunch, and \$8 for dinner
 - b) When reaching out to other districts they provide anywhere from \$4 - \$15 per meal
 - c) What is our board comfortable with allowing?
- 7) NSAA Parents' Role in Education Based Athletics presentation will be on Monday, August 11th at 5:30pm

Upcoming Events:

04/08/25: Golf Quad at Hartington-Newcastle @ 3:00pm

04/08/25: 8th Grade NECC Campus Visit

04/09/25: NECC Quiz Bowl

04/09/25: 10:00am Late Start

04/10/25: JH Track at Hartington-Newcastle @ 2:00pm

04/11/25: Mid-term for the 4th Quarter

04/12/25: Golf at Plainview at 9:00am
04/12/25: Prom
04/15/25: Anatomy Class is touring USD's Cadaver Lab
04/16/25: Faith Keepers Performance @ 2:00pm
04/17/25: Varsity Track at O'Neill @ 10:00am
04/18/25: No School
04/21/25: No School
04/22/25: Spring Concert and Awards
04/24/25: Varsity Track at Pierce @ 12:30pm
04/24/25: JH Track at Creighton @ 1:00pm
04/25/25: District Music Contest at Laurel
04/26/25: Golf at Osmond (RHCC) at 9:30am
04/26/25: JH Conference Track at Creighton
04/26/25: JH Prom at 8:00pm-10:30pm
04/28/25: JH Track at Hartington-Newcastle @ 12:00pm
04/29/25: Varsity Track at Creighton @ 1:00pm
04/30/25: Golf at Tatanka Golf Course @ 9:00am

Special Education Report
04/07/25

- 1) Work has been done to Doors #3 and #12. I will be working with Glass Edge on the documentation needed to use SPED money for them.
- 2) The high school participated in Transition planning training to address portions of our corrective action plan.
- 3) Our Annual Policies and Procedures submission changed slightly this year, but has been submitted to NDE.
- 4) Mr. Conroy will be attending training at the ESU on 04/09/25 to work with NDE on the TIP (Targeted Improvement Plan) reporting.

Counselor Report
April 7th, 2025
Board Meeting
Angie Guenther

Item 1:

March 25th

We had 17 out of our 18 juniors take the ACT on March 25th. The testing session went well and our last junior will take the test paper/pencil on April 22nd.

Item 2:

ASVAB Results

Sergeant Keith Jorgensen of the US Army will be working with our juniors on April 10th from 2pm-3pm to unpack their ASVAB results and do some career exploration.

Item 3:

Next years juniors/seniors

Merri Schneider with NECC was here today to assist some of our upcoming juniors apply for dual credit classes. She came from 2:45 and stayed until 4:30 to answer their questions and ensure that the classes that they are registering for apply to what they need for their current planned careers. The semester for our current juniors/seniors taking NECC classes ends on May 7th.

Item 5:

April 8th

Our 8th graders will be touring NECC college. We leave at 10:15, they get to eat on campus at 11:30, take a tour of the campus and dorms from 12pm to 1:30pm, meet with a student panel until 2pm, and we should return by the end of the day.

April 24th

Best of The Class Taping with KCAU Channel 9

Teagen Smith will be representing BHS at the Best of The Class Taping on April 24th. This nomination was made according to the current GPA of our top student by the due date expected of KCAU. The luncheon and the taping are both held at the Orpheum Theater in Sioux City, Iowa. Be on the lookout for the commercials.

Professional Development

This past month I attended the ESU 1 counselor workshop hosted by Derek Lahm. I have to give him a shout out because he did an excellent job of facilitating. We discussed using data, Social Emotional Learning Curriculums, Artificial Intelligence, and crises management. It was a great day of networking with other counselors.

On March 28th I attended the Nebraska Elementary School Counselor's conference in Nebraska City. The biggest take away from that workshop was the discussion about the Science of Hope. We each received the book named: *Hope Rising: How the Science of Hope can Change Your Life. It teaches you to assess what may have robbed you of hope, and then provides strategies to let your hope flourish once again.*

The book comes with different surveys that educators can take at different times of the year, to see when they are losing their hope and track the data to see if it matches up to more office referrals and/or failing grades, higher absenteeism, etc.

Technology Report

Date: April 7th, 2025

News/Notes

- We met with our PaperCut representative via Zoom, and he is planning to come early on in the summer to help resolve some of our printing issues we have had.
- All call issues seem to be resolved, so secondary guardians and students are receiving alerts again
 - Over the summer, we will change where contact information gets put into PowerSchool, which should help with this in the future.
- Esports medaled at the State Playoffs in Fortnite in 7th place, so their medal is on its way
- The FCS and the East doors have been replaced, so currently, badges will not work on those. Once wiring is completed, we will bring Dave Noecker in to set the badge readers back up.
- Next in person LAN meeting is May 5th in Wakefield and should be filled of planning and trouble shooting summer projects. I am sure there will be an update on the cybersecurity legislation that we mentioned last month.
- The NETA conference will be on May 1st and 2nd, and the schedule is out, so if anyone is interested in seeing some of the sessions, just copy and paste the link below!

<https://neta2025.sched.com/>

Buildings and Ground Report

HighSchool:

- Window has been replaced by Glass Edge in weight room. Glass Edge also replaced two doors on the East entrance. They also replaced the ADA opener on door #3. They put two new door closures on West Lobby entrance.
- Rasmussen's will be here next week to insulate the pipes in 1st floor women's bathroom.
- Boone Brothers were here on March 8th to repair the roof on the new garage area.
- Medford's have the East door (#12) wired and are waiting on DSN to come in and hook the security function so that fobs will work on this door and on door #3.