

## Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, March 16, 2026 7:30 PM

Boone Central High School Art Room  
605 South 6th St.  
Albion, NE 68620

Karrie Fogleman:	Absent
Justin Frey:	Present
Ed Knott:	Present
Andy Roberts:	Present
Kathleen Rolf:	Present
Ben Stuhr:	Present

### 1. Open the Meeting, Recognition of Open Meetings Law and Publication of Meeting

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication to the public and to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance. The Open Meetings Act was available for review.

### 2. Roll Call

Motion to approve the absence of Board Member Karrie Fogleman for personal reasons. This motion, made by Andy Roberts and seconded by Kathleen Rolf, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

### 3. Agenda and Minutes

### 4. Welcome Guests

### 5. Bill Roster and Financial Reports

Motion to approve the bills, and to authorize the Board President and Treasurer to sign and validate all the checks as presented. This motion, made by Ed Knott and seconded by Andy Roberts, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

### 6. Reports

#### 6.1. Madi Rankin - CKC

Mr. Look presented an update on the Cardinal Kids Club (CKC) program on behalf of Director Madi Rankin. The 2026 CKC summer program filled within an hour of registration opening. The summer themes and rates were presented. Welcoming community members and local businesses will be a main focus this summer. The program has received a number of grant

funds this year that will help build the program, and will continue to apply for various applicable grant funding.

## 6.2. Boone Central Recognitions

Knott-I'd like to recognize all winter sports and activities participants, coaches and volunteers. Also, a shout out to Kathy and the kitchen staff on a great appreciation meal for the Beef in Schools boosters along with a thank you to Justin, Ben, Jordan and all beef producers and sponsors.

Roberts-I would like to recognize Mr. Look and the Maintenance committee for all their work in moving things forward with the maintenance schedule. They have been putting quite a bit of time into prioritizing projects and moving forward in approving this area.

Frey- My recognition goes out to the beef program and the supper a few weeks ago. I want to thank Jordan and Kathy and the kitchen staff for cooking. It was a good turnout and good food. Thanks to Ben Stuhr and Stuhr Farms donating this month's beef.

Stuhr- I would like to recognize Abby Hitchler and the FFA students who have put in a lot of time and effort and have been successful in this year's competitions, everyone is doing a great job.

Rolf- I would like to recognize the wrestling program. Coaches and assistants as well as volunteers. It is a dedicated group. I appreciate all they do for our students.

Look- I would like to recognize everyone involved with the District Beef Program! There are a number of people who work to make this successful. Jordan, Justin, and Ben put a lot of time and work into the program. I would also like to recognize everyone who donates to this program, whether it is a beef, funds to pay for processing, or funds for other costs. Finally, our awesome food service staff for everything they do to provide great meals with this beef for students. Everyone involved helps provide a high quality product to make the best meals possible for our students.

Larsen- Business Office Staff. Spring requisition season can be a busy, hectic, and stressful part of the school year as teachers plan their orders for the next school year. Through their attention to detail, communication, and availability for assistance, Tori Petsche, Jordan Classen, and Lauren Mrsny have done an excellent job of making this sometimes-complicated process run as smoothly as possible. They do a phenomenal job with this large task requiring prior planning, patience, proactive communication, and teamwork. Thanks to Lauren, Jordan, and Tori for all you do to make sure requisitions are efficient and effective at all levels throughout the school year!

Curry- I would like to recognize Mrs. Eickhoff for the work she is doing to help our 8th graders prepare for high school. She coordinates classroom visits, sets up schedules, and works with St. Mike's students, all to the benefit of our students. Her career class spends time learning about post-secondary opportunities, career exploration, and high school graduation requirements. Her efforts to make students more comfortable as they transition into high school is noticed and

appreciated!

Kayton- I would like to recognize Lauren, Jordan, and Tori. We are in the full swing of requisition season, and these three have rolled out a solid plan for our staff to help make the process run smoothly for both administration and teachers. Thank you for all that you do!

Perone- I would like to recognize Geoff and Tonia McGill, they put in a lot of hard work and are proactive communicators. They deserve to be recognized. Their support directly affects our activities.

### 6.3. Continuous School Improvement

Members from our SIP team attended a TIP (Targeted Improvement Plan) workshop at ESU 7 with Mr. Hudson to help prepare and complete the 70 page document for the state. We are working to streamline our SIP goals with our TIP goals. We will have a teacher in-service on April 2nd which will be all Curriculum Work focused.

### 6.4. Board Reports

Facilities - A plan is being built to organize and prioritize short and long-term goals. There may be some grant opportunities available. Project timing will need to be lined up with the budget. Turf, track, concrete are a few items to be potentially budgeted for in the near future.

### 6.5. Superintendent Report

General Fund is currently 7.1% under budget. Legislative Session Update presented, including LB1219 (2% plus funding cap), LB1050 (3rd grade retention bill), LB1072 (budget shortfall). NASB Budget Workshop - Carl Dietz and Matt Fisher bring a wealth of knowledge. One thing discussed was the budget calendar, which will be implemented in our District. Budget authority was discussed and what is expected to take place in light of what is going on at the State and Federal level. Rule 10 visit took place on 2/26, kudos to all who helped prepare for this visit, it was very successful. Strategic Planning next meeting will be held Monday 3/30 at 5:30pm, data will be evaluated. Superintendent Evaluation - self evaluation is being conducted now, it will be submitted to NASB and the Board prior to next month's Board Meeting. Beef Program Dinner was a success, thank you for all involved in making this a successful event. I will be attending the NRCSA Conference in Kearney this week. The 3/24 AEF meeting will cover the teacher grant request submissions.

### 6.6. Principal & AD Reports

Larsen- Recently was the Team Lead for Amherst Public School as a part of their 5-year Accreditation Cycle (March 2-3, 2026), good to be on these visits to gain insight into the NDE Continuous Improvement Process for our benefit, gaining perspective on what other schools are doing in their districts. Mr. Korte and his students did a great job on their sculpture as participants in the Ken Iverson Project through Nucor in Norfolk, they receive donated steel and

worked with Social Studies and Art teachers to come up with a design. Mr. Korte and students built a Sandhill Crane and made the Top 6 (finished in second place with first round of voting). The crane will be displayed at Norfolk Home Show for the final round of voting. Winners get \$400 and pizza party from Nucor Steel. REFRESH - a part of reVISION (5 year cycle) was submitted, it was geared toward CTE activities; Grants; Vision and Mission. 2026 spring P/T conferences overall attendance was 45.05%. Teachers were busy the whole time and appreciated the many conversations with parents in attendance. Juniors will take the State-required ACT on March 24th at the Caseys Building at the Fairgrounds. Sophomores will also take the Pre-ACT for the 1st time in the Main Gym

Curry- PT Conference Attendance 65% attendance rate! Students started their last round of quarter-classes today. 8th Grade High School visits will wrap up on Thursday. This is a big undertaking that is led by Mrs. Eickhoff. She does an excellent job helping students do what they need to do as they transition to their freshman year. Cardinal Call Out (MS Speech) will be on April 2nd in the afternoon. Students have been practicing during their lunch break and after school, preparing for their short but meaningful speech season.

Kayton- PT Conference Attendance 99% attendance rate! Kindergarten Round Up will be held April 17th, 2 sessions (AM and PM). Students have the opportunity to visit the Kindergarten classrooms and meet the Kindergarten staff while participating in a variety of activities! Read Across America Week was a success. Donuts With Grown Ups- about 500 people served donuts! Dress Up Days and Reading activities throughout the week. The Cat In The Hat read to PK-2nd-grade students. March Community Coffee last Tuesday, third-grade students shared about chick embryology. Completed One School One Book, we ended this activity by a PK-4th-grade trip to the movie theater to watch The Mouse and the Motorcycle!

Perone - Wrapping up District Speech tomorrow. State speech is next Friday. Spring Sports numbers: 22 Boys Golf, 24 Boys Track, 34 Girls Track. Sportsmanship has been great, we are in a good place. Kudos to our kids and parents for being a big part of that. Our culture is solid. We are hosting District Track again this year on May 14th.

## 7. Discussion of Action Agenda Items

9.1. Annual contract approval for Special Education Services. This year's contract is \$193,493, which is lower than the current year. ESU8 is taking on Deaf Ed and Early Childhood costs decreased.

9.2. Annual contract approval for Tech Services. Costs remain the same as the current year.

9.3. iPad quote for Kindergarten classrooms, staff laptops and high school library desktop computers

9.4. Criss Co recommends adding a filter on the front side of the compressor

9.5. Different options have been priced out through Dollamar and Resilite. The District will ask the Wrestling and Booster Clubs if they are willing to pitch in on the purchase of new mats.

9.6. The Gateway Youth Foundation board has had the original board members since the board

was founded. Albion and Boone County Development Agency, along with the School District, got together to discuss future plans for the Theater and all that goes into running it. The thought was put out that a Theater Booster Club would be created to help with running the theater. Michelle Olson is interested in becoming a Board Member, and her experience with grant writing will help in raising funds. The Boone Central School Board needs to make the motion to approve the new Board Member.

9.7. No resignations

8. Public Comment

9. Action Items

9.1. 2026-2027 ESU7 Special Education Services

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 ESU7 Special Education Services as presented. This motion, made by Justin Frey and seconded by Andy Roberts, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9.2. 2026-2027 ESU7 Technology Services

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 ESU7 Technology Services as presented. This motion, made by Andy Roberts and seconded by Kathleen Rolf, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9.3. Technology Upgrades

Motion to approve the Technology Upgrades as presented, to include 50 iPads for the Kindergarten, staff laptops and high school library desktop computers. This motion, made by Kathleen Rolf and seconded by Ed Knott, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9.4. Wrestling Room: Rooftop Compressor Replacement

Motion to approve the replacement of the compressor on the Wrestling Room rooftop unit to be completed by Criss Co Inc. for \$8,080 plus adding an additional filter. This motion, made by Ben Stuhr and seconded by Andy Roberts, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9.5. Wrestling Room Mat Replacement

Motion to approve the purchase of 2 Dollamur wrestling mats as presented, Quote 26595 for \$26,533. This motion, made by Ben Stuhr and seconded by Andy Roberts, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9.6. Gateway Youth Foundation Member Approval

Motion to approve two new Gateway Youth Foundation member Michelle Olson as presented. This motion, made by Ed Knott and seconded by Ben Stuhr, Passed.

Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Andy Roberts: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Ben Stuhr: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9.7. 2025-26 Resignation(s)

No motion made, no resignations.

10. Next Meeting Date

Special Board Meeting (Strategic Planning) will be March 30, 2026 at 5:30pm in the Commons

Next Regular Board Meeting will be April 13, 2026 at 6:30am in the High School Flex Room  
(next to the Art Room)

11. Questions by the Media

12. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:47pm

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Chairperson

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Superintendent