

Board of Education Regular Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 7:00 PM

Board Meeting Room, Silver Lake Elementary
615 North Webster
Bladen, Nebraska 68928

1. Opening the Meeting

President Lutkemeier opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. The meeting notice was advertised in the May 1st publication of the Webster County Sun. "The Open Meetings Act" poster was displayed in the meeting room.

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

1.3. District Mission Statement

1.4. Nebraska Open Meetings Law

1.5. Publication of the Meeting

1.6. Board Member Roll Call

1.7. Excuse Absent Board Members

2. Approval of the Agenda

Approve the agenda as presented passed with a motion by Eric Parr and a second by Brian Karr. Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Eric Parr: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

3. Celebration of Excellence

4. Public Comment

Jennifer Karr was a guest in attendance. No comments were offered.

5. Information Items

5.1. Superintendent

Mr. Bauer reported the following:

1. Legislative Session with Legal Implications will be held virtually Tuesday, June 3rd. If anyone is interested in attending let me know as you could come to the high school and join me in the conference.
2. Legislative Updates - So far, we are in a good spot - 12 days remaining, look for complete and utter chaos in Lincoln as the session comes to a close.
 - LB 89 (Kauth)
 - LB 140 (Sanders)
 - LB 303 (Hughes)

- LB 390 (Murman)
- LB 645 (Ballard)
- LB 653 (Murman)
- LB 682 (Education Committee)

3. Level I bus training (Micro Bus) will be held in Roseland on June 2nd.
4. NASB Leaders and Law Conference June 11-12/Golf Outing June 11th. If interested please let me know.
5. Trainings not yet scheduled for the Board that dates will soon be set - Labor Relations, State Education Conference and New Board Member Workshop. I will let you know as soon as I hear dates on any of these.
6. There are going to be some changes to the REAP grant. I don't know what they will look like. We normally receive anywhere from \$20,000 - \$29,000 in grant funds from this. I would anticipate this being significantly less this year and moving forward.
7. Please don't let us forget to get a board picture following the meeting!

5.2. Elementary Principal
Mr. Drake reported the following:

Enrollment as of 5/12/2025
Total Enrollment: 132

PreK- 26 (17 all day, 9 half day) Kindergarten - 9
1st Grade - 17
2nd Grade - 13
3rd Grade - 16
4th Grade - 22
5th Grade - 16
6th Grade - 13

Completed Events:

April 16, 23, 24: State/District Testing
April 24: 1st and 2nd Grade to Greenlief Training Center
April 30: JH Musical
May 2nd: 4th Grade Field Trip (Lincoln Children's Zoo)
May 6th: 3rd Grade to Kearney (Archway and UNK Planetarium)
May 12: Preschool Fun Day
May 13: Last day of Preschool

Upcoming Events:

May 15: Elementary Concert
May 19: Honors Program and Field Day 9:00 and 10:45 (Certificate helpers????)

May 20: Last Day of School - 12:30 dismissal
May 21: Last day for teachers

Information:
All lights have been replaced.

PD/Meetings:
April 23: Literacy Ad Hoc
April 24: IXL Workshop
May 1, 8, and 13: CLSD Grant Writing

5.3. Secondary Principal

Mr. Jones reported on the following:

Professional Development

May 7th - TVC Executive Committee Meeting
May 21st - Staff In-Service

JH/HS Academics

April 16th - 7th/8th Grade NSCAS Testing - Math
April 16th - Senior Trip
April 17th - 7th/8th Grade NSCAS Testing - Math
April 23rd - 8th Grade NSCAS Testing - Science
April 24th - 8th Grade NSCAS Testing - Science
April 24th - State Science Fair - UNL
April 28th - State Journalism
May 2nd - 7th Grade Orientation
May 2nd - Seniors' Last Day
May 6th - Honors Night
May 10th - Graduation
May 15th - Semester Finals
May 16th - Semester Finals
May 20th - Last Day of School for Students
Other
4th Quarter Honor Roll will be released this Month

JH/HS Safety Drills

May Fire Drill - May 16th

JH/HS Sports / Activities

April 17th - HS Golf @ RC
April 17th - HS Track @ Shelton

April 22nd - HS Track @ BH and Midwest Classic
April 22nd - JH Track @ Franklin
April 22nd - HS Golf @ SC
April 23rd - Music @ Districts (Elm Creek)
 Katelyn Strampher - Superior Rating for Music Solo
April 24th - State Science Fair (Lincoln)
April 25th - Prom
April 25th - JV Golf @ Franklin
April 28th - State Journalism
 State Champion - Milla Butler - Sports Writing
April 29th - HS Golf @ RC
April 29th - JH Track @ Wilcox
April 30th - FBLA Blood Drive
April 30th - JH Musical Performance for the Elem. @ HS
May 1st - JH/HS Spring Concert
May 1st - JH Musical (Public Performance)
May 3rd - HS Track @ TVC (Sandy Creek)
 Girls - TVC Champions
May 3rd - JH Track @ TVC (Sandy Creek)
May 5th - HS Golf Scrimmage
May 6th - JH Track @ Shelton
May 8th - HS Golf @ TVC
 TVC Runner-Up
May 8th - HS Track @ Sandy Creek
May 13th - HS Golf @ Franklin
May 13th - JH Track @ Red Cloud
May 14th - HS Track @ Districts
May 15th - HS Golf vs Wil-Hil (Elks)
May 20th - HS Golf @ Districts
May 23rd - State Track
May 24th - State Track
May 27th - Start of Summer Weights
May 28th - State Golf
May 29th - State Golf
May 29th - GBB @ Wilcox-Hildreth League

Other:

JH Musical Update
25-26 Coaches/Sponsors
Summer Custodial Update
JAG Update

6. Consent Agenda

Approve the consent agenda items as presented passed with a motion by Ryan Sorensen and a second by Brant Karr.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Eric Parr: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

6.1. Minutes

6.2. Bills/Transfers/Treasurer's Report

6.3. Acceptance/Emergency Modifications of the Agenda

7. Action Items

7.1. Cummins Treatment - Route Bus and Activity Bus this summer

Mr. Bauer asked board members if they would like to get Cummins to do their treatment on the route buses again this summer. The cost was approximately \$1,200 to \$1,500 per bus.

While we still had some issues with the buses this winter, we didn't incur as many DEF related expenses.

Approve taking the buses to Cummins this summer to have them treat them ahead of the 2025-26 school year passed with a motion by Alan Bonifas and a second by Eric Parr.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Eric Parr: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

7.2. Hiland Dairy Bid

The Board of Education needs to approve our annual milk bid before being signed and accepted by the Superintendent.

Changes in pricing are as follows:

Half pint White = +\$.02

Half pint Chocolate = + \$.025

Half Gal. Buttermilk = + \$.09

4 oz. Orange Juice = + \$.0363

4 oz. Apple Juice = + \$.01

5 lb Sour Cream = + \$.50

5 lb Cottage Cheese = + \$.70

They deliver to both sites and supply the coolers for the milk.

Accept the Hiland Dairy Service bid for dairy products for the 25-26 school year. passed with a motion by Daren Niemeyer and a second by Adam Klein.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Eric Parr: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

7.3. Elementary Exterior Doors - Jackson Glass, Updated Bid

Mr. Bauer reported the following:

I received the following communication from Jon Jackson when I submitted the signed estimate; "I have bad news because after I received your request, I started looking at the file before ordering anything. I'm embarrassed to tell you that I found a mathematical error when I figure your bid. I'm so sorry to have to tell you this. Do you want me to redo the quote (properly this time) and send it to you again? I would understand if you wanted to move on with another bidder. Just let me know your thoughts. Again, I'm very sorry about this error!!!"

New Estimate is \$29,353.85. An increase of \$4,436.37.

Board members expressed their displeasure, discussed a few options and then tabled the motion. To table the motion to Approve the bid from Jackson Glass to replace 3 sets of doors on the gym in Bladen in the amount of \$29,353.85 from the Special Building Fund. Tabled with a motion by Daren Niemeyer and a second by Brian Karr.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Eric Parr: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

7.4. Set Substitute Teacher Rate of Pay

Mr. Bauer reported: "We are currently paying \$160 a day. We need to set our rate for 2025-26 school year. My recommendation (based on what I anticipate others doing) would be an increase to \$165 a day for the 25-26 school year."

Set the 2025-26 substitute rate of pay at \$165 a day passed with a motion by Brant Karr and a second by Ryan Sorensen.

Daren Niemeyer: Abstain (With Conflict), Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Eric Parr: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

7.5. Eakes Printer Lease

Our Lease with Eakes has expired. They provide outstanding service for our copy machines and run the lease program with us at a very reasonable cost. We would like to update printers this summer and have them ready to roll in August. Our current lease was actually up in January, and they wanted to replace them at that time. We have held off, and are starting to see a few issues with some of the units. It is time to extend and update.

Renew our Lease agreement for copy machines with Eakes at both locations passed with a motion by Adam Klein and a second by Jocelyn Serna.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Eric Parr: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

7.6. Surplus Items Needing To Find A New Home

Mr. Jones and Mr. Drake have surplus items they would like to sell. We would like to do this in conjunction with the Roseland Community Garage Sales.

Sell surplus items at each site passed with a motion by Alan Bonifas and a second by Brian Karr.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Eric Parr: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea

8. Discussion/Information Items

Test results from both principals, Building Committee to meet before the meeting. The next regular board of education meeting will be on Friday, June 13th, 7:30 am at the high school in Roseland.

9. Future Agenda Items

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Friday, June 13th, 7:30 am, at the high school in Roseland, Nebraska. Principals were asked to report on test scores. In addition, the Building Committee will meet half an hour before the regular meeting.

10. Adjournment

To adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm passed with a motion by Leon Lutkemeier and a second by Alan Bonifas.

Alan Bonifas: Yea, Brant Karr: Yea, Brian Karr: Yea, Adam Klein: Yea, Leon Lutkemeier: Yea, Daren Niemeyer: Yea, Eric Parr: Yea, Jocelyn Serna: Yea, Ryan Sorensen: Yea