

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, December 9, 2024 7:00 PM Central

HS CONFERENCE ROOM
705 N 9th Street
Arlington, NE 68002

Jason Arp: Present

Cassie Flesner: Present

Chase Kratochvil: Present

Brian Laaker: Present

Matt O'Daniel: Present

Shanon Willmott: Present

Present: 6.

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

Chase Kratochvil called the meeting to order at 7:00

1.2. Roll Call

Jason Arp, Present: Cassie Flesner, Present: Chase Kratochvil, Present: Brian Laaker, Present: Matt O'Daniel, Present: Shanon Willmott, Present

Aaron Pfingsten, Secondary Principal, Jacque Morgan, Elementary Principal, Dawn Lewis, Superintendent and Jennifer Arp recording secretary, were also present.

James Shada, Athletic Director was absent due to other activities scheduled for this evening as well.

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

1.4. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

Motion to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Matt O'Daniel and a second by Jason Arp.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

2. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND PUBLIC FORUM

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Brian Laaker.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

3.1. Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting(s)

3.2. Monthly Financial Reports

* Visa check register is not attached- waiting on a couple of PO's

3.3.

Resignations: Eric Daigle, End of First Semester

Hires:

Reassignments:

4. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION REPORTS

- AQUESTT Report--
- English Language Arts
- 3rd Grade

Reilly Peetz was present for the 3rd grade department and highlighted the classrooms and their achievements so far this year.

Troy Schlueter was present for the ELA department and highlighted their department and entertained questions from the board.

Dr. Lewis highlighted the Nebraska Department AQUESTT snapshot and how we compare it to other districts in the state. The district scores for certain levels, such as testing, attendance, and graduation rates are highlighted in this snapshot, and the board was able to see that we had received an excellent rating.

5. REVIEW OF ANNUAL DISTRICT PLAN

Dr. Lewis reviewed the annual district plan. Hitting and highlighting the items that have been finalized of what the board has put down as goals for this year and what things have already been achieved or are in the works for this year.

A board retreat will be held in February for the board to review and look at the goals again to make sure that all areas are being met or if things need to be readdressed.

6. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

6.1. Mr. Pfingsten's Secondary Report

6.2. Dr. Morgan's Elementary Report

6.3. Mr. Shada's Activity Report

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1. Enrollment Report

7.2. NASB and NRCSA Reports

7.3. Legislative Preview 12/11

- Watching several items this session
- Half Day in Lincoln

7.4. Superintendent Contract Reminder

7.5. Discussion of Strategic Planning and Community Engagement Meeting

Chase discussed the community engagement meeting and has had some discussion with NASB. They will be incorporating with the board to hold the community engagement meeting on Wed. February 5th.

7.6. Discuss and Schedule Board Retreat

The board will hold its annual board retreat on Tuesday, March 4th.

8. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

8.1. Buildings and Grounds Committee

Buildings and grounds met last week - they looked at some bids for paving the parking lot over by the football field. First steps are to get rid of the larger trees that are in the parking lot currently, and to level the dirt. The bids came in a range from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The trees and leveling will take place. The committee is suggesting that we move away from the paving of the parking area, as the cost has just become very high, and it doesn't seem to be a fit for something that the school will tackle at this time.

8.2. Finance Committee

The Finance committee met tonight before the board meeting tonight, Brenda Vampola, CPA was here to go over the final audit.

8.3. Negotiations Committee

Negotiations have been ongoing. The committee will be meeting again on Wednesday. The committee is hoping that this might be the final meeting, and negotiations are moving in a good positive direction.

8.4. Professional Development Sharing

Dr. Lewis, and Chase Kratochvil discussed the state education conference and some of the highlighted items from their sessions.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Accept the Annual Financial Statements/Audit of the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

Motion to Accept the Annual Financial Statements/Audit of the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Passed with a motion by Matt O'Daniel and a second by Brian Laaker.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

Brenda Vampola with Shaw Hall & Navarett was here to present the final audit for the 2023-2024 school year. Matt O'Daniel went over the audit presentation, and asked the board if there are any questions.

10.2. Review Updated Policy 3132- Internal Controls on First Reading

10.3. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Enter Into Interlocal Agreement with the Ag Society for the Baseball Complex at the Fairgrounds

Motion to Enter Into Interlocal Agreement with the Ag Society for the Baseball Complex at the Fairgrounds for a Five-Year Period Beginning Jan 1-2025 Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Jason Arp.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Matt O'Daniel: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

The board discussed the inter-local agreement that will now consist of the Ag Society (Fairgrounds) and the School. The agreement will no longer include the Village, and the school will overtake all parts that the Village is presently handling starting January 1st, 2025. This will be a 5 year agreement as has been in the past.

10.4. Discuss and Consider Superintendent Evaluation

Chase went over the Superintendent Evaluation. He reminded the board that the documents that the board members have received that they are a personnel document and it should not be shared with any other members of the public. A signed copy of the evaluation will be placed in Dr. Lewis's personnel file.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chase Kratochvil adjourned the meeting at 8:21pm