

# Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2025 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

Steve Slykhuis: Present

Shanon Willmott: Present

Present: 6.

## 1. OPENING PROCEDURES

### 1.1. Call Meeting to Order

Chase Kratochvil called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

### 1.2. Roll Call

Jason Arp, Present: Cassie Flesner, Present: Chase Kratochvil, Present: Brian Laaker, Present: Steve Slykhuis, Present: Shanon Willmott, Present

Principals Jacque Morgan and Aaron Pfingsten, Athletic Director James Shada, Superintendent Dawn Lewis and Recording Secretary Jennifer Arp were also present.

### 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 Cassie Flesner and a second by Steve Slykhuis.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: 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 Chase Kratochvil and a second by Brian Laaker.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

### 3.1. Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting(s)

### 3.2. Monthly Financial Reports

### 3.3.

Resignations:

Hires:

Reassignments:

#### 4. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION REPORTS

- School Improvement Visit Update

#### 5. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

5.1. Dr. Morgan's Elementary Report

5.2. Mr. Pfingsten's Secondary Report

5.3. Mr. Shada's Activity Report

#### 6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6.1. NASB and NRCSA Reports

6.2. Legislative Updates

Dr. Lewis updated the board on some of the impacts and bills that have currently been passed or are moving through the system. There are many bills that are falling off that will impact the school system, but there are still a few left and Dr. Lewis spoke of the possibilities and how it would affect the school.

6.3. Supt Leave Log Report

6.4. Discussion of Board Retreat May 27

- Location
- Time

Board retreat on May 27th- 5:00pm

Location to be Determined

6.5. Discussion of Cameras and Additional Security Upgrades

Upgrades on camera are out for bid currently, will have bids in June for board to approve.

6.6. Discussion of Phone System Transition to VOIP

Phone systems are a bit tricky and outdated. We are currently in the process of upgrading them. APS Tech is currently working on getting a new system in place to upgrade the phones and system for the 25-26 school year. Hopefully will come back in June with bids for the updates.

#### 7. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

7.1. Finance Committee

Met prior to tonight's meeting there is a future action item on the agenda for tonight.

#### 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Appoint Washington County Enterprise as the Official Paper of the Board of Education

Motion to Appoint Washington County Enterprise as the Official Paper of the Board of Education Passed with a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Jason Arp.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

Due to a consolidation of the local papers, the paper is now a larger paper that covers the county instead of a few papers that are more individualized for communities.

9.2. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Purchase of School Bus

Motion to Approve Purchase of School Bus as Discussed, for a price not to Exceed \$137,000.00 Passed with a motion by Cassie Flesner and a second by Jason Arp.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

Dr. Lewis presented the bus specs on both the new and used buses- the board asked questions about the differences, and what the needs are. It has been since 2020 since a new bus has been purchased.

If you are needing a 71 passenger.....add...\$2850.00 to the attached price.

9.3. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Senior Class Members to Receive High School Diplomas

Motion to Approve Senior Class Members as Presented to Receive High School Diplomas Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Steve Slykhuis.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

Board was presented with the list of the 25-26 senior class. Mr. Pfingsten spoke the board that the class was in good standing and would recommend them all up for graduation.

9.4. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Approve District Level Budgets

Motion to Approve District Level Budgets as Presented for the 2025-2026 Year Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Brian Laaker.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

Dr. Lewis presented to the board the district-level budgets and went over the concerns of some of the uptick in costs. She addressed any questions in regard to any budget items that will be or did go up in the next year. Dr. Lewis presented to the board her concerns about a few things that we may need to make some larger purchases on, including transportation, curriculum and insurance, and noted that is where the greatest number of increases lie. The budgets have consistently maintained a regular growth each year. The budgets this year have some growth, but we have absorbed a majority of the costs by being able to cut out some other things that are not being utilized in the district, or are no longer being used within the classrooms and in the district. Student computers need to be purchased, but again, the cost is absorbed by cutting in some other areas of spending that minimize the costs in general. The budget will be revisited later on, if changes are needed to cut some costs, if we do not need to utilize them. Dr. Lewis said that currently there are some things that are placeholders in the budget. If they are not

needed, those costs can be cut or reassigned to different budget areas.

9.5. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Forgive Five (5) Contract Days Due to Weather Cancellations

Motion to Forgive Five (5) Contract Days Due to Weather Cancellations for the 2024-2025 School Year. Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Steve Slykhuis.

Jason Arp: Yea, Cassie Flesner: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

Chase spoke to the board of the weather related days off

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chase adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm