

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, July 14, 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 at 7:02pm

1.2. Roll Call

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 Brian Laaker 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

2.1. Mrs. Koger and FBLA National Qualifiers

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to pass the consent agenda as presented 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, Steve Slykhuis: Yea, Shanon Willmott: Yea

3.1. Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting(s)

3.2. Monthly Financial Reports

3.3.

Resignations:

Hires:

- Cristina Chavez Sokey-Elementary Para
- Kristin Uhing-Elementary Para

Reassignments:

3.4. Restructuring of Committees at Board President Discretion

- Cassie Flesner from Negotiations to Buildings and Grounds
- Shanon Willmott from Buildings and Grounds to Negotiations

4. REVIEW OF ANNUAL DISTRICT PLAN

5. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

- No reports for the month of July

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr Lewis went over the update for the science pilot curriculum that we are looking to adopt. Mrs. Wolf worked hard to make the costs more affordable for our district, and costs are looking good.

Dr Lewis also went over her leave log with the board, her new contract began on July 1, so she finalized her leave for the 24-25 contract.

6.1. Twig Science Pilot Update Discussion

6.2. NASB and NRCSA Reports

6.3. Review Final Supt Leave Log 2024-2025

7. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

7.1. Finance Committee

7.1.1. Budget Progress Report

- All Pre-Approved Line Items
- Change to Benefits (retirement, insurance, etc.)
- Budget Growth Within Allowed Limits
- Without Knowing Actual Valuations, Unable to Predict Levy or Tax Request
- Will Remain under the Amount Required to Participate in Postcard He

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Adopt Policy Updates from Legislative Action on Second Reading:

- 1200- Anti-Harassment
- 3131- Procurement Plan

- 3132- Internal Controls
- 3410- Safe Driving Record Standard for Drivers
- 4003- Employee Anti-Discrimination and forms
- 4009- Drug and Substance Abuse
- 5001- Admission
- 5004- Full-time and Part-time Enrollment
- 5101- Student Discipline
- 5103- Extracurricular Activity Discipline
- 5201- Promotion and Retention
- 5201x- Request to Repeat Grade Form (new)
- 5202z- Notification of Rights Under FERPA
- 5301- Association Activities
- 5401- Equal Opportunity Students
- 5414- Identification of Learners with High Ability
- 5507- Foster Care Student Transportation (new)
- 6113- Electronic Communication Devices and Cell Phones (new)
- 6400- Parental Involvement
- 6931- Behavioral Intervention and Classroom Management (new)

Motion to Adopt New and Amended Policies as Presented on Second Reading Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Cassie Flesner.

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

The board discussed the policies and any changes as to how they affect our district. All board members were allowed to ask questions on the policies.

The administration will take into consideration any students that may have some needs for certain policies. They will use discretion with issues or students that will or might have individual needs that will require some changes and/or adapting to policies throughout the 25-26 school year.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Approve Addition of Unified Track and Field to Arlington NSAA Activities for 2025-2026

Motion to Approve Addition of Unified Track and Field to Arlington NSAA Activities for 2025-2026 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

Dr. Lewis spoke to how our Unified program unfolded this year since it was a new program for us this year. Arlington would like to join with the NSAA for the unified track program for the 25-26 school year.

9.2. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Addition of Middle School Show Choir and Unified Track and Field Coach/Sponsor Positions to Extra Duty Schedule for 2025-2026

Motion to Approve Addition of Middle School Show Choir and Unified Track and Field Coach/Sponsor Positions to Extra Duty Schedule for 2025-2026 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

APS has two new additions for activities that coaching positions that need to be added to the extra duty salary schedule. Placements for these were determined by the committee, and was per policy for where these should be placed for activities and duties.

9.3. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Set Hot Breakfast and Lunch Prices for 2025-2026:

- Student Breakfast: \$1.75
- K-6 Student Lunch: \$2.70
- 7-12 Student Lunch: \$2.95
- Adult Breakfast: \$3.00
- Adult Lunch: \$4.80

Motion to Set Hot Breakfast and Lunch Prices for 2025-2026: Student Breakfast: \$1.75 K-6 Student Lunch: \$2.70 7-12 Student Lunch: \$2.95 Adult Breakfast: \$3.00 Adult Lunch: \$4.80 Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Cassie Flesner.

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

2024-2025 Pricing

Breakfast (Served from 7:30-7:55)

Student:\$1.45

Adult:\$2.70

Lunch

K-6:\$2.40

7-12:\$2.65

Adult:\$4.80

Due to increased costs and the complete depletion of ESSERS era fund balance, the hot lunch account began losing money slightly each month around November 2024. We haven't increased costs more than .05 for quite some time. We need to make a bigger increase, or consider beginning to supplement the hot lunch account with a general fund transfer annually.

9.4. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Handbook Changes:

- Elementary Student/Parent
- Secondary Student/Parent
- Staff

- Coaches

Motion to Approve Staff, Student/Parent, and Coaches Handbooks for 2025-2026 Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Cassie Flesner.

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

The board discussed the handbooks and changes being made to the handbooks. Updates and/or policies have been updated.

Many board members addressed and expressed concerns about the coaching handbook and the evaluation process for coaches and assistant coaches. The board feels that having the athletic director the overseer of all the coaches and assistant coaches needs to be clarified. The board would like to make sure that Mr. Shada is available to clarify and discuss these changes at one of the next meetings.

9.5. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Declare the Following Vans as Surplus to Be Sold by Superintendent:

- Large Van #8
- Large Van #9

Motion to to Declare Vans #8 and #9 as Surplus to Be Sold by Superintendent Passed with a motion by Jason Arp and a second by Brian Laaker.

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

9.6. Review, Discuss, and Accept Public Comment on the Following Policies Requiring Annual Affirmation:

- 5415 Anti-Bullying
- 5420 Dating Violence
- 1200 Anti-Harrassment
- 6400 Parental Involvement

Motion to the Reaffirm Policies Requiring Annual Review: Anti-Bullying Dating Violence Anti-Harrassment Parental Involvement Passed with a motion by Shanon Willmott and a second by Cassie Flesner.

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

Every year these policies are made open for public comment- no one was in attendance at the meeting to make comments.

9.7. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Transfer \$40,000 to Activities Fund from General Fund Transfer Line Item

Motion to Transfer \$40,000 to Activities Fund from General Fund Transfer Line Item 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

Dr. Lewis addressed the board about the transfer, this has always been an annual transfer. The board voted to increase this transfer in last year's budget. The board asked to possibly have a indetail audit of the activity fund

9.8. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Transfer from General Fund to Depreciation for \$150,000:

- \$100,000- Vehicle Purchase - from student transportation budgeted line item
- \$50,000 - Music/Art Large Item Purchase over next seven years from Gen Ed Curriculum Adoption line item

Motion to Approve Transfer from General Fund to Depreciation for \$150,000 for future Transportation and Fine Arts Purchases 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 spoke to the board about this transfer. She is looking to move money to depreciation for purchases that will be occurring in the 25-26 school year that we know we will be occurring and to have these funds available when needed. These funds are already budgeted in the 24-25 budget, but just need to be moved to be made available.

9.9. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Bus Repair Bill

Motion to Approve Bus Repair Bill for \$20,386.96 Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Cassie Flesner.

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

Dr. Lewis spoke to the board about the bus repair. Once they began work on the bus, the repair total grew to way over the authorized amount without board approval.

The board asked on how we will be handling to avoid these issues in the future, and Jennifer Arp spoke to how she has reached out to our vendors and that approval is needed from her or the Superintendent for any repairs or work for over \$1000.00

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chase Kratochvil adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm

