

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2026 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: Absent

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

Shanon Willmott is absent due to illness but is present via zoom

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

Chase Kratochvill called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

1.2. Roll Call

Motion to excuse the absence of Shanon Willmott from tonight's meeting due to illness. Mrs. Willmott was present via zoom. 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

Present at meeting: Jason Arp, Cassie Flesner, Chase Kratochvil, Brian Laaker, Steve Slykhuis. Shanon Willmott was approved for her absence due to illness, and was present via zoom.

Also Present were Principals Aaron Pfingsten, Jacque Morgan, Athletic Director James Shada, Superintendent Dawn Lewis and recording secretary Jennifer Arp

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 Steve Slykhuis and a second by Jason Arp.

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

2. WELCOME TO GUESTS AND PUBLIC FORUM

3. ANNUAL BUSINESS

3.1. Administer Oath of Office to all Board Members

Dr. Lewis administered the oath of office to all board members.

3.2. Election of Officers

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer

Nominations for the following officers:

President : Chase Kratochvill nominated by Jason Arp and Steve Slykhuis Motion of nominations cease by Steve Slykhuis and 2nd by Jason Arp all in favor with Kratochvill abstained with conflict

Vice President: Cassie FLesner nominated by Jason Arp and 2nd by Brian Laaker Motion to vote for Mrs. Flesner as vice president by Arp and Laaker All in favor with Flesner Abstained

Treasurer: Jason Arp and Brian Laaker both nominated. Board members voted by paper ballot Laaker won by vote of 3- 2

3.3. Appointment of Board Committees
Committees will stay as is.

3.4. Appoint KSB and PGH&G Law Firms as Official Legal Counsel to Board and Superintendent

Motion to appoint KSB and Perry Law Firm as Official Legal Counsel to Board and Superintendent 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

3.5. Appoint RVR Bank as Official Depository for All District Funds

Motion to appoint RVR Bank as official depository of district funds. 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

3.6. Distribute Conflict of Interest Forms for Board Members

Forms have been distributed to all board members in the upcoming days- Dr. Lewis will update the forms and get to board members this week.

3.7. Approve Washington Co. Enterprise as Official Newspaper of the Board of Education

Motion to appoint The Washington Co Enterprise as official newspaper of the district. 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

3.8. Appoint Superintendent as District Non-Discrimination Compliance Coordinator

Motion to appoint Dr. Lewis as District Non-Discrimination Compliance Coordinator. 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

3.9. Appoint Supt as Secretary and Business Manager as Recording Secretary to the Board of Education

Appoint Supt as Secretary and Business Manager as Recording Secretary to the Board of Education 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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented 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

4.1. Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting(s)

4.2. Monthly Financial Reports

4.3.

Resignations: Megan Porras, HS English Language Arts

Hires:

Reassignments:

5. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION REPORTS

- Math
- Kindergarten
- Preschool

Dawn Klein, Michaela Curran, and Shawna Tierney were present from the Math Department. Tamara Loberg and Chaleigh Mattson were present from the Kindergarten Department and Anna Hornung was present for Preschool Department.

All departments presented to the board and were available to answer questions from the board.

6. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

6.1. Curriculum Director Report

- Detailed 2024-2025 NSCAS Data

Tashia Wolf was at the board meeting to go over the Curriculum Director report.

6.2. Dr. Morgan's Elementary Report

6.3. Mr. Pfingsten's Secondary Report

6.4. Mr. Shada's Activity Report

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 7.1. Enrollment Report
- 7.2. NASB and NRCSA Reports
- 7.3. NASB Board Self-Evaluation Process Discussion
- 7.4. APS 2024-2025 District Annual Report
- 7.5. Legislative Issues Conference Jan 26 in Lincoln

8. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

8.1. Facilities Workshop

The board met in a workshop on Monday, Jan 12th with DLR representatives to discuss the vision and focus for the future planning for our facility. The board will share some of the long term vision with the community at the January Community Engagement Meeting on the 28th along with DLR.

8.2. Negotiations Committee

Negotiations met and have an action item on tonight's board meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Discussion of Community Engagement Meeting

- Topics for Discussion
- DLR presentation

The board discussed what was needed to be discussed at the community engagement meeting. NASB advised the board on selecting three main questions or areas of questions to have as the discussion for the meeting. The board took a look at the sample questions and made suggestions to help them narrow down the focus of the meeting to get appropriate feedback from the community.

The board selected a handful of questions and discussed how to run the meeting. They wanted to give the community a bank of questions instead of just having the community try and give open comments so that everyone can get the most out of the meeting.

9.2. Review and Discuss Policies 6000-6200:

- 6000: General Policy Statement
- 6010: Scope of Instruction
- 6020: The Program of Instruction
- 6110: Calendar
- 6111: Classroom Environment
- 6112: School Day for Students
- 6113: Electronic Communication Devices
- 6113.1: School Day for Staff
- 6114: Emergencies

- 6115: Fire Drills, Emergency Plans
- 6116: Emergency Dismissal or Cancellation
- 6117: Ceremonies and Observances and Pledge
- 6120: Safe Schools Policy
- 6121: Curriculum Review Cycle
- 6200: Objectives of the instructional Program

9.3. Discuss and Consider Updated Policies on Second Reading:

3131- Procurement

3132- Internal Controls

Motion to Adopt Policies 3131 and 3132 as Revised on Second Reading Passed with a motion by Steve Slykhuis and a second by Cassie Flesner.

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

9.4. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Approve 2026-2027 Master Agreement with Certificated Teaching Staff

Motion to Approve the 2026-2027 Master Agreement as Presented Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Brian Laaker.

Cassie Flesner: Abstain (With Conflict), Jason Arp: Yea, Chase Kratochvil: Yea, Brian Laaker: Yea, Steve Slykhuis: Yea

The board discussed the negotiation procedures and how they met with the AEA to come to agreement on the master agreement for the certified staff.

Mr. Kratochvil went over the negotiations and how the committee used the array of other schools and how they look at the information to make decisions based on Arlington for our district and our staff.

10. ADJOURNMENT

:Chase Kratochvil adjourned the meeting at 9:28pm