

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, March 9, 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: Absent

Steve Slykhuis: Present

Shanon Willmott: Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

Chase Kratochvil called the meeting to order at 7:00

1.2. Roll Call

Motion to excuse Brian Laaker from tonights meeting Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Steve Slykhuis.

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

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 Jason Arp.

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

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

Board discussed financials and reviewed the items on the consent agenda.

3.1. Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting(s)

3.2. Monthly Financial Reports

3.3.

Resignations:

- Mrs. Nichole Fairhead (currently on approved LOA);
- Connor Eurek, Secondary SPED

Hires:

- Ms. Taylor Ground, English Language Arts 9-10;
- Manuela Alonzo, Secondary Spanish Foreign Language

Reassignments:

- Mrs. Tamara Loberg, from K to 5th/6th Team

4. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION REPORTS

- 2nd Grade
- Spanish (update by Mr. Pfingsten)

Mrs. Morgan Mruz, Mrs. Taylor Vondra and Ms Hayley McMartin were at the board meeting to present for 2nd grade.

Mr. Pfingsten discussed spanish with the board (no report this evening due to a new staff member covering as the long-term sub position for the remainder of the year)

5. REVIEW OF ANNUAL DISTRICT PLAN

Dr. Lewis reviewed the annual district plan and the board goal working document. She went over and highlighted the areas that were new to the document, making sure that the document was current and up to date on all strategies. The board was able to ask questions on any areas of interest. The board will dive deeper into these plans and documents at their annual board retreat in March to review and make sure that we are staying aligned.

6. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

6.1. Dr. Morgan's Elementary Report

6.2. Mr. Pfingsten's Secondary Report

6.3. Mr. Shada's Activity Report

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lewis reviewed the attachments on her report, including the community engagement report from DLR, which went into detail with the ideas and comments from the community engagement meeting. Dr. Lewis also discussed the legislative updates. The board is concerned the most about two bills that are at the school level are one that pertains to 3rd grade and mandatory retention. The second bill is LB219. This is the bill that would regulate tax authority caps, this would cause a handicap to the actual budget growth that the school would be able to attain each year, could cause issues with budgeting and salaries going forward.

Dr. Lewis also updated the board on our option enrollment applications. The last date to apply is

March 15th, and denials and approvals will go out by March 31st.

7.1. Review of Community Engagement Report from NASB

7.2. NASB and NRCSA Reports

7.3. Legislative Updates

7.4. Report on Option Enrollment

- Deadline is March 15
 - Applications will be approved/denied after that date and notified before the 31st

7.5. Information Regarding Board of Education Self-Assessment Tool for Discussion

The board discussed whether or not the board would like to access this tool- they are planning to discuss this tool better and how to use it at the board retreat in March. The board felt like maybe there are things on this tool that the board maybe doesn't always receive information and is out our their hands, and the board doesn't feel like it aligns with what is the boards responsibility.

8. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

8.1. Committee for Curriculum and American Civics

Met before the meeting tonight and there is an action item later on the meeting

8.2. Negotiations Committee

- Postponed due to legislative uncertainty

Chase discussed the legislation and how there is some uncertainty to what will impact our school and budgets. They would like to get some more clarification on what it will look like moving forward and what the board will be able to offer for compensation.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Review Policy:

- 6600 - SPED Policy

9.2. Discuss and Consider 2026 Spring Legal Policy Updates on First Reading:

1040 - Annual Report

3540 - Bidding Construction Projects

5601 - Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Allergic Reaction Protocol

7050 - Bids and Contracts

Dr. Lewis reviewed the policy memo on the first reading on policy updates for spring. There are

some new policies and updates that our board will have to adopt.

9.3. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Science Curriculum Purchase for Adoption in 2026-2027

Motion to Approve Purchase of Science Curriculum on Adoption as Presented: Twig Elementary \$95,099.94; Amplify Middle School \$11,440.00; HMH High School \$16,570.00 to be paid from General Funds as Budgeted Passed with a motion by Chase Kratochvil and a second by Steve Slykhuis.

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

The curriculum committee met tonight before the board meeting, and discussed this information on the science curriculum adoption. The committee gave the board some of the insights on the meeting on the cost of the curriculum and how it breaks down. The majority of the cost is the consumables and manipulatives of the kits on the elementary side, and mostly just renewals and some updated materials on the MS side. The high school has many of the materials for their curriculum and would like to renew the subscriptions and update any materials that need to be replaced. The cost on the high school side is mainly absorbed in the department budgets due to class sizes and changes of program and are ordered on a year to year basis.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kratochvil asked the seniors in attendance to introduce themselves and their future plans before the adjournment of the meeting.

Chase adjourned the meeting at 8:32