

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, June 15, 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.

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

Chase Kratochvil called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

1.2. Roll Call

Motion to approve the absence of Shanon Willmott from tonight's meeting due to the change of date 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

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 Jason Arp and a second by Cassie Flesner.

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

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

3.1. Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting(s)

3.2. Monthly Financial Reports

3.3.

Resignations:

Hires:

Reassignments:

4. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

4.1. Mr. Shada Activity Report

4.2. Dr. Morgan Elementary Report

4.3. Mr. Pfingsten's Secondary Report

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lewis shared with the board her leave log, NCRSA and NASB reports, and the review of the wellness policy, which has to be done every three years. Dr. Lewis also spoke of the hot lunch fund. There will need to be an amendment made to the budget for Hot Lunch due to rising costs of food this year. This will be published later in July or August.

Dr. Lewis spoke to the board about a penalty that has been assessed by the IRS due to a failure to submit 1095 forms back for the year-end of 2020 by the prior business manager and federal filing. It was discussed that the penalty was not something the district was expecting as an expense, but that is what some of the budget carry over is for to cover those unforeseen costs that come at unexpected times.

5.1. Review of Triennial Assessment of Wellness Policy Results

5.2. Review Supt Leave Log and Schedule Through June 30

5.3. NASB and NCRSA reports

5.4. Update on IRS penalty from 2020 filing
\$102,991.26

Our legal counsel is preparing abatement to attempt to recover some of this, based on our documentation of what action has been taken from 2022-2026, which differs from the IRS details of what action(s) have been taken.

5.5. Report and Discussion on Hot Lunch Fund

6. COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

6.1. Buildings and Grounds Committee

Buildings and Grounds met on Friday, June 12th and went over the review of summer maintenance and summer projects.

There were some motors that are in need of attention that will require repair/updating in our aux gym. This is a liability issue. Also, revisiting the grading and rock on the gravel parking at football field, this will be address the grade of the lot and parking issues, as well as the water issue relating to the level of the lot area. The committee is getting more bids for the grading and will present in July to the board, and have a better discussion on what the plan is and how this will either fix the issues, or how they will address the needs.

The board also discussed the community feedback on the proposed project.

6.2. Finance Committee

Finance committee met about two weeks ago and discussed district budgets. There will be an action item in tonight's meeting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Required Library Policy on Second Reading

Motion to Adopt Policy 5209 - School Library Materials and Parent Access On Second Reading 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

Dr. Lewis reminded the board of the new mandatory language that needs to be included in our Library policy informing parents of students and checking out books.

7.2. Discuss and Consider Legislated Policy Updates on Second Reading

- 1110 - Bulletin Boards
- 3560 - Records Management and Disposition
- 5004 - Full-time and Part-time Enrollment
- 5005 - Student Residence, Admission and Contracting for Educational Services
- 5006 - Option Enrollment Policy (Resolution & Appendix 1)
- 5008 - Attendance
- 5101 - Student Discipline
- 8130 - Annual Organizational Meeting
- 8342 - Designated Method of Giving Notice of Meetings

Motion to Adopt Legislated Policy Updates on Second Reading 1110 - Bulletin Boards 3560 - Records Management and Disposition 5004 - Full-time and Part-time Enrollment 5005 - Student Residence, Admission and Contracting for Educational Services 5006 - Option Enrollment Policy (Resolution & Appendix 1) 5008 - Attendance 5101 - Student Discipline 8130 - Annual Organizational Meeting 8342 - Designated Method of Giving Notice of Meetings 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

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve 26-27 Handbook Changes:

- Elementary Student/Parent Handbook
- Secondary Student/Parent Handbook
- Staff Handbook
- Classified Staff Handbook

Motion to Approve Elementary Student/Parent Handbook, MS/HS Student/Parent Handbook, Classified Staff Handbook, and Coaches/Sponsors Handbook for 2026-2027 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

Below are the changes to the Coaches- Sponsor Handbook

- Updated Coaches and Sponsors
- Updated lettering requirements
- Corrected page numbers in table of contents to accurately reflect the corresponding pages in the handbook.

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

- Improvement of Instruction and Curriculum
- Technology
- Maintenance and Facilities
- Transportation
- General Fund Athletics

Motion to Approve District Level Budgets As Presented: Improvement of Instruction and Curriculum; Technology; Maintenance and Facilities; Transportation; General Fund Athletics 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

Mr. Kratochvil and Dr. Lewis did a brief review of all the district budgets, and spoke about any increases or changes in the budgets.

Most increases were due to an increase in prices and some additions of replacing some outdated equipment or vehicles.

8.3. Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action to Transfer \$30,000 to Hot Lunch From General Fund

Motion to Transfer \$30,000 to Hot Lunch From General Fund as Budgeted Passed with a motion by Steve Slykhuis and a second by Brian Laaker.

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

Transfer will be needed this year to cover some of the rising costs of food prices for this year, and to help with receiving less in state funding- the board was aware that at some point over the last few years that this is something that routinely happens at most school districts and this is the first time in the last 7 years to have a transfer to our hot lunch.

8.4. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve 25-26 Budgeted Purchase of iPads and Cases as Presented from General Fund

Motion to Approve 25-26 Budgeted Purchase of iPads and Cases as Presented from General Fund for \$69,795 from Apple 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

Board approval is needed to make this tech purchase for this 25-26 school budget- the money was budgeted in this years budget.

8.5. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Set Activity Pass Prices for 2026-2027:

- Family from \$145 to \$170
- Adults from \$60-\$75
- Student from \$45-\$50

Motion to Set 2026-2027 Activity Pass Prices as Discussed 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

Arlington Activity pass prices have not been changed in over 10 years. Although the admissions/gate prices have increased to align with all our conference schools.

8.6. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Winch Upgrade in the Aux Gym as Presented

Motion to Approve Winch Upgrade in the Aux Gym as Presented for \$11,280 from Sports Facility Management 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

A winch upgrade is needed due to the date of the motors on the winches, and it is a liability issue if left undone. Mr. Kratochvil asked that in the future we make sure to try and gather more bids on athletic maintenance when needed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chase Kratochvil adjourned the meeting at 8:54pm