

# Regular Meeting

*Mission: "The mission of High Plains Community Schools is to provide an educational environment which develops citizens who are lifelong learners and can contribute to a global society"*

*The Regular monthly meeting of the High Plains Community Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, February 10, 2025 at HPC Secondary- Polk BOE Room (Jan-June), 260 S Pine, Polk, NE 68654-0029. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.*

## 1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. In attendance, Dorinda Brown, Kayla Zoucha, Shane Van Pelt, Nate Spurling, Chad Hoffman, & Megan Pike. Also in attendance Breanne Helgoth, Micah Fisher, & Jason Brown

### 1.1. Public Meeting Announcement

### 1.2. Open Meetings Act Recognition

### 1.3. Board Member Attendance, Roll Call

All board members were in attendance.

### 1.4. HPC Student Council

Allie Howell and Rylie Hofmann presented on behalf of the HPC student council. They discussed the fun day activities held at semester break, the dates in which the HPC student council served ice cream, and ten birthday cake mixes were going out this coming month for students with birthdays.

### 1.5. Community Input

Community Input was taken.

### 1.6. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented for past minutes, bills, and financial statements Passed with a motion by Megan Pike and a second by Dorinda Brown.

Dorinda Brown: Yea, Chad Hoffman: Yea, Megan Pike: Yea, Nathan Spurling: Yea, Shane Van Pelt: Yea, Kayla Zoucha: Yea

The consent agenda was presented and approved. The motion by board member Megan Pike and second by Dorinda Brown. Superintendent Brown called the roll and Dorinda Brown, Chad Hoffman, Megan Pike, Nathan Spurling, Shane Van Pelt, & Kayla Zoucha voted to approve the consent agenda. None opposed. Motion passed 6-0.

#### 1.6.1. Consider Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) and Their Approval (Appendix A)

#### 1.6.2. Consider Current Bills and Their Approval (Appendix B)

#### 1.6.3. Consider Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report (Appendix C)

### 1.6.3.1. Activity Account Statements

### 1.6.3.2. Building Fund Account Statements

### 1.6.3.3. Depreciation Fund Account Statements

### 1.6.3.4. General Fund Account Statements

### 1.6.3.5. Nutrition Account Statements

## 2. Discussion/Action Items

### 2.1. Administrator Reports

### 2.2. Elementary Principal Report

Mrs. Helgoth reported on upcoming parent-teacher conferences Feb. 27th & 28th, 5th & 6th graders at the Polk Co. Spelling Bee, math resource day at ESU 7 on January 28th, MTSS team working to strengthen supports for students, ESU 7 ELA resource day on March 11th, celebrated the 100th day of school on January 29th, Read Across America week is March 6th & 7th, 6th grade students are providing treats for Valentines Day for all students, elementary students are doing a "thank you" video for the senior basketball players, Title I Breakfast & Books is February 25th, and last week was counselor week, we want to highlight Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Grigsby for role in supporting our students.

### 2.3. Junior High & High School Principal Report

Mr. Fisher discussed board recognition week, "I Love Public Schools Day" on January 15th, counselors week on February 3rd-7th and thanked Mrs. Grigsby for all her work, the hygiene stations in all the bathrooms at the 7-12 bathrooms at Polk that Mrs. Grigsby has done, upcoming assessment schedules for NSCAS, ACT and MAP testing, parent-teacher conferences on Feb. 27th, and scholarships that are coming due for seniors with FAFSA for the seniors.

### 2.4. AD Report

Mr. Wood (given by Mr. Fisher)- the Polk County Spelling Bee-congrats to Jerry Carlson for finishing 2nd in 7/8th grade division, HPC Hall of Fame was held on Feb. 7th at the gym in Polk, wrestling districts for girls was Feb. 7th & 8th-Bailey and Dakota G. both qualified for state, boys wrestling district are Feb. 18th & 19th at Central Valley, Girls' basketball will host sub-districts on 17th, 18th, 20th, JH & HS CRC Quiz Bowl is Feb. 19th in Meridian, CRC Speech is Feb. 26th in Hampton, Gage Freisen was selected for 8-man all start game, JH winter sports are looking to go to different schedules in the CRC, girls basketball and boy wrestling before Christmas break and boys basketball and girls wrestling after Christmas break

### 2.5. Superintendent Report

Mr. Brown discussed CRC expansion possibilities with some possible COOPs coming, EMC will no longer be providing Safe Schools in our insurance bid, it must be purchased moving, a legislative update on the following bills, LB 390, 300 140, 303, 140, & 303, ESU-7 contracted services will be

done in March, board of education recognition was January 26-Feb. 1st, thanks to the board for your hard work and dedication to the HPC district, Counselors Week was Feb.3-7th, thank you to Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Grigsby, and Mrs. Welch, for all their effort for our students, The HPC Hall of Fame was on Feb 7th, congratulations to the three families and the state championship track team, and potential summer projects were discussed.

#### 2.6. Discussion on PPACA (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)

A discussion was held with Superintendent Brown and the HPC Board of Education in regard to PPACA on insurance and Affordable Cares Act money for all employees. The Federal Government is now auditing prior years for the Affordable Cares Act funding. Schools must use the funding to supply all employees with some type of insurance offering or coverage. This funding will go towards classified staff. The previous years audits will go back three to four years and schools could be faced with repaying the funding if adequate coverage was not provided.

#### 2.7. Discuss, consider, and take any necessary action on a bid for a used Thomas bus.

A motion to table the bids due to one bus being sold before the meeting, motion made by Chad Hoffman and seconded by Shane Van Pelt. Motion approved 6-0. Passed with a motion by Chad Hoffman and a second by Shane Van Pelt.

Dorinda Brown: Yea, Chad Hoffman: Yea, Megan Pike: Yea, Nathan Spurling: Yea, Shane Van Pelt: Yea, Kayla Zoucha: Yea

#### 2.8. Discuss, consider, and take any necessary action regarding complaints about school and administrative response to student matters from December.

Motion to approve the letter of support from the HPC Board of Education regarding Administrative response to the December student event Passed with a motion by Nathan Spurling and a second by Kayla Zoucha.

Dorinda Brown: Yea, Chad Hoffman: Yea, Megan Pike: Yea, Nathan Spurling: Yea, Shane Van Pelt: Yea, Kayla Zoucha: Yea

The board reviewed and took action in response to complaints about a student matter dating back to December. President Van Pelt read a proposed determination for the board to consider. The determination affirmed the actions of school staff and administration. The determination is available on the district's public meeting website. Board member Nate Spurling moved and Kayla Zoucha seconded the motion to approve the determination. Superintendent Brown called the roll and Dorinda Brown, Chad Hoffman, Megan Pike, Nathan Spurling, Shane Van Pelt, & Kayla Zoucha voted to approve the determination. None opposed.

### 3. Executive Session

#### 4. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 and set the next regular meeting for March 10th at 6:30 PM Passed with a motion by Megan Pike and a second by Nathan Spurling.

Dorinda Brown: Yea, Chad Hoffman: Yea, Megan Pike: Yea, Nathan Spurling: Yea, Shane Van Pelt: Yea, Kayla Zoucha: Yea

#### 5. **\*CLOSED SESSION: If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act**

6. **\*SEQUENCE OF AGENDA:** The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the board.