

Regular May Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2024 7:00 PM
High School Media Center

as advertised in the *Pilot-Tribune/Enterprise* and
fortcalhounschools.org

ROUTINE BUSINESS

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. There were 4 administrators and 1 visitor present.
- Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted. Mr. Green explained the Unicameral had passed legislation that changed the laws so a preliminary poster was displayed. The official one will be distributed at the Fall NASB meeting. Changes included Title IX.
- Excused Absences: Moved that the absence of Ted Welchert be excused as he will be coming. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea
- Roll Call: Bonacci-Present; Christensen-Present; Kelly-Present; Schrum-Present; Shaner-Present.
- Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda be approved as presented. This motion, made by Shaner and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea.

REGULAR AGENDA

- Public Participation: No one asked to address the board.
- Approval of May Claims: Moved that the claims for May be approved in the amount of \$137,656.56 from the General Fund, \$72,478.00 from the Bond Fund and \$44,476.01 from Savings and Depreciation. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Bonacci, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. Mr. Green stated there were none out of the ordinary. He explained the Indoff claim for lighting and getting a rebate from OPPD for the upgrade, the Miles Electric bill to finish the track project, and Science curriculum for 24-25 with a new adoption coming the following year. Cassie Kelly commented she is working into the routine of reviewing the claims and there was nothing she found to note.
- Approval of Claim for Abe's Trash Service: Moved that the claim for Abe's Trash be approved in the amount of \$1,325.45. This motion, made by Shaner and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Josh Christensen: Abstain, Mike Bonacci: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea
- Consent Agenda: Moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. This motion, made by Bonacci and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. There was discussion about the Lunch Fund balance and what is being put in place to align it with NDE recommendations.
- Standing Committee Reports: Committees did not meet.
- Elementary Principal: Moved that the board of education offer a contract of employment to Sara Horstman as Elementary Principal to begin July 1, 2024. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Shaner, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. Ted Welchert arrived. Mr. Green explained 4

candidates were interviewed and she was the top of the 4. She has 15 years of classroom experience in various schools and had good reviews. She interviewed well with lots of energy, is a good hire for Fort Calhoun and is excited to get going. A clear expectation of moving to the district was given when logistics and housing availability are possible. Mr. Wemhoff said it was great to hear her perspective.

-Resolution-Updating Staff to WCB Accounts: Moved that the board of education pass Resolution #2024-1 to add Eric Jones to the WCB accounts previously held by Martin Plum, who will be removed. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Shaner, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. The coaches have accounts at the bank and this is required by WCB to switch the girls basketball account to the new head coach.

-Policies 3026-Handbooks, 3027-Resolution of Conflicts Between Parents Over School Issues, 3028-Sex Offenders, and 3029-Distribution of Flyers Advertising Non-School Organization Activities: Moved that the board of education waive first reading and pass on second reading Policies 3026-Handbooks, 3027-Resolution of Conflicts Between Parents Over School Issues, 3028-Sex Offenders, and 3029-Distribution of Flyers Advertising Non-School Organization Activities. This motion, made by Shaner and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. These are part of the review and cover areas including parent conflicts, sex offenders, and adhering to non-school advertising. They are working well so no changes and are being recommended.

-Board Member Reports: Cassie Kelly commented on Field Day and appreciated the staff for all their effort. Mike Bonacci asked if this graduating class is the largest so far for Fort Calhoun and it is close but would have to check; District Track was a great event and looking forward to Summer activities. Kelli Shaner said the Foundation has interviewed a candidate for director, will vote on the hire at their next meeting, and that graduation was exciting. Josh Christensen thanked Mr. Wagner for his time and dedication to the District and said District Track went well; Amanda Schrum addressed Mr. Wagner and said it is sad to see him go but is glad for he and his family. The board appreciates all he has done and wishes him good luck.

-Administrator Reports: Mr. Wemhoff-Spoke on the successful graduation and thanked the board for their help. He said it was fun to celebrate all the great things our kids are doing. Honors Night and Junior High Awards both went well; testing is done and he will compile the information to give a report at the retreat; and he thanked and expressed appreciation to the PFE and parents for their work in making Appreciation Week enjoyed by all staff, especially Amanda for her part at the high school. Freshman Orientation and the last day of school were noted. Mr. Wagner: Noted his report and asked if there were any questions. He thanked the board and said he “will never forget my time here”. It is a chapter in life, and has been a great journey not knowing what will happen in life.

Mr. Schleifer: Thanked everyone for helping with the District track and that he received lots of comments on how “great this place” is; records were broken and 17 athletes are headed to State. He noted the seasons for baseball and golf and said Strength and Conditioning will run from 5/28 through 7/31.

Superintendent Report and Legislative Update: Mr. Green said all our certified positions are filled for 24-25, but there will be 3 para openings and those for food service help. He thanked Mr. Schleifer for his planning and preparation for District Track, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wemhoff and the tech team for handling the technical part with timing/recording as there is a lot of

advancement in this area, and getting positive comments from visiting coaches. He, the administrators and building maintenance to go over summer projects; touring the facilities at the July retreat; and getting the budget for the wrestling facilities' sticker shock which will have to be discussed but legally need to have these separate spaces. The board retreat will be 7/8 at 1:00 PM and with breaks will run until the regular board meeting at 7:00. The Legislature did not pass anything for property tax relief so schools will use the same formula for funding in 24-25 as this year. A special session may be too late for 24-25 and put in place for 25-26. The Title IX change is a "high school friendlier" version and everyone will need to be trained, this will carry a cost, and administrator training will have to be longer than for staff. Shaner asked about changes in it and he said at least 9 states have rejected the Federal mandate and Nebraska is one of them. There is a chance to lose Federal funding if the Unicameral goes with it. In conclusion, he gave a shout out to Mr. Wagner as it has been a night and day difference from 12 years ago.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.