

March 2025 Regular Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025 7:00 PM
High School Media Center

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

ROUTINE BUSINESS

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. There were 4 administrators and 3 visitors present.
- Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted.
- Excused Absences: There were none.
- Roll Call: Josh Christensen-Present; Tony Dowling-Present; Cassie Kelly-Present; Amanda Schrum-Present; Ryan Sevcik-Present; Ted Welchert-Present
- Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda be approved as presented. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Sevcik, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

REGULAR AGENDA

- Public Participation: No one asked to address the board.
- Approval of Claims: Moved that the board of education approve claims in the amount of \$127,299.49 from the General Fund, \$37,861.20 from Savings and Depreciation and \$13,814.00 from the Building Fund. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Mr. Green and Ted Welchert looked over the bills and explained the bills for the city water; special education tuition, the Powerschool payment, and repair of emergency lighting at the elementary. The Savings and Depreciation bills included the payment to make the switch in our accounting packages and lockers, benches and furnishings for the girls new wrestling area.
- Claim from Abe's Trash: Moved that the claim from Abe's Trash be approved in the amount of \$1,692.50. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Sevcik, Passed. Josh Christensen: Abstain, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea
- Resolution 2025-3: WCB School Accounts: Moved that Resolution 2025-3 be approved as presented. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. This is required by the bank to get all the schools' accounts up to date.
- Consent Agenda: Moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Dowling, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea
- Standing Committee Reports
 - American Civics: The committee discussed policies that will be presented tonight; adding bleachers and discussing other options for the football field/track area; K-8 Science curriculum; that FCYSO is building and adding a batting cage at the sports building which they will maintain; applicants for the Technology position; getting a bid to add an epoxy textured floor to the boys locker room in the wrestling room to match the one on the girls side; adding NSAA

unified bowling; budgeting the last elementary gym payment; an update on personnel; the legislature and its ongoing discussions for state aid for next year, and that Mr. Green and Mr. Blomstedt will attend a finance workshop.

Finance Committee: Josh Christensen said the Finance Committee with the exception of the policies discussed the same topics.

•Policies: 3044-Incidental of DeMinimis Use of Public Resources; 3045-Use of Sniffer Dogs; 3046-Animals at School along with 3046 R Therapy Animal Request and 3046 R-2 Animals at Schools form. Moved that the board of education waive first reading and approve on second reading Policies: 3044-Incidental of DeMinimis Use of Public Resources; 3045-Use of Sniffer Dogs; 3046-Animals at School along with 3046 R Therapy Animal Request and 3046 R-2 Animals at Schools form. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Sevcik, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. The American Civics Committee met and reviewed these policies and are recommending them. There are no changes however the administration is working to do a better job to enforce Policy 3046. This policy prohibits all animals at all school functions both inside and outside, including all school grounds. There will be a better job of communicating that this pertains to all school functions.

•K-8 Science Curriculum: Moved that the K-8 Science curriculum from HMH Education be approved for \$70,347.12 grades K-5, and \$34,760.64 Grades 6-8 for a total of \$105,107.76. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Mr. Green gave credit to Mrs. Horstman and her committee for researching and doing pilots with the different companies. She also worked with the company to negotiate a lower price. The contract is 7 years for K-5 and 6 years for 6-8.

•High School Bleacher Update: Moved that the board of education approve contracts for bleachers on the east side of the football field from S&N Construction for site work in the amount of \$17,942.14 and to Heartland Seating for the bleachers in the amount of \$68,566.00. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Sevcik, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. This will be for seating on the east side of the football field and track to create more space. It will separate home/visitors having a definite section for administration. Mr. Schleifer worked hard on the project and it is affordable. It will be a good fix for the next 10 years. There had also been discussion about adding space to the home side along with redoing the concession stand and restrooms. Adding this all together was cost prohibitive even considering it would have added 2 more classrooms. The bleacher company said ours are in good condition structurally and should last. Dr. Wemhoff said it was a great plan as did Josh Christensen saying the next push would be concessions and restrooms. Mr. Green said until there is a big growth piece this should work for the district for 10-15 years.

•Adding NSAA Unified Bowling to our Extra Curricular Schedule: Moved that the board of education add NSAA Unified Bowling to the schools' extra curricular program. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Fort Calhoun started Unified sports 2 years ago and its been a great opportunity for our kids giving them one more avenue to excel. Football, basketball and track are already here. The program will start small with minimal practices and a few competitions. Students will be able to do Unified and

another sport at the same time. Special Olympics will help to cover the costs.

•Resignations

∞Technology Director: Moved that the resignation of Paul Wilson be accepted at the end of 2024-25. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. He is returning to the classroom at Northwest as a lead teacher. He is excited and we “hate to see him go”. He is very good at what he does being positive and with a lot of energy. We wish him well. He will remain until the end of his contract in July and will use this time to train the new hire.

∞Behavior Coordinator: Moved that the resignation of Patrick (PJ) Mallette be accepted as of the end of 2024-25. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. He is in his 12th year here working with behavior and HAL. Several things have changed with him and we appreciate his work.

•Contracts of Employment

∞Intervention Specialist: Moved that a contract of employment as Intervention Specialist be offered to Marshall Keough. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. The position will continue with behavior but will also add academics. He lives in town and has kids in school.

∞5th Grade Teacher: Moved that the board of education offer a contract of employment to Olivia Bruening as 5th grade teacher. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. She has been in OPS for 6 years, is a Fort Calhoun grad and lives in town giving us the longevity factor. She also is a Master of Technology Specialist.

•Board Member Reports: Ryan Sevcik gave congratulations to our Winter Sports kids, expressed thoughts and concerns for the administration taking care of our kids. Tony Dowling expressed condolences to all and offered congratulations on the great “Great Race”. Cassie Kelly said the PBIS book night was a lot of fun and her kids said it has been “the best week ever” at the elementary. Amanda Schrum thanked the administration and as we are now in the home stretch to keep striving to make the year spectacular. She also thanked everyone for what they do for our kids including emotional support. In conclusion she urged everyone to go to prom as she loves it. Josh Christensen expressed his thoughts and prayers to the family and everyone and was grateful for the support the administration gives to our kids.

•Administrator Reports: Dr. Wemhoff recognized the staff for being able to handle things that come along and their professionalism and caring for our kids. He offered sympathies to the family. He also spoke about Parent Teacher Conferences saying in-person attendance is not high because of the many ways we communicate with families, our programs for communication, and possibly the bad weather; he gave the ACT day schedule; information on upcoming Prom/Post Prom; and upcoming events highlighting the Great Race and the High School Trivia Night, along with other non-sports related events.

Mrs. Horstman: Reported on the 3rd Quarter BPIS celebration; all the upcoming and previous happenings in school including Read Across America Week” with special dress up days and the book giveaway; Extension Innovation Days, and upcoming Spring Break. Other information was given on professional development, the new Science curriculum, and that attendance at

elementary conferences was 96%.

Mr. Schleifer reported on Winter sports accolades including All Conference Basketball, Boys and Girls Wrestling, Dance, and Cheer. He announced the upcoming Spring schedules and that the FCYSO, S&N Contracting, Abe's Trash and the Washington County Foundation have donated time/money to install new batting cages at the Community Building baseball field.

•Superintendent Report and Legislative Report: Mr Green reported on board goals, enrollment numbers and the upcoming closing of option applications with kindergarten having the most applications so far. As of now 12 will be denied because of capacity/operating costs. The Legislative Session is a 90 day session so they are still doing hearings. There was quick work of LB140 regarding schools making policies regarding student use of electronic communication devices. The policy we now have in place will "fit the bill", but we will have KSB look it over after legislation has passed. One thing that may change is that teachers will not be able to institute their own policy for their classroom. There is alot being discussed regarding school finance and districts will definitely see policy on the floor regarding this in the future. A question was asked about when the 90 day session will end.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43.p.m.