

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Monday, February 10, 2020 7:00 PM  
High School Media Center  
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023

## ROUTINE BUSINESS

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President Conrad.
- Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws
- Excused Absences: Moved that the absence of Jon Genoways and Mike Bonacci be excused as requested passed with a motion by Kim Lukasiewicz and a second by Amanda Schrum. Mike Conrad: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea
- Roll Call: Mike Bonacci: Absent, Mike Conrad: Present, Jon Genoways: Absent, Kim Lukasiewicz: Present, Amanda Schrum: Present, Kelli Shaner: Present. There were also 3 administrators and 4 visitors present.
- Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda be approved as presented passed with a motion by Kim Lukasiewicz and a second by Kelli Shaner. Mike Conrad: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

## PRESENTATION - Ashley Dougherty "Raising Kids in the 21st Century"

Ashley Dougherty reported on an informational dinner and program for parents to help raise awareness and provide resources to better understand and handle "Raising Kids in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". She is arranging speakers from agencies to present and have booths with materials and information. Flyers and the schedule is being made for distribution. This will be applicable to all kids' age groups but will be for adults only – no kids in attendance. She is planning for it to be an annual event and that this first one is being planned for 200 people. The information will be distributed as soon as it is ready to publish. Board members discussed various agencies they have connections with that they can also contact.

## REGULAR AGENDA

- Public Participation: No one asked to address the board.
- Approval of Claims: Moved that the claims for February be approved in the amount of \$88,576.68 from the General Fund, \$6,660.97 from the Building Fund and \$16,962.88 from Savings and Depreciation passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Conrad: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea
- Consent Agenda: Moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Amanda Schrum. Mike Conrad: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea
- Standing Committee Reports: Both Committees met this past month. Amanda Schrum reported on the Education/Americanism/Civics Committee meeting where they discussed the elementary gym project recommending the full board move forward with it; option enrollment numbers and limits for 2020-21; approval of the Computer Science teacher; and replacing one of the special education vans with a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Kim Lukasiewicz reported on the Finance and Technology Committee meeting where they also discussed the elementary gym proposal; option enrollment; purchasing a new bus and 4-wheel vehicle for special education; the Technology Board Report format; the Computer Science position; and other technology including a Student Management system, E-rate purchase for district networking, and vape detectors at the high school.
- Contract with BCDM: Moved that the board of education enter into a contract with BCDM for the elementary project passed with a motion by Amanda Schrum and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Conrad: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. There is no need for an RFP for these services so the board is being asked to move forward in order to complete the District footprint.
- Contract with Boyd Jones as a Construction Manager as Agent: Moved that the board of education enter into a

contract with Boyd Jones as a Construction Manager as Agent for the elementary project passed with a motion by Kim Lukasiewicz and a second by Amanda Schrum. Mike Conrad: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. This is the same as the other motion where by statute there is no RFP necessary. They have worked with us in the past and we are very comfortable with their expertise and work. -Policy 5004 Option Enrollment; 5004R Option Enrollment Capacities; Option Enrollment Capacity Resolution: Moved that the Board of Education affirm Policy 5004, pass the Enrollment Capacities for Classes and Programs for 2020-21 and pass the Resolution Governing Option Enrollment Capacities for Classes and Programs for the 2020-21 school year passed with a motion by Kim Lukasiewicz and a second by Kelli Shaner. Mike Conrad: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade was amended to 65 as there is typically a lot of movement in this area.

#### -Hiring of Staff

First Grade Position: Moved that the board of education extend a contract to Miss Miranda Klabunde for First Grade beginning with the 2020-21 school year passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Conrad: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. There were great candidates and she will be a “good addition to what we’re doing”.

Computer Science Position: Moved that the board of education extend a contract to Nichole Niebur for the Computer Science position beginning for the 2020-21 school year passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Kim Lukasiewicz. Mike Conrad: Yea, Kim Lukasiewicz: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. She brings a wealth of experience and has a Masters in Computer Science. She will immediately give our kids opportunities and extend what we are already doing. In addition, this will free up other teachers to teach more classes and expand their areas. She is organized and has a vision for opportunity. This is a specialty position.

-Board Member Reports: Amanda Schrum reported the PFE Father/Daughter dance was a lot of fun and thanked the custodial staff for doing such a good job getting the building ready. Mike Conrad asked the board to be ready for the upcoming superintendent interviews and subsequent deliberations and hiring.

#### -Administrator Reports:

Mr. Green: Reported on the County Spelling Bee at Fort Calhoun; ACT Prep is underway; staff going outside Fort Calhoun to shadow teachers in their content areas; the Art Club having 3 murals in progress in school and the community; and the successes of our students who participated in the Scholastic Art Awards competition with 10 of our students earning 20 awards. This art and the awards are on display at the TAC Building of OPS in Omaha. He gave acclaim to Mr. High Horse for his work with our kids.

Mr. Wagner: Reported on the Father/Daughter dance being fun; the plan for where classes will be moving once construction starts; the school Spelling Bee; offering the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade position and interviewing for the special education position; working on the Social Studies adoption and that the monies have been put aside for several years to pay for it; upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences and professional development; PFE sponsoring an assembly with a speaker at the elementary; and other upcoming events. The Cognia (formerly AdvancED) visitation readiness is continuing and the team is validated. We are in the process of creating a site to share our information with the review team. This site can’t be public as it has to have a private setting “for their eyes only”.

Mr. Wemhoff: Mike Conrad reported for Mr. Wemhoff as he was supervising an activity. He was elected as Chairman for District 2 NSAA and an alternate to the Board of Directors for the NSAA District 2; working on the new conference affiliations; the baseball Co-Op with Cornerstone Christian has been approved; and called attention to upcoming events.

Superintendent Report and Legislative Summary: Dr. Johnson gave an update of the Board Goals and attending the Legislative Conference which gave some hope to continue with the elementary gym project; continuing to define the role of Resource Officer; and software for student tracking with programming for both buildings and curriculum approved by the principals. Mr. Wilson continues to work to get Google Classroom linked to Powerschool for student tracking. LB974 was the most discussed bill. It will just be a “moving of money” and no district will benefit from this. It will raise the state aid but lower valuations but the two won’t meet leaving a gap in funding. LB1023 states that a district can receive extra funding if a special education student which moves into the district after 9/21 has extraordinary expenses to meet their IEP. LB147 is still being considered

for student removal but is now leaning toward more training for teachers rather than exclusions. There are 5 bills addressing teacher relationships with students including prosecution and districts being held more accountable for teacher actions. He said other issues that will take up a lot of conversations are prisons and prison reform, DHHS's responsibility to school districts to let them know when a student is being placed in your district; and getting closer to a property tax relief bill.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an Executive Session

#### ADJOURNMENT

Vice President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.