

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2021 7:00 PM
High School Media Center

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Call to Order: Mr. Green was presiding and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There was 1 visitor and 3 administrators present.

Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws

Excused Absences: There were none.

Roll Call: Mike Bonacci-Present; Josh Christensen-Present; Mike Conrad-Present; Jon Genoways-Present; Amanda Schrum-Present; Kelli Shaner-Present

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Amanda Schrum. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Oath of Office: All members read the oath together and inserted their names where appropriate.

Board Members Make Declaration for the Record of Any Conflicts of Interest per Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Laws. Josh Christensen's family owns Abe's Trash. This claim will be voted on individually and he will abstain from the vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Moved that the board of education conduct secret ballots for the election of officers for 2021 passed with a motion by Amanda Schrum and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Election of President: Mike Bonacci nominated and Amanda Schrum seconded Mike Conrad as president. There were no further nominations. The board voted by secret ballot read by Mr. Green and Mike Conrad was elected president by a 6-0 vote. President Mike Conrad took over presiding at the meeting.

Election of Vice President: Kelli Shaner nominated and Mike Bonacci seconded Amanda Schrum as vice president. There were no further nominations. The board voted by secret ballot read by Mr. Green and Amanda Schrum was elected vice present by a 6-0 vote.

Election of Secretary: Kelli Shaner nominated and Amanda Schrum seconded Mike Bonacci as secretary. There were no further nominations. The board voted by secret ballot read by Mr. Green and Mike Bonacci was elected secretary by a 6-0 vote.

Election of Treasurer: Amanda Schrum nominated and Mike Bonacci seconded Kelli Shaner as treasurer. There were no further nominations. The board voted by secret ballot read by Mr.

Green and Kelli Shaner was elected treasurer by a 6-0 vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Participation: No one asked to address the board.

Approval of Claims: Motion to approve the Claims as presented in the amount of \$64,771.86 from the General Fund \$341,919.94 from Savings & Depreciation, \$234,750.81 from the Building Fund and \$581,036.49 from the Bond Fund passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Amanda Schrum. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. All members can vote on these claims. Mr. Green explained the expenditures in Savings & Depreciation, the Building Fund, and the Bond Fund. There was discussion about the claim for bus repairs, the bus replacement schedule and where this bus fits into that schedule. The board will decide the order in which our buses will be replaced.

Claim for Abe's Trash Service: Moved that the claim for Abe's Trash Service in the amount of \$989.28 be approved passed with a motion by Amanda Schrum and a second by Kelli Shaner. Josh Christensen: Abstain (With Conflict), Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Jon Genoways and a second by Amanda Schrum. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Committee Assignments 2021: The president named the committee members. He said the scope of the committees remained the same as they have worked well. All members worked well together on the committees. Committee on American Civics/Facilities and Grounds and Transportation: Kelli Shaner; Jon Genoways; Josh Christensen. Finance/Technology: Amanda Schrum; Mike Bonacci; Mike Conrad.

Set Regular Board Meeting Day and Time: Moved that the Regular Meetings of the Fort Calhoun Board of Education be held at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month passed with a motion by Amanda Schrum and a second by Jon Genoways. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Designate the District Official Newspaper for Publications: Moved that Washington County Pilot-Tribune & Enterprise and the Daily Record, when needed, be designated as the official newspapers for the Fort Calhoun School District passed with a motion by Amanda Schrum and a second by Kelli Shaner. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Designate District's Legal Counsel: Moved to designate the attorneys of KSB School Law of Lincoln, Nebraska as district legal counsel. The District reserves the right to use the legal counsel of Nebraska Association of School Boards, as may be needed passed with a motion by

Jon Genoways and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Board Authorization for Superintendent Actions: Moved that the Board of Education authorize and grant the superintendent or his designee, authority to represent the District in all matters relating to local, state and federal programs and funds passed with a motion by Mike Bonacci and a second by Amanda Schrum. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Appoint an Executive Secretary: Moved that Rose Tinkham be appointed as the Executive Secretary for the Fort Calhoun School District passed with a motion by Amanda Schrum and a second by Kelli Shaner. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Selection of Bank Depository for District Funds: Moved that Washington County Bank, Blair and Fort Calhoun Nebraska be designated as the depository for all School District #3 accounts for 2021 passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Amanda Schrum. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. President Conrad commented we have had a good relationship with them for years.

Enrollment Information: Preliminary numbers of current enrollment, applications and information about option enrollment were discussed. Committees will meet and information will be finalized in order for the board to discuss and vote on option capacities at the February meeting taking into account numbers in each grade to determine the number of sections necessary.

Standing Committee Reports: No committees met. Mr. Green said they would meet prior the February board meeting to consider pertinent items for board action at the next meeting.

Board Member Reports: Josh Christensen said it is a pleasure to be here and excited to serve. Jon Genoways welcomed Josh. Kelli welcomed Josh and thanked Jon Genoways for his service and work as president. Mike Bonacci welcomed Josh and thanked the people in the district for reelecting him. He also said it was nice to see kids in the building. Amanda Schrum welcomed Josh and that Jon has done an “amazing job for our kids, and thank you”. Mike Conrad said Jon did a marvelous job and has left big shoes to fill. He is eager to work with everyone in his new role, adding we have a great school board and our kids will benefit greatly.

Administrator Reports:

Mr. Wagner: He stated that its nice to get back in the building after our welcome break. His report included an update on Preschool and registrations starting on 1/25 which will be open as long as kids keep coming; remote learners returning to in-person learning; construction updates on the Twitter accounts; success of the backpack program continuing to help our community; upcoming events including being out of the office and the Spelling Bee; and the final report from Nebraska Frameworks regarding our visitation and “kudos” to all those involved in any way.

Mr. Wemhoff: Working with our instructional coach from ESU 3 on curriculum alignment especially for Science as this is the area of first realignment within the new standards. English is the next subject with the new ELA standards to work within. We will again use the John Baylor ACT test prep and our students will cover 21 of the 26 lessons within the time frame we have until our test on March 23rd. He will have two administrative students shadow him over the next few months. He also reported on fundraising efforts by FBLA and Student Council; remote learners going from 25 1st semester to only 5 second semester; Prom/Post Prom fundraisers, and I Love Public Schools Day.

Mr. Christensen: Reported on Winter activities and new guidelines which we are using to include immediate family, grandparents and limited numbers of students to activities in the new gym; continuing and upcoming sports progress and events; that our “phenomenal” Dance Team will be competing in the State competition this year; upcoming Booster Club discussions concerning concessions at home contests; our boys winning the Fort Calhoun Holiday Basketball Tournament; rescheduling contests and activities postponed due to COVID; a welcome to Josh Christensen; and a thank you to the board for their support.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Green reported 2 parties have contacted him about looking through the house for sale; Dr. Johnson continues working on the foundation; the Legislature has the first 10 days to introduce bills---there is already a long list and he will be reporting on those that affect education. Spending limits and property tax relief seem to be the biggest push possibly making it on the ballot. There is a new education chair and she is a strong supporter of education. He will be viewing the Legislative Conference with the Louisville superintendent as mentor. The schools are doing pretty good dodging outbreaks of COVID in our first days of the new semester; we are getting with 3 Rivers Health in preparation for school personnel receiving the vaccine and that “anyone who works with children in our buildings is eligible”. He still believes that being in school is the safest place for our kids. Work on the elementary gym is coming along and there could be another walk-through before the February meeting to see all the progress that has taken place. There will be committee meetings before the February meeting to discuss the new parking lot and enrollment numbers. He thanked Jon as president for his first 6 months as superintendent and appreciates his straight forwardness. He is looking forward to continue to work with the board. The report on our accreditation visitation was shared with the board and the newspaper.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44PM.