

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2021 7:00 PM
High School Media Center

ROUTINE BUSINESS

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. There were 3 administrators and 2 visitors present. Vice President Amanda Schrum presided at the meeting.
- Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: Noted
- Excused Absences: Moved that the absence of Mike Conrad be excused passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Jon Genoways. Mike Bonacci was going to be late. Josh Christensen: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea
- Roll Call: Mike Bonacci-Absent; Josh Christensen-Present; Mike Conrad-Absent; Jon Genoways-Present; Amanda Schrum-Present; Kelli Shaner-Present
- Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda be approved as presented passed with a motion by Jon Genoways and a second by Kelli Shaner. Josh Christensen: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

PRESENTATION - Technology Report, Mr. Paul Wilson

The mission of the technology program is “Through the use of technology, Fort Calhoun Community School District fortifies student learning, engagement, and critical thinking to empower lifelong learning and problem solving, and fosters creativity, collaboration, and communication beyond classrooms.” K-12 computer science development is in the works. New infrastructure includes phones which will realize the district a savings of about \$600 per month. There is a big push of hackers on educational institutions and the district is getting help from ESU3 for safety features. We have received most of next year’s equipment/devices in light of a seeming shortage reported by others. The teacher Macbooks are on a 5 year cycle and Chromebooks are being purchased for grades 4-6. Chromebook tablets are being purchased for 2nd grade to help with their curriculum as they are much easier to share with the capability to save and store students individually. They will then transition to them in 3rd Grade. These students will be 2 students to 1 device when they are all in place. Nicole Niebur is working with secondary curriculum, state/federal standards and courses that will include digital design and AP computer science as a natural progression for 2022-23. Mr. Wilson is also working on a software inventory, and the Tech Plan will be reviewed at the summer retreat to have it to begin 2021-22. There was discussion about how the technology program has grown and become better. Jon Genoways commented that with such a robust technology plan, the finance piece would have to come from somewhere else and wondered where that would be.

Mike Bonacci arrived at 7:15.

REGULAR AGENDA

- Public Participation: No one asked to address the board.
- Approval of Claims: Moved that the claims for April be approved in the amount of \$159,734.11 from the General Fund, and \$361,609.91 from Savings & Depreciation passed with a motion by

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

Moved that the claim from Abe's Trash be approved in the amount of \$1,261.53 from the General Fund passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Amanda Schrum. Josh Christensen: Abstain (With Conflict), Mike Bonacci: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

-Consent Agenda: A motion to accept the agenda passed with a motion by Mike Bonacci and a second by Kelli Shaner. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

-Standing Committee Reports

Finance: The Finance Committee discussed the wainscot and sprinkler bids for the elementary and decided to seek more bids for the sprinkler system; landscaping estimate; the Pioneer Cleaning Company bid; increasing the option bus fee; the classified salary schedule; Dance Team compensation; Mr. Wagner's deployment and forming a Technology club. There was information presented forseeing an excess 77,000+ concrete work, bike racks, benches, and to make the elementary campus "looking really good". The administration is making a plan for Mr. Wagner's deployment including payment and filling the vacated position, and discussed resignations and hirings.

American Civics: The American Civics Committee discussed wainscot and sprinkler bids and decided to seek more bids for the sprinkler system; landscaping estimate; the Pioneer Cleaning Company bid; increasing the option bus fee; the classified salary schedule; Dance Team compensation; Mr. Wagner's deployment and forming a Technology club. A plan is being created for filling Mr. Wagner's vacated position so the district is fulfilling its obligations. The board will be kept updated on this.

-Resignation: Moved that the resignation of Chuck Walker be accepted at the end of the 2020-21 contract period passed with a motion by Jon Genoways and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. He is moving to be closer to family.

-Hiring of Staff:

High School Social Studies-Moved that the board of education extend a contract of employment to Martin Plum as a high school Social Studies teacher beginning with the 2021-22 school year passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Jon Genoways. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. He is our current girls basketball coach and an outstanding individual with 23 years of teaching experience. He will also be Senior Class sponsor. He will be great for us.

Preschool Position-Moved that the board of education extend a contract of employment to Jessica Fleischman as a preschool teacher beginning with the 2021-22 contract period passed with a motion by Jon Genoways and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. She has student taught in Arlington and her references were "nothing but awesome". She will bring a lot to the class and will form a great partnership with our current teacher who is one of the best in the area to learn from.

3rd-4th Grade Special Education-Moved that the board of education extend a contract of employment to Delaney Appel as 3rd-4th Grade Special Education teacher beginning with the 2021-22 school year passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Mike Bonacci.

Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. She currently teaches in Bennington and lives in town. After this year of experience she will be right for our program and our special education team.

-Wainscot Bid for Elementary: Moved that the board of education accept the bid for wainscoting at the elementary in the amount of \$38,690.00 passed with a motion by Mike Bonacci and a second by Amanda Schrum. Jon Genoways: Nay, Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. This has been discussed in committees and is affordable with the excess funds from the project. It will finish the footprint and will really finish the look. There was discussion about already having drywall in place and brick in some areas, and Jon Genoways could not justify an expenditure of almost \$40,000 for this.

-Pioneer Cleaning Company Bid: Moved that the bid from Pioneer Cleaning LLC be approved as presented for 2021-22 and 2022-23 Passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. The bid does not reflect an increase in price, just an adjustment for additional square footage as we have gained it.

-Elementary Landscaping: Moved that the board of education go ahead with landscaping the new elementary campus for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 passed with a motion by Josh Christensen and a second by Mike Bonacci. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. David Genoways will take the lead on this project.

-Option Bus Service Fee: Move that the board of education pass a \$50.00 per year increase in the option bus fee for a total of \$350.00 per year per family passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Amanda Schrum. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. The board discussed not having looked at this since the inception of the route and felt this is not a significant increase but will help to cover operating costs as was originally planned.

Classified Staff Salary Schedule: Moved that the board of education accept the Classified Staff Salary Schedule as presented passed with a motion by Josh Christensen and a second by Amanda Schrum. Kelli Shaner: Abstain (With Conflict), Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea. Since the schedule included sub pay, Shaner abstained. Our current schedule is from 2018 and conference schools were polled to come to the suggested schedule. This updates the current one which is almost 4 years old.

-Dance Team: Moved that the board of education move compensation for Dance Team to mirror the Cheerleading compensation based on the Additional Assignment Schedule of the negotiated agreement passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Jon Genoways. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. This position and its responsibilities have grown so it is being brought up to mirror cheerleading on the Activities side of the schedule.

-Board Member Reports: Josh Christensen commented on attending the junior high track meet and it was entertaining and they won the meet. There are almost 80 kids on the team. Mike Bonacci is glad to see the numbers we have.

-Administrator Reports

Mr. Wagner: Spoke about the great job Mr. Paul High Horse and the art students have done in painting the library mural with elementary students; testing and winding down the school year; One School One Book; student health screens, and making a video of the new space. Upcoming Kindergarten Roundup, the 6th Grade Tea/Celebration and Field Day will be held but with

adapted schedules to meet guidelines and will be explained in communications sent to families. Professional Development and upcoming events were also highlighted.

Mr. Wemhoff: Spoke about hiring Mr. Plum and conducting interviews for the Science position; that prom and post prom were a great success with somewhere over 100 participants who did a great job following guidelines and the parents did an amazing job with post prom; Honors night and the Athletic Banquet will be combined this year on 4/29 and no food or refreshments will be served; 4 of our students have been selected to the Midland Leadership program which could result in scholarships of over \$100,000 each if they attend there; graduation will be in person this year but guidelines are set to be within the 75% capacity so it is not open to the public this year but it will be broadcast live through NFHS located on our website.

Mr. Christensen: His report included the high number of junior track participants and hiring an additional coach; Softball staff for next year including an All American from UNK-Katie Shupe and an All-State pitcher from Blair-Delaney Appel; combining the Athletic Banquet with the Honors Program this year; and continually updating and distributing COVID 19 plans for Spring activities.

-Superintendent Report and Legislative Update: Board Goals-Technology Mr. Wilson has been a fantastic addition; the house burn is scheduled for 5/1, the preschool is being drywalled, the sprinkler system is out on bids as are more concrete bids; and the Foundation is forming a new website for their new organization.

The legislature is moving slowly but with only 31 days left it will start to wrap up. Bills that could impact schools are LB88 student expression; LB281 dealing with control of curriculum moving to legislation rather than local boards; LB452 dealing with financial literacy believed to already being addressed through standards; LB408 a 3% cap on budgets; LB135 increases the Special Education reimbursement; and LB322, a statewide safety bill for schools. He gave a COVID update and said he has been approached about the possibility of changing our mask policy since the western part of the state is opening up but the east is still running pretty tight; having received bus bids and will have a recommendation in May; and discussed Mr. Wagner's deployment and that a solid first step will be sent to the board and then be shared with the staff. Items regarding this will be on the May board for action as to how they are proceeding. He also gave updates on the gym punch list, and preschool rooms. The Stephens house will be burned, the debris cleaned out and foundation removed in order for dirt work to be done for the parking lot. There is no time for how long it burns but the longer and more that burns, the better.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Vice president Schrum declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08PM