

Board of Education Regular Meeting
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High School Media Center

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ROUTINE BUSINESS

-Call to Order: The president opened the meeting at 7:04 PM. There were 6 administrators and 5 visitors present.

-Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted

-Excused Absences: All members present.

-Roll Call:

Mike Bonacci: Present

Josh Christensen: Present

Mike Conrad: Present

Jon Genoways: Present

Amanda Schrum: Present

Kelli Shaner: Present

-Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda we approved as presented passed with a motion by Kelli Shaner and a second by Josh Christensen. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

REGULAR AGENDA

-Public Participation: No one asked to address the board.

-Approval of Claims: Moved that the Claims for June be approved in the amount of \$131,492.45 from the General Fund and \$230,743.68 from Savings and Depreciation passed with a motion by Amanda Schrum and a second by Josh Christensen. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Moved that the Claim for Abe's Trash Service be approved in the amount of \$989.28 from the General Fund passed with a motion by Amanda Schrum and a second by Jon Genoways.

Josh Christensen: Abstain (With Conflict), Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. There was discussion about the bills from Cornhusker State Industries for elementary furnishings, ESI Communications for the new phone system and payment for our SRO. There was also discussion about how this position is working and Mr. Green said it is a "comfort having him in the District", and yes, he is well worth our investment. There was also discussion about the contract with Washington County.

-Consent Agenda: Moved that the Consent Agenda be approved 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. There was discussion about meals for 21-22 again being free, and that it applies to only the first meal with payment required for any seconds or extras. The new bus will be delivered after the new school year starts.

-Board Committee Reports:

American Civics-Josh Christensen reported on the facilities tour of the elementary, Community Building and PLC; a list of summer projects and items that need attention; discussion about revamping or redoing the elementary playground and space to the north of it; next steps for the Community Building; and a study of the PLC for the building settling and a kitchen remodel. Jon Genoways also added that there were minor things that need to be done, but the footprint

looks good. They appreciated the focused tour. COVID was a “killer” for the carpets at the elementary in classrooms where the kids ate. Surprisingly, when cleaned/shampooed there was not as much damage as first thought and may not have to replace as many carpet tiles. Finance-Amanda Schrum reported on a VIRCO purchase for lunch tables for increased enrollment at the high school; a second steamer for the elementary kitchen; picnic tables and site preparation for them at the PLC; a kitchen plan at the PLC; ice machine for the high school training room; social skills-emotional learning, computer Science Club curriculum, and Chromebooks for the elementary school; changes for Vision and the 125 Plan for employees; furniture replacement schedules; and a credit card for the Foundation to use. Jon Genoways asked if it is still the board’s intent as it was when they approved the Foundation to follow it for 3 years and after that time be separate or will the District still support it. He asked again if it was still the 3 year goal to support it or will a determination be made at that time? Which it will.

-Policy 4043 - Professional Boundaries and Appropriate Relationships Between Employees and Students: Moved that the board of education waive first reading and affirm - pass on second reading Policy 4043 - Professional Boundaries and Appropriate Relationships Between Employees and Students as reviewed and recommended 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

-Policy 5018 - Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices: Moved that the board of education waive 1st Reading and affirm - pass on second reading Policy 5018 Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices as reviewed and recommended 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

-Policy 5054 - Student Bullying: Moved that the board of education waive first reading and affirm - pass on second reading Policy 5054 - Student Bullying as reviewed and recommended 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

-6th Grade Teacher: Moved that Kayla Johaneck be offered a one-year contract for 2021-22 to fill the vacancy created in 6th Grade 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. She is now a para in Yutan and will be a great fit. She has character and a lot of energy. Her placement on the salary schedule was also discussed.

-Milk and Dairy Products Bid for 2021-22: Moved that the bid from DFA Dairy Brands/Kemps (formerly Dean Foods) be accepted for milk and dairy products for the 2021-22 school year 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. This company also provides coolers for the schools.

-Fuel Price Bid for 2021-22: Moved that the bid from Taylor Oil for vehicle fuel be accepted at 5¢ off the pump price, and diesel fuel from Calhoun Oil Company will continue to be purchased with the same discounts and procedures as in the past 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. There was discussion about the new bus using gasoline for fuel.

-VIRCO Lunch Tables for the Jr-Sr High School: Moved that the Quotation from VIRCO be accepted for four new lunch tables at the Jr-Sr High School in the amount of \$6,078.64 passed with a motion by Josh Christensen and a second by Kelli Shaner. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh

Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. These will be purchased with Food Service funds.

-Steamer for the Elementary Kitchen: Moved that the quote from Buller Fixture to purchase a steamer for the elementary kitchen be accepted in the amount of \$8,605.00 passed with a motion by Mike Bonacci and a second by Josh Christensen. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. The second steamer will benefit the program and will also be paid from Food Service funds.

-Picnic Tables, Bench and Concrete Work for Installation: Moved that the board of education approve the purchase of 2 picnic tables (one handicap accessible), a precast concrete bench and the concrete work to prepare the site in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 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. They will be placed just north of the building to make an activity area so students/staff can gather and do outside activities. The area will be graded and concrete installed. This is a capital item in the General Fund and is included in the proposed 2021-22 budget information.

-Discussion, Information and Public Input on the American Rescue Plan (ARP) aka ESSER III. This is the next round of CARES money and there are numerous assurances of what we have to do for this application. Even though we were in person all last year, we still need to formulate a COVID plan and update it every 6 months. Our attorneys recommended this item needs public input on the plan as one of the assurances and now it is a matter of record. No action needs to be taken just the discussion. The application is timely and a difficult process which comes at the same time as budget but is totally worth the effort as the COVID money is \$235,000 for this round. A minimum of 20% of these funds need to go toward curriculum recovery/back to normal classes. Some are thinking of replacing HVAC/air handling systems.

-Board Member Reports: Mike Conrad took this time to give the results of the Superintendent evaluation that had been done by the members. He put together a snapshot of all comments for the report.

Student Success—Leadership, safety, encouragement, example, communication with the board—95%. Jon Genoways commented that the one senior student who couldn't participate in graduation should have been able to "walk".

High Performance Personnel—High standards, all treated the same; refining relationships, approval from staff ---98%

Efficient resources/Safe Work---Clear communications with all including the Business Manager/NASB, tough role this year, managed the elementary project well – 98%. Jon Genoways said he has done a fabulous job of keeping the board informed and appreciated the Friday reports and giving them "heads up" on all matters.

Communication/partnerships—Weekly updates, kept all in the loop during a difficult time with a lot of challenges. Communicating with outside superintendents and getting familiar with the elementary community by being visible there. Able to take constructive criticism. 95%

Board Comments---Jon Genoways-teased now with no COVID, we will have to strive like the students. Kelli Shaner said it has been a challenging year coming into a new role and appreciate his guidance and support to staff and students throughout it.

In conclusion, Mike Conrad noted Mr. Green's dedication and is striving for the good in his work and staff and said that the overall evaluation was 95%. Mr. Green had gotten a copy of it. He thanked the board for their taking time to complete the evaluation. Mr. Green said he appreciated the input and values it. He is a "pretty straight forward" person and sometimes doesn't interpret other forms of communication. Communication is still a struggle and he is trying and continuing to learn. He appreciates the board's support in this difficult year.

-Administrator Reports

Mr. Wagner: Reported on the end of the year celebrations, Field Day and Kindergarten Round Up; summer cleaning has begun, construction is in the final stages and the parking lot is in the works but slow coming; Preschool Orientation Day, filling the 6th grade opening, upcoming professional for PBI which was suspended last year, professional development, and new teacher orientation. There are no current updates for school improvement.

Mr. Wemhoff: Reported on the ACT results for this past year with a comparison of the past several years; new teacher orientation and having 2 new ones at the high school; has spent time with each of his teachers as he signed them out for the year giving them the suggestion to be in the building periodically over the summer so they can prepare and be ready to for the new school year; and his preparations over the summer for next year.

Mr. Christensen: He reported on Tylan Connor making Class B All State for Baseball and Zach Faucher, Justin Myer and Jake Seina receiving Honorable Mention; there have been over 100 kids per day at Strength and Conditioning and up to 125 on some days; doing activity scheduling for next year having to include all activities in the District not just sports including community activities when scheduling facilities; keeping our programs and activities going within guidelines from the NSAA and Three Rivers Health; grounds will be worked on during the dead weeks; and thanked the board for their support as he is sure that we could have one of the best facilities in the state.

-Superintendent Report--Legislative Update

Mr. Green gave a progress report on the board goals. Work continues on our Technology plan; finishing the elementary project with the parking lot, landscaping and sprinkler system not on schedule as planned but keeping in communication with the companies; the Foundation is reaching out to alumni and planning an Alumni Homecoming Weekend; and appreciating his evaluation and the evaluation process. We have received numerous policies from KSB that are either annually, biannually or on a three-year rotation for review and possible revision, but not a lot of new ones to adopt. It is “so far so good” this summer with our activities in light of the pandemic and restrictions being lifted. We are open and moving forward. The elementary is being cleaned and the preschool rooms are a great new space and are being completed and set up for Preschool Orientation; communicating with the elementary parking lot company getting an updated overall schedule; and that student meal prices will remain the same. There was discussion about how the food service program is funded and if any district funds are used. The board suggested getting information out about the Before and After program, and some has already gone out with pamphlets and it is on the website. The board would like to know the dates, times and prices. It will be reposted on our Facebook page.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.