

Regular October 2021 Board Meeting
Monday, October 11, 2021 7:00 PM
High School Media Center

As advertised in the *Pilot-Tribune* and on the
school's website fortcalhounschoools.org

Mike Bonacci: Present
Josh Christensen: Present
Mike Conrad: Present
Jon Genoways: Present
Amanda Schrum: Present
Kelli Shaner: Absent

ROUTINE BUSINESS

-Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. There were 3 administrators and 4 visitors present. President Conrad made note of the Nebraska Open Meeting Laws.

-Excused Absences: Motion made by Amanda Schrum and seconded by Josh Christensen that Kelli Shaner's absence be excused. Passed Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea

-Approval of Agenda: Moved by Amanda Schrum and seconded by Josh Christensen that the agenda be approved as presented, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea

REGULAR AGENDA

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

-Approval of Claims: Moved by Jon Genoways and seconded by Mike Bonacci that the claims for October be approved in the amount of \$126,254.68 from the General Fund and \$59,112.54 from Savings and Depreciation, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea
Moved by Amanda Schrum and seconded by Jon Genoways, that the claim for Abe's Trash be approved in the amount of \$1005.62 for the month of October Passed. Josh Christensen: Abstain (With Conflict), Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea. Mr. Green explained the claims for the HVAC repair, elementary boiler agreement, and Electronic Sound for new intercoms. Jon Genoways asked to have Mechanical Sales look at and give a bid for the weight facility and Community Building.

- Consent Agenda: Moved that the Consent Agenda be approved consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Amanda Schrum and seconded by Mike Bonacci, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea. There was a question about how the elementary handles their second lunches as students are told to bring money for them other than charging to their accounts and wondered about how it is tallied. The high school tallies second meals through Powerschool so a count and

an accounting is made each day. Mr. Mallette will check into the practice and report back to the board.

-Standing Committee Reports:

American Civics: Jon Genoways reported that it was advertised and conducted as an open, legal meeting per law. Both committees are recommending because of the extra work and short staff, he being on salary and not getting overtime, and how happy everyone is with his work that Bruce Mattison be given a \$3000 bonus. Other items included the preschool, having a garage sale for items no longer in use by the schools, the Social Studies review, that the high school has been named a National Blue Ribbon School which is very cool and recommending that Mr. Green and Mr. Wemhoff attend the ceremony, having the elementary Thanksgiving Lunch but limiting it to 2 visitors per family, adjusting the procedure for visitors, upcoming Area Membership meetings, and Mr. Wemhoff doing work for vaping seniors in the building. Also discussed was revamping of the Sports Building and Community Building with some preliminary estimates and costs, and that more discussion needs to be done to put together a plan.

Finance: Amanda Schrum reported on preschool questions, expressed appreciation for Bruce Mattison's dedication and hard work, items for sale, Thanksgiving Lunch at the elementary, the last Boyd Jones payment, that she was selected as the delegate for the NASB convention; concurring for Mr. Green and Mr. Wemhoff to attend the Blue Ribbon award ceremony, and that negotiations will begin with the teachers' union.

-Board Member Reports: Take away from the Membership meeting for Christensen was awareness of teacher shortages and legal information; Bonacci in listening to other schools' plans was glad that we are "ahead of the game" and already have these plans in place; Schrum commented that the board should "keep an eye on the legislature" regarding proposed changes in school year dates, and thanked the kids/parents who put together the FCYSO nights for the younger kids.

Conrad also said the conference was good, Homecoming was good with the kids are feeling more normalcy and thanked Bruce on behalf of the board. He has formed a committee to begin the negotiations process consisting of Jon Genoways, Mike Bonacci and Amanda Schrum. With Genoways serving times before he has expertise giving everyone including new members experience with the process. He said Sparq is a good tool and Jon is "most efficient".

-Administrator Reports:

Mr. Wemhoff-Parent teacher conferences will be both in person and virtual if a parent requests; building a new schedule using Powerschool for a full build to schedule the new teachers and courses that have been added; CPI, curriculum and Marzano training for staff; having a guest speaker on bullying with a great message to bring awareness to it during Bullying Awareness Month; all students and staff spelling out UNITED on the football field on October 20th and taking a drone picture; sending "care" boxes to military personnel including those who have graduated from Fort Calhoun; and upcoming Pre-ACT tests, picture retakes and the Great Race. Mr. Mallette: Reading intervention including Title I and EIR for K-3 and starting a program for 4-6 after school; After school Science pilot through the Foundation, Career Day, Bully Prevention Month and activities, and Morning with Mom; hiring 1 full and 1 part time para but still needing 1 more; Parent Teacher Conference in person with virtual option; starting work on the new playground and having a plan in place as it will be shut down during the project;

interviewing vendors and reviewing their materials for the ELA adoption which will be narrowed down after December 10; Professional development retraining 8 staff in CPI, and instructional coaching; and upcoming events including all kids going through Fire Safety Day and the Book Fair during Library time and conferences.

Mr. Christensen: District Softball, Volleyball, Cross Country which we are hosting, and Football. Winter activities will be starting and COVID plans are being developed using guidelines from the NSAA and 3 Rivers Health. The electronic record and academic boards are being updated by Jen Gepson and she is doing a great job.

-Superintendent Report:

Board goals: The committees will continue to meet to work on them, with possibly a Board Retreat for the 5-Year plan; the elementary footprint is basically complete except for some landscaping which is our part of the project; the gym floor repair is being done and the portion not damaged can be used for class; discussion about the source for the water and the steps taken so it doesn't happen again; discussion about condensation dripping on the elementary gym floor from the air conditioning unit in the ceiling possibly from humidity; and the Technology Team will meet and have a presentation for the November meeting.

COVID Update: Visitors policy will be relaxed to allow visitors for educational presentations and school programs. This will allow for more control without having a complete shutdown.

The district numbers are low and are plateauing in Three Rivers but not as quickly as hoped.

Gym Floor: Earlier discussion included weather stripping on the doors, landscaping redone with a pathway to have water flow away from the building; and that the whole north piece of wood needs to be replaced, sanded and finished. Classes can still meet on the other side.

Garage Sale: Will be held in the bus barn in late October or Early November; lots of items to be sold which will be sorted, priced and arranged; and advertising to be done on the website.

Enrollment Numbers: Discussed the enrollment comparison sheet provided and board discussion centered around where the bulk of the new students are, the classes that have fewer this year than last, and not enough coming at this time to warrant a 3rd classroom.

NASB State Convention: All members are signed up and details will be worked out as it gets nearer.

Congressional Redistricting: With the new congressional redistricting we are in District 3 which is mostly Western Nebraska and areas surrounding Districts 1 & 2 on the east side of the state.

We will now have to connect with "things out West". Administrative changes will need to be made to paperwork for State and Federal programs.

Negotiations: We need to pick a date and let the FCEA know; must meet at least once before November 1st.

Vaping Sensors: In the process of getting information on what the conference is doing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the president declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45.