

Regular March 2022 Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2022 7:00 PM
High School Media Center

ROUTINE BUSINESS

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. There were 6 members, 4 administrators and 8 visitors present.

- Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted.

- 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: Moved that the agenda be approved as presented. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

PRESENTATIONS

Indoff Presentation: Chris Drowne spoke about upgrading the lighting in the high school gyms. The school can improve the lighting and capture savings by converting to LED either with replacing bulbs or replacing fixtures with both proposals being close in price. Either will result in yearly savings to operate, and brighter gyms. He spoke about footcandles, gym sizes, and rebates available. Depending on the option selected savings of about 60% of the initial cost would continue up to 10 years. He also spoke about warranties and maintenance costs, and working with OPPD for rebates.

BCDM Presentation: A master plan should be laid in the next months so as not to inhibit growth into the future. They explained the plan shows methods to use the existing building including layout and square footage to see what needs are now and how to plan for the future, meetings with staff to determine current needs, having one comprehensive plan, meeting with all involved including the community to come up with a list of needs and wants, and find out if the plan would all fit on what we already have. There should be focus on the future taking into account the elementary already has infrastructure in place for additional classrooms because of the overall plan previously made for that project. Similar projects have been done in area schools to be able to “tick the projects off” as the need arises. When discussing prices it is a “no lump sum, not to go over”. This is a board goal and the board needs to stay ahead of it but was shocked at the price.

The outcome and the amount of indepth work were not expected. Genoways said the most we can grow is by the number of kids and with elementary constraints this would make us have to build another school. What will our population have to look like in order to build a middle school. Discussion continued about the makeup and age groups of a middle school and that research would have to be done, and if our elementary constraints do not warrant one. The timeline is about a 2 month process after approval and it will also cover operation costs, and space and area sharing to minimize these costs.

REGULAR AGENDA

- Public Participation: No one asked to address the board.
- Approval of Claims: Moved that the claims for March be approved in the amount of \$99,384.59 from the General Fund and \$8,341.31 from Savings and Depreciation. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. There was discussion about Access Technology and the electrical work being done in the pressbox and wrestling building.
Moved that the claim from Abe's Trash Service be approved in the amount of \$1,538.21. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Genoways, Passed.
Josh Christensen: Abstain (With Conflict), Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea.
- Consent Agenda: Moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea
- Standing Committee Reports: No committees met.
- Extending Contracts to New Staff for 2022-23
 - Assistant Principal/AD: Moved that the board of education extend a contract to James Schleifer as Assistant Principal/AD to begin July 1, 2022. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. He was the top across the board of the candidates.
 - Secondary English Position: Moved that the board of education extend a contract of employment to Sawyer Sterud for the secondary English position beginning for the 2022-23 school year. This motion, made by Shaner and seconded by Schrum, Passed.
Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. He will also teach Geography and was recommended by his principal at another school.
 - 1st Grade Position: Moved that Ronny Zeringue be offered a contract for 1st Grade beginning with the 2022-23 school year. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. With some movement in positions at the elementary this class became available and she was one of those interviewed previously. She will be a great fit.
- Move Forward with the High School Campus Planning Process: Moved that the Board of Education authorize the administration to move forward to engage BCDM to assist

with the high school site master plan. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Bonacci, Passed. Josh Christensen: Nay, Amanda Schrum: Nay, Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. There was discussion about the cost, having the funds available, having a master plan before proceeding with the stadium or anything else, and that it encompasses all items in the process to meet the board goal of a 5-10 year District-wide facility plan. Other items discussed were what would happen to ancillary planning not knowing if the current footprint would support the plan, acquiring land, the need for building considering anticipated growth, not needing this big of a plan now, and the possibility of having to have bonds which would mean more resident as opposed to option enrollment. Conrad said the board needs to have a plan in place for future boards to have a guide through the insight of the current board and that they would have to pay one time or another.

-Board Member Reports: Christensen congratulated the boys basketball saying it was fun to watch them play hard the whole time. Genoways asked if the Finance Committee met for salaries since there are comparisons and numbers to discuss. Schrum commented she was impressed with all who were in Lincoln and they represented Fort Calhoun very well. Conrad said the showing in Lincoln was a credit to our community and that the team will be invited to the next meeting to present their trophy.

- Administrator Reports:

Mr. Wemhoff—Having hired for the English/Social Studies Position; Prom at Creighton and Post Prom at the Mark then back to the high school; Parent-Teacher Conference attendance at 53% being up from last Spring; upcoming ACT, PreACT, and other testing and the schedule for the day; Midland University Outstanding Leadership awards; and the NCC Honor Band participants.

Mr. Christensen—Reported on Winter Athletics including All Conference teams, All Tournament players for basketball, and wins in Wrestling; baseball, golf and track starting with Junior High Track having 70-80 go out; thanked Mr. Prauner and parents for working on the city ball field and getting it ready; a thank you to everyone involved in making the Community Building into our new baseall/softball/golf complex being used by both school and youth teams; and saying with the renovation of the weight room it is truly one of the best in the state and C-1. The golf team is using the facility starting slow and getting introduced to the new equipment. Coaches are in the process of getting River Wilds on the simulator.

Mr. Mallette: The Talent Show was “awesome” at the new gym with great parent support and 70 different kids in acts—he thanked Mrs. Benoit for her great job along with the Student Council; had a 98% turnout at Parent-Teacher Conferences; and Mr. Wagner “zooming” in to read to students for “Read Across America”; upcoming events are Preschool screening, Donuts with Dad, health screens with Mrs. Ruma and Creighton nurses, Kindergarten Roundup, and the Malcolm Band Contest; finalizing the ELA adoption with “Wonders/Tears”; new hires and Summer School. The CARE packages to local service people resulted in Morgan Miller in Qatar flying a flag in honor of the Student Council and Fort Calhoun Elementary.

- Superintendent Report and Legislative Report: Mr. Green reported on the goals saying Mr. Wilson will give an update on technology in April and that he is in the process of updating inventory. He said we could have 2 Computer Science college courses next year. COVID numbers remain low; there was a Wrestling building update; the person

hired for Assistant Principal/AD; interviewing for a new Food Service Director and an update on the new bus. There are not a lot of high impact education bills right now in the Unicameral and there is a push to get the State's COVID money spent. One education bill that is being discussed focuses on academic transparency which most schools already do. When asked about making up days for those taken for State Basketball, Mr. Green said we are "within our days of what we built into the calendar" and have used four.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting closed at 8:17PM.