

Regular April 2022 Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2022 7:00 PM

High School Media Center

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Call to Order: The president called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 8 visitors present.

Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted.

Excused Absences: Motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Shaner to excuse Jon Genoways, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Absent, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Roll Call: Mike Bonacci, Present; Josh Christensen, Present; Mike Conrad, Present; Jon Genoways, Absent; 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 Shaner, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Absent, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

PRESENTATIONS

2021-22 Boys Basketball Presentation: Mr. O'Connor and players were present and he said "programs win games, communities win championships" and thanked the board, administration and the community for the way the whole community rallied around the team and had a piece of the successes. He thanked the players for their time, effort and commitment and becoming better leaders in the process. Highlights and records of the season were read and the players spoke and also thanked everyone for their support. Board comments included being proud of them and they should be too, breaking the 99 year record of not going to state, that the town is very proud of them, appreciates all they have done for the youth program, wishing the seniors luck in the future, and that it was great to have beaten Wahoo. The trophies were presented to the board and photos were taken.

Tech Update Presentation - Paul Wilson: In the 3rd year of the program there is a tech team and mission statement were established. Now in year 4 the team continues to expand on the program to include critical thinking in the classroom. The infrastructure is now in place and there is another round of E-rate monies to upgrade the elementary access points and switches, upgrade the band width and speed for the increasing enrollment and use, and to upgrade the content filter. There is also EFC money available so we are now able to buy devices rather than rent and are ahead of the supply. There is

one more round of this money and we are looking to expand the number of devices in the elementary school. Another area being studied is to consolidate all software we are using in the buildings so all staff will have access and at one central point. Training on this is also in the plan. The other piece being put into place is to add more computer science classes and align instruction for students as they come from the elementary to the high school. With additional training and professional development for teachers/staff Fort Calhoun would be designated as a “common sense school district”, for online responsibility that includes benefits and parent opportunities. There was discussion about Canvas and that it was now being used in grades 7-12, but are working on what comes next.

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 \$125,638.33 from the General Fund, and \$101,996.31 from Savings & Depreciation. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Shaner, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Absent, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Moved that the claim for Abe’s Trash for April be approved in the amount of \$1,515.48 be approved. This motion, made by Shaner and seconded by Bonacci, Passed.

Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Abstain, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Absent, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

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

Standing Committee Reports

Finance: Amanda Schrum reported they discussed salaries for the AP/AD, Business Director and Classified staff schedules; project costs for the sports building, wrestling room and fitness room; the Technology cooperative loss program and using it to address the costs of damaged devices; and professional engineering services to analyze efficiency of our building systems as funding is available through the Nebraska Energy Office.

American Civics/FGT: Meeting with BCDM to put together a framework for the goal of a facility plan possibly including a Middle School; approving signage for district buildings; the need for a policy to follow for school closings and that no action was needed at this time; the Tech cooperative loss program which resulted in differing opinions; changing admission prices for Conference events; and a tour of the weight and wrestling rooms. Discussion followed about the technology loss program and assessing a charge to cover costs of damage and replacement by students with parents signing off on the program. 70-80% of the schools contacted use some type of program. Several choices could be given to families including opting out in which case they would be responsible for replacement. Mr. Wilson is now spending a lot of time doing repairs “in

house”, and suggests a “bucket” to help cover the costs. Several other ideas were discussed including sliding scales, again an opt out clause, being like a self-insurance program, and holding the families accountable. President Conrad suggested this going back to the committees. Mr. Green suggested building a policy, bring it to the committees and then to the board for a vote.

Board Member Reports: Mike Bonacci commented on the nice weather for the recent track meet. Kelli Shaner thanked everyone for the great Prom and Post Prom. Amanda Schrum is excited for the elementary getting back to normal with things like field day and thanked the administration for what they have done and are doing. Mike Conrad said graduation is May 7th and invited all the board to come as it is nice to see. He added that 7 people have filed for the board seats so there will be a primary with six of the seven advancing to the general election in November. He wished them all good luck.

Administrator Reports

Mr. Wemhoff: Thanked all who were involved in Prom and Post Prom for all their efforts to make it great; Honors Night/Athletic Banquet will be combined again and there has been good feedback on it; upcoming testing for grades 7 & 8; the last day for seniors and graduation with no restrictions this year; and working on a new class schedule for the Jr-Sr High starting next year. The schedule is being built in Powerschool and is being tested to make sure it will work well. This will result in a different look with only 7 periods, the same start and end times, and hours. It will also help with teacher schedules.

Mr. Mallette: Gave an update on Donuts with Dad, preschool screening and the health screens the were a success thanks to Sara Ruma and the Creighton nursing team; upcoming events included Kindergarten Roundup, the Spring concert, field trips, upcoming testing, Field Day and the Elementary Band Concert. The ELA adoption is complete with materials being aligned with standards and ELA strategies and skills; and working on a new master schedule for the elementary which is in the early stages.

Mr. Christensen was supervising an activity and his report was noted.

Superintendent Report and Legislative Update: Mr. Green reported on the board goals and their progress including a visit to DC West to see how they have done their middle school, and what Mr. Wilson has done with our technology and that we’re at a better place because of it. COVID numbers remain low; an update on the PLC kitchen; and upcoming graduation with no restrictions. The Legislature is working on bills that would update language in the Social Studies. The student loan forgiveness program is also still part of this bill.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.