

Regular May 2022 Meeting  
Monday, May 9, 2022 7:00 PM  
High School Media Center

## ROUTINE BUSINESS

-Call to Order: The president called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. There were 4 administrators and 6 visitors present.

-Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted

-Excused Absences: Moved that the absence of Josh Christensen be excused. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Shaner, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon

Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

-Roll Call: Mike Bonacci-Present, Josh Christensen-Absent, 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 Shaner, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon

Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

## 2. PRESENTATION-ELA and Science Curriculum-Sara Gross and TJ O'Connor:

Mrs. Gross reported on the changes to better align grammar and have more continuity within the curriculum. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will remain the same, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades will be the focus with 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> not being impacted much. Courses will change at the semesters with offerings scheduled so consistent instruction will flow right into English 11. The committee has been working on curriculum guides to show unit measures and standards which will streamline what can be done as a department including a consistent flow of instruction, better grammar instruction while still using instructional practices as needed. They have been working with ESU3 personnel and the process is already being done to an extent. One other suggestion was to incorporate more non fiction selections in their curriculum. There were questions about seniors who finish midterm and it was explained that 4 years of English is required so they would have to double up to meet the requirement. Mr. Wemhoff said these changes were made available because of the work to build the schedule through ESU that has been taking place and it will provide necessary instruction to make the students better prepared for the ACT tests.

Mr. O'Connor said he has experience in all ranges of science classes. To better the order of operation and consistency, Physical Science will now be a 10<sup>th</sup> grade class because of the higher math needed and its being closer to the next step which is Physics. It also fits better for the juniors' preparation for the ACT. Biology will now be a 9<sup>th</sup> grade class. We have been focusing on ways to get kids to take higher "college ready" science classes. 30 credits in science is required with Chemistry being before Physics. Courses have been added to interest kids in science. All classes are year long and curriculum guides have been made with google access to a baseline of what has been done and includes guidelines to incorporate additional information as there are not many textbooks. They do include links to resources to use in the classes, and the counselors can also use them when scheduling classes. There will be one for each science we offer. The goals are the proper levels at the right time, the necessary math needed for certain courses, flow from one class to the next and not covering subjects more than once or leaving gaps where something hasn't been covered. These will always change to gear to students and standards. Other goals are better ACT scores, and increased enrollment numbers in the higher

level courses. Mr. Wemhoff said the ESU rep was here 6 times over the course of this year to facilitate and we as a staff have gone over all of it to make sure we are giving all the instruction needed to cover all areas. A lot of time on the part of the teachers went into this and they did a great job.

## REGULAR AGENDA

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

-Approval of May Claims: Moved that the claims for May be approved in the amount of \$343,661.35 from the General Fund and \$3,941.00 from Savings and Depreciation. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Bonacci, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

Moved that the claim from Abe's Trash Service be approved in the amount of \$1,515.48. This motion, made by Bonacci and seconded by Shaner, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. There was a question about the lease debt service for the elementary gym project and this is the last one of this fiscal year.

-Consent Agenda: Moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. This motion, made by Shaner and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. The Transportation Reports are now up-to-date.

-Standing Committee Reports: No committees met

-Resignations:

- Moved that the resignation of Nicole Niebur be accepted effective at the end of the current contract period. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Shaner, Passed.

Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. We still will offer a college-level computer course but not for college credit.

- Moved that the resignation of Kim Pace be accepted effective at the end of the current contract period. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Bonacci, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. She is moving to be closer to her family.

- Moved that the resignation of Katie Borst be accepted effective at the end of the current contract period. This motion, made by Bonacci and seconded by Shaner, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. She is moving to support her husband in his new position. There was discussion about accepting resignations after the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline and the consequences if a replacement can not be found. Comments included were that most are moving or that if they want to leave and can't, should we keep them.

-Hiring of Business Manager: Moved that David Relihan be employed as Business Manager. This motion, made by Shaner and seconded by Schrum, Passed.

Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. Shaner was on the interview team and said there were 3 good candidates. Mr. Relihan has a finance background, is willing to learn and made a presence in the room. He is a great fit for what we are looking for. There were 6 on the panel and all felt the same. He will start in August because of prior commitments.

-Hiring of Computer Science Teacher: Moved that Bo Hansen be extended a contract as a Computer Science teacher to begin with the 2022-23 school year. This motion, made by Shaner

and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Mike Conrad: Yea, Jon Genoways: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. He is a great fit and has enrolled to earn his teaching credentials. They will be provisional at first but he will finish with a Technology degree with a BMIP focus. There was discussion about his placement on the salary schedule and the number of steps one can move at a time.

-Board Retreat: The regular meeting is scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Green suggested using this day for the retreat also. Starting in the afternoon would give enough time for all discussions with committees meeting before for discussions and then progress to the monthly meeting. Members agreed and Mr. Green will finalize the details and get them out.

-Board Member Reports: Jon Genoways complimented the Foundation on their well done and highly attended functions. Mike Bonacci commented on junior high track and thanked everyone for a great year culminating in our “payday” being graduation on Saturday. Kelli Shaner said graduation was great and it was nice to hand her son his diploma. She also thanked the staff for their work in making the campus look great. Amanda Schrum also said the Foundation functions were fun and amazing, and as a parent and board member thanked Mr. Mallette for all he has done this year. Commenting on the school year, she said she is glad we are “getting back to normal”. Mike Conrad commented on graduation, that it was well attended and you could feel the happiness and energy in the room. He thanked Mr. Mallette and Mr. Christensen for their service to the District.

-Administrator Reports: Mr. Wemhoff said graduation is one of the funnest days of his year and thanked all who helped; commented on hiring and interviewing for the open positions and the competition there is now for good teachers; Honors Night and the Jr High Awards Day were successes; our Spring testing is complete and all went well; thanked the PFE and families/parents for making staff appreciation week so special in the school and thanked the staff who work so hard to make a difference for our kids at the “Fort”; he concluded by speaking about the last day of school.

Mr. Christensen: Junior high track is doing a great job and that multiple students have qualified for State; District Track will be held in Wahoo and will be tough, and District Baseball was held; Owen Newbold placed 7<sup>th</sup> at District Golf; it will be a busy summer with activities and he is working on the schedules; and thanked our coaches for all they do to make us successful.

Mr. Mallette: Spoke about recent events for students and that he’s received many comments on our well-behaved students; the HAL event showcasing Rube Goldberg machines; finishing testing; upcoming events; new ELA program for preschool; thanked the teachers for their hard work with so many unknowns during the leadership change; and thanked the board and Mr. Green for the opportunity and guidance this past year.

-Superintendent Report and Legislative Update: Gave an update on board goals and an upcoming meeting with BCDM to continue the process; COVID numbers remain low; the contractor for the PLC kitchen has backed out so he is working on getting a new one; all involved in graduation did a good job; and working on the board retreat. The Legislature has adjourned and policy updates will be coming from KSB. There are not a lot of changes but there will be some including new state standards and graduation requirements which were not favored by schools and NASB because this is loss of local control.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59PM.