

Regular May 2023 Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 7:00 PM

as advertised at fortcalhounschoools.org and in the

High School Media Center

Pilot-Tribune/Enterprise

ROUTINE BUSINESS

-Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7PM. There were 6 visitors and 3 administrators present.

-Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted.

-Excused Absences: Moved that the absence of Kelli Shaner be excused. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Bonacci, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Absent, Ted Welchert: Yea

-Roll Call: Mike Bonacci-Present; Josh Christensen-Present, Cassie Kelly-Present; Amanda Schrum-Present; Kelli Shaner-Absent Excused; Ted Welchert-Present

-Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

PRESENTATION

Charlee Potadle gave a presentation that she and Karli Johnson gave at the NETA conference where the 8th grade students worked across the curriculum. Students read a book, researched the history, and shared projects regarding the Holocaust. These cross curricular projects covered at least 2 of the content areas that are assessed. Each team picked an artifact from the “worlds”, recorded podcasts and made digital museums using 4 areas that explained their project including a podcast of WWII and a travel brochure from the novel, interviews of the book’s characters, selecting a symbolic artifact, and designing the “museum”. They learned lessons and concepts in creating the projects. This helped both teachers to “see” the students and there was “awesome” understanding combining the critical thinking and collaboration. This curriculum was shared with other teachers to take home. Mr. Green said our teachers are “doing so much really cool stuff in the classroom” and it is great to share across the state to show what Fort Calhoun Schools are doing.

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 \$126,966.45 from the General Fund and \$55,527.26 from Savings and Depreciation. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Bonacci, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Mr. Green explained the claims for the Activity Fund, OPPD, Ray Martin for HVAC projects, and additional materials for the Digital Art classes.

-Approval of Claim for Abe's Trash Service: Moved that the claim from Abe's Trash Service be approved in the amount of \$1,565.45. This motion, made by Bonacci and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Josh Christensen: Abstain, Mike Bonacci: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

-Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda was approved as presented. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

-Standing Committee Reports: The Finance Committee did not meet.

American Civics: The committee met and discussed policies to be changed, deleted or reaffirmed; received information about the new hires; plans regarding the storage building in conjunction with the Track/Field project; what to do with the old football scoreboard and placement of the new one; placement of the elementary marquee; working on the Wrestling Building to design space for Girls Wrestling; using and possibly selling sod when removed from the football field; and resolving the lighting issue on the walkways to the Wrestling Building.

-Policies 2008-Meetings, 2009 Public Participation at Board Meetings, 2009R Public Participation Regulations, 2011 Membership in Organizations and 2012 Board Code of Ethics: Moved that the board of education waive first reading and pass and affirm on second reading policies: 2008-Meetings; 2009-Participation at Board Meetings; 2009R-Deleted, included in 2009; 2011-Deleted, no longer necessary; and 2012-Board Code of Ethics; as reviewed and revised. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Mr. Green explained the changes and those to be deleted. This is in line with the ongoing process to review and clean up our policies.

-Offering Contracts

- Elementary Music: Moved that the board of education extend a contract of employment to Grace Roby for the elementary music position beginning with the 2023-24 school year. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Mr. Wagner gave background information and stated she will be a good addition to our school. There was discussion about if she has an instrumental background.

- Kindergarten: Moved that the board of education offer a contract of employment to Mallorie Neubaum as the Kindergarten teacher beginning with the 2023-24 school year. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Mr. Wagner said she will be graduating from UNO and will fit with our current teachers. We are fortunate as she will fit the direction we want to go.

-Board Retreat-Discussion: Amanda Schrum reported this will be July 10, 2023 prior to the Regular Board meeting. Marcia Herring from NASB will give a presentation on goal building. The agenda is being set with the retreat starting at 1:00PM, providing snacks and dinner prior to the Regular meeting.

-Board Member Reports: Mike Bonacci noted the quiet building with most activities wrapped up for the year, said he was proud of the schools and thanked everyone for the great year. Josh Christensen said all involved did a fantastic job at graduation. Amanda Schrum said that graduation was a lot of fun and is proud of our kids and all their accolades. She noted the upcoming Staff Appreciation week and that she is looking forward to Summer.

-Administrator Reports:

- Mr. Wemhoff reported on the successful graduation, Honors Night and the upcoming Junior High Awards assembly. State testing is complete, it went well, our ACT scores are up, and he is proud of our kids. The NSCAS results will be reviewed and discussed to be presented at the retreat. He thanked the PFE for all their recognition and support they give staff during Staff Appreciation Week and throughout the year.

- Mr. Wagner reported on events around the building; the PFE helping to support purchasing a canopy for the Preschool playground; current positions still open and those offered; professional development for the new Math adoption; upcoming celebration days including Kindergarten, Preschool and 6th Grade; thank you's to the two retiring staff-Mary Carlson and Dave Neumann; upcoming events; and parent surveys completed in conjunction with Nebraska Frameworks to be compiled and analyzed for our next external visit for school improvement.

- Mr. Schleifer was supervising an activity and his report was included in the agenda.

-Superintendent Report and Legislative Update: Mr. Green reported on continuing the board goals. The board will continue to develop technology, and updates on the Track/Field project include using the existing storage building, the old scoreboard having no value but maybe using the posts in another area; adding additional lighting which will require a change order; shutting down the south parking lot, field and track on May 18th until the end of the project; needs for summer projects including landscaping after going through the buildings and grounds; great job for graduation including changes in the ceremony including use of the new video board; end of the year for students and staff; and the upcoming board retreat.

He will be attending a legislative update with ESU superintendents to go over the proposed legislation that will affect schools including LB705 which will increase SPED reimbursements but now has 19 amendments that could or could not affect schools. Some of which are requiring FAFSA for all seniors, changing the number of classes for part time students to participate in extracurricular activities which would also impact the NSAA; allowing use of the school buildings by youth organizations unless it would disrupt instructional time; option regulations regarding special education; restricting grades that would be allowed for suspensions; behavior intervention training; and grooming and dress to name a few. The overall would be good for schools. There is a short time left in the session and they are yet to discuss the state budget.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Schrum declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46PM.