

Regular June 2023 Meeting
Monday, June 12, 2023 7:00 PM
High School Media Center

as advertised in the *Pilot-Tribune/Enterprise* and on
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HEARING ON PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY 5018

- Hearing Called to Order-Note Open Meetings Laws: The hearing was called to order at 7:00 PM. There were 4 administrators and 5 visitors present.
- Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted.
- Roll Call: Mike Bonacci-Present; Josh Christensen-Present; Cassie Kelly-Present; Amanda Schrum-Present; Kelli Shaner-Present; Ted Welchert-Present.
- Excused Absences: There were none.
- Approval of Agenda: Moved that the Hearing Agenda be approved as presented. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Shaner, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea
- Review of Policy 5018: Mr. Green explained this policy is yearly mandated and has been for quite a few years. The review and reaffirm must be completed by July 1st each year. The Americanism Committee met and reviewed it. There are no changes from last year and the committee is recommending it to be passed.
- Board of Education Comments: There were none.
- Public Comments: There were none.
- Adjournment of Hearing: Being no further questions or comments the president declared the hearing adjourned at 7:01 PM.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the board of education was called to order at 7:02 PM. There were 4 administrators and 5 visitors present.
- Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted.
- Roll Call: Mike Bonacci-Present; Josh Christensen-Present; Cassie Kelly-Present; Amanda Schrum-Present; Kelli Shaner-Present; Ted Welchert-Present.
- Excused Absences: There were none.
- Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda be 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, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

REGULAR AGENDA

- Public Participation: The board received no public comments.
- Approval of Claims: Moved that the claims for June be approved in the amount of \$338,302.41 from the General Fund, \$151,446.76 from Savings and Depreciation and \$3,458.36 from the QCP Bond Fund. This motion, made by Shaner and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Mr. Green explained the claims from ESU#3 for special education, and

the lease purchase on the elementary gym which has 3 years left on it after December. He also explained the Depreciation claims for office equipment, additional security cameras and the track/field project.

- Claim for Abes Trash: Moved that the claim for 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, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

- Consent Agenda: Moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Shaner, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. There was no discussion.

- Board Committee Reports: •Finance-Josh Christensen reported on discussions regarding changing from a stipend to a percent of the base for ELL staff and it was decided to leave the compensation a dollar amount and suggested increasing the amount by \$500; because several staff are capped on the schedule, it was recommended to adjust several areas on the Classified Staff Salary; recommending a stipend for Dr. Wemhoff for his accomplishing his doctorate as has been done in the past for other administrators; an update on the Track and Field project; the need for a full time Behavior Interventionist and how this will affect the HAL program; and a new hire for the 5th Grade position.

•American Civics-Kelli Shaner reported they discussed the track project, the Behavior Interventionist position, new hires, the request for a change in the ELL compensation, the Classified Staff salary schedule, and Dr. Wemhoff's stipend. A change in the calendar to follow past practice for graduation was recommended. In addition several policies were discussed and being recommended for approval with no changes except for an updated website on the Wellness policy. They discussed upcoming changes in policies necessitated by the legislature and will be getting information from KSB to make these necessary changes. The option policy will change and possibly others, all of which will be presented at the next meeting.

- Policies 4043-Professional Boundaries and Appropriate Relationships Between Employees and Students; 5018-Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices; 5028-Initiations and Hazing; 5052-Student Wellness; 5054-Student Bullying; 5057-District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy; and 5057R-Parental Involvement Guidelines and Activities. Move that the board of education waive first reading and pass/reaffirm on second reading Policies 4043-Professional Boundaries and Appropriate Relationships Between Employees and Students; 5018-Parent and Guardian Involvement in Education Practices; 5028-Initiations and Hazing; 5052-Student Wellness; 5054-Student Bullying; 5057-District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy; and 5057R-Parental Involvement Guidelines and Activities as discussed and presented. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Several of the policies require a mandatory annual review, others tie directly into them, and the others are part of the committee's work to keep all policies updated. Mr. Green stated that the only change was to update the website listed within 5052-Student Wellness. He also explained that an assessment team has been compiled and met to review this policy in order to make sure the schools are following it. We are working on some improvements with remedies that will be implemented and submitted to NDE for the schools to be in compliance for the District's 3-Year Assessment of all aspects of wellness in the schools, focusing on healthy eating and living.

- Superintendent Contract: Moved that the contract for Superintendent Jerry Green be approved as presented for 2023-24. This motion, made by Bonacci and seconded by Shaner, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. The amounts have already been approved. This document has no changes from before but needs to be signed.
 - Administrators' Contracts. Moved that the administrator contracts for Dr. Nick Wemhoff, Mr. Drew Wagner and Mr. Jamie Schleifer be approved as presented for 2023-24. This motion, made by Shaner and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. They contain the same raises as approved and there are no changes.
 - Stipend for Dr. Wemhoff: Moved that the board of education approve a stipend of \$3,000 for Dr. Nick Wemhoff in recognition of his attaining his Doctorate Degree. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Bonacci, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. This has been a practice of the board to award administrators for their continued education. The board members offered congratulations and acknowledged his leadership in showing our students where education can take them. Mark Welsher added all the congratulations are well deserved.
 - Classified Salary Schedule: Moved that the board of education approve the Classified Salary Schedule as presented. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. There are 3 employees that are or will be topped out in their pay and this will increase the caps on these positions and put the board in a good position for the next few years.
 - Hiring of Staff: Moved that the board of education extend a contract of employment to Maggie Schmidt as a 5th grade teacher starting with the 2023-24 school year. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Bonacci, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Mr. Wagner said we are fortunate to get her as she was very particular where she wanted to teach. She will be really good and have a good mentor in the building. She's already been in. Mr. Schleifer said she will also be a JV girls basketball coach.
 - Amend the 2023-24 Calendar: Moved that the 2023-24 calendar be amended as presented to change the date for commencement to align with prior years' calendars. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. The principals noted the incorrect date while doing scheduling. Mr. Green said next year's calendar (2024-25), will roll back.
 - Board Member Reports: Mike Bonacci offered congratulations again to Dr. Wemhoff and said the project is looking good: Amanda Schrum reported that the July retreat will start at 1:00 PM with a speaker from NASB about boardmanship. The board will also be working on goals. Mr. Green will have an agenda prior to the meeting date.
 - Administrator Reports: Mr. Wemhoff reported on ACT results and that the scores are back up to where they were in 2019; upcoming new teacher training for the high school staff; and that our custodial staff has been working hard to get maintenance requests complete—Mr. Mattison and crew are doing a good job. His Summer work includes handbooks, new student registration and ordering for 23-24.
- Mr. Wagner reported about completing staff check out surveys, report cards, summer cleaning

and that the new custodian is doing a really good job and gets along well. There has been a good turnout for summer school, the 6th grade position is still open, new Math materials are in and teachers have received the manuals for the summer, and July 1st is the preschool waiting list notification day. He and Mr. Green will review the parent surveys received in connection with the school improvement plan to compile the results.

Mr. Schleifer reported on Girls Wrestling, having hired a head coach and there will be 10 or so that have expressed interest. Lots of activities with strength and conditioning, camps and skills and the coaches are doing a really good job with all of this. He is finalizing next year's schedule to be released July 1st including backup places if the football field isn't ready in time. He also reported on gym floors, the digital scoreboard, getting HUDL up and running for 2023-24, a new scoreboard for the softball field donated by Zig Drywall and having an alum as our photographer for sports photos.

- Superintendent Report--Legislative Update: Mr. Green reported this will be the 3rd year of our technology goal, an update on the track and field project explaining not all the prep work for soil stability with fly ash will be necessary, going over the changes including additional lighting around the wrestling building, and keeping the old shed to just add on to it. The COVID committee met as is required to receive ESSR money and the plan will remain the same.

New legislation includes LB243 affecting school finance and NDE is studying it trying to find out exactly how it works. It does include a 3% "soft cap" which could be overridden. LB583 increases the percentage of SPED money received, but our equalization aid will now go away. LB753 is being challenged and might get put on the ballot for public approval as it will use public school funds for private/parochial schools. In meeting with the attorneys, there are about 20 policies that need to be changed/amended; some minor, some major. One major one is option enrollment and how it affects schools, the NSAA and part time students. The NCSA reported 29 mandates applied to schools and the NDE by the new legislation, some of which are unfunded. He will review them and have an update at the July meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.