

Hearing on Student Fees Policy and Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, July 10, 2023 7:00 PM  
High School Media Center  
as advertised in the Pilot-Tribune and on [fortcalhounschoools.org](http://fortcalhounschoools.org)

#### HEARING ON STUDENT FEES POLICY 5045

- Hearing Called to Order: The hearing was called to order at 7:00 PM. There were 4 visitors and 4 administrators present. President Schrum noted the Open Meeting Laws.
- Roll Call: Bonacci-Present; Christensen-Present; Kelly-Present; Schrum-Present; Shaner-Present; Welchert-Present
- Review of Policy 5045 Student Fees: Mr. Green explained the policy is mandatory. Changes include meal prices, dual enrollment fees as tuition can be charged for classes taken outside the Metro ones or online, cheer and dance are now separate, and removed the Before and After fees as it is now totally through the Foundation.
- Board of Education Comments: There were none.
- Public Comments: There were none
- Adjournment of Student Fees Hearing: The hearing was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

#### REGULAR BOARD MEETING ROUTINE BUSINESS

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. There were 4 visitors and 4 administrators present.
- Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws:
- Excused Absences: There were none.
- Roll Call: Bonacci-Present; Christensen-Present; Kelly-Present; Schrum-Present; Shaner-Present; Welchert-Present
- Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda be approved as presented. 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

#### REGULAR AGENDA

- Public Participation: The board received no public comments.
- Approval of Claims: Moved that the Claims for July be approved in the amount of \$114,152.17 from the General Fund, \$141,195.26 from the Building Fund, \$80,185.20 from the Bond Fund, and \$26,350.00 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, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Comments included ESU #3 tuition and vision contract, special education transportation, and towing for buses in the General Fund. The Building Fund expenditures result from the portion of the track project that is new and can not be paid from Savings & Depreciation. Wrestling room wall pads and a partial Nemaha Construction claim were also noted.
- Claim from Abe's Trash Company: Moved that the Claim from Abe's Trash Service be approved in the amount of \$1,565.45. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Bonacci,

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 Shaner and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. The transportation report contains all fuel purchased to date. The foodservice payroll including wages and benefits is reimbursed to the General Fund each month.

-Standing Committee Reports: Finance-Josh Christensen reported on discussing and recommending making an office/storage area in the wrestling room; track and field updates; establishing a “point of contact” person from ESU #3 to continue to deliver high level activities for our HAL program; discussing and recommending lunch price increases; putting window shades at the elementary on hold; and the new state aid information which has a minimal increase. American Civics-Kelli Shaner reported that as a result of legislative changes and recommendations from our attorneys they reviewed 20 policies and are recommending they be approved; they also discussed an office/storage area in the Wrestling Building, got a track/field update, facilitating ESU#3 to work with students to keep our HAL program alive; and lunch prices which are all being recommended; window shades for the elementary will be discussed at a later date, and seeing the state aid information for 2023-24.

- Lunch Prices for 2023-24: Moved that paid lunch prices be set at \$2.75 K-6, \$3.10 7-12, and \$4.75 adult as presented for 2023-24. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. The Finance Committee discussed this considering the recommendation from the director but came to a compromise which was not as high to help parents with the cost of meals. They also discussed the Food Service budget being “cash in-cash-out”, the federal and state reimbursements the district receives for each meal served, and not being able to carry a balance over a “not to exceed” figure. Because of so many questions and with the recommended prices, the program will be monitored over the next year getting more information to move forward. It can not take a loss for 3 or 4 more years. It was noted that Fort Calhoun’s prices were the 2nd lowest in an array of schools in our area. The adult price was decided upon to comply with regulations saying it must be higher than the free reimbursement rate and value of commodities received. This price last year was lower than this.

- Review and Reaffirm Policy 5045-Student Fees: Moved that the board of education waive first reading and pass on second reading Policy 5045 Student Fees as reviewed and recommended. 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. The only changes were discussed in the hearing.

-Policy 6038 - Artificial Intelligence: Moved that the board of education waive first reading and pass on second reading approval of Policy 6038 - Artificial Intelligence as discussed and recommended. 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. This is a new policy that was discussed in the retreat. We need to educate students and staff what AI is and how it could affect us. The policy was written by our attorneys.

-Policy 3001 Budget and Property Tax Request; 3003.1 Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair, or Related Projects Financed with Federal Funds; Policy 3004.1 Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds; Policy 3033 Lending Textbooks to Children

Enrolled in Private Schools; Policy 3036 Purchasing (Credit) Card Program; Policy, 3059 - Audio and Video Recording (formerly Policy 5063); 4003 Drug Policy Regarding Drivers; Policy 4045 Milk Expression; Policy 4059 Behavioral and Mental Health Training (Formerly named Suicide Prevention Training; Policy 5003 Admission of Part Time Students; Policy 5004 Option Enrollment; Policy 5035 Student Discipline; Policy 5049 Firearms and Weapons; Policy 5062 Lice and Nits; Policy 6003 Instructional Program; Policy 6004 Curriculum Development; and Policy 6025 Student Cell Phone and other Electronic Devices: Moved that the board of education waive first reading and reaffirm on second reading Policy 3001 Budget and Property Tax Request; 3003.1 Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair, or Related Projects Financed with Federal Funds; Policy 3004.1 Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds; Policy 3033 Lending Textbooks to Children Enrolled in Private Schools; Policy 3036 Purchasing (Credit) Card Program; Policy, 3059 - Audio and Video Recording (formerly Policy 5063); 4003 Drug Policy Regarding Drivers; Policy 4045 Milk Expression; Policy 4059 Behavioral and Mental Health Training (Formerly named Suicide Prevention Training); Policy 5003 Admission of Part Time Students; Policy 5004 Option Enrollment; Policy 5035 Student Discipline; Policy 5049 Firearms and Weapons; Policy 5062 Lice and Nits; Policy 6003 Instructional Program; Policy 6004 Curriculum Development; and Policy 6025 Student Cell Phone and other Electronic Devices. This motion, made by Christensen and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Mr. Green explained most have minimal changes. The major changes are 3059 which was changed to include not only students, but parents and staff to hold them accountable also; 5003 which will change the rules for part time students to participate in activities; 5004 which will change how students in special programs like special education, must be evaluated on an individual basis—you may no longer just close programs to options, and the numbers must now be set in October rather than the next February; 5035 which changes suspension rules for K-2 and written notifications to parents of suspended students to be sent within 48 hours which is what we currently do.

-Approval Of Handbooks-Secondary and Elementary Parent-Student; Teacher; and Activity: Moved that the Secondary and Elementary Parent-Student Handbooks, the Teacher's Handbook and the Activity Handbook be approved as presented and recommended. 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. Dr. Wemhoff talked of the changes including adding the policies passed tonight, changing our HELP program to have teachers present, adding academic coaching/tutoring and notifying parents of students on the ineligible list; initiating a late arrival/early release for seniors as long as they have enough credits which will begin second semester; adding AI to our cheating policy so if any dishonesty it will be able to be addressed; including conduct off school grounds to our code of conduct along with the parameters being set-coaches and sponsors will still have their handbooks in addition to this; National Honor Society will be inducted at the beginning of the year for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders so seniors have a full year of membership and will be able to include it on their resume'; and consequences for participating if ineligible.

Mr. Wagner: Added language and practices to clarify some of the tardiness in order to keep track more efficiently; changing mandatory attendance letters to after 10, 15 and 20 with the 20<sup>th</sup> day being reported to the county attorney; and updates to preschool information to clarify what it actually entails in the areas of selection, tuition and pick up/drop off.

-Wrestling Building Office Area: Moved that the board of education approve Mr. Drew Welchert to construct an office/storage area in the non-wrestling area of the Wrestling Building. 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. This will be at no cost to the district and make a more functioning area. Storage shelves etc. may be purchased at a later date.

-Board Goals for 2023-24: After the information received during the presentation at the retreat, more work will be done on the goals. This was tabled until the August meeting.

- Board Member Reports: Mike Bonacci commented on the gym floors and saving thousands doing it "in house", and was upset at the way our state aid turned out; Kelli Shaner said the retreat was great working with Marcia from NASB; Josh Christensen said the retreat was "good stuff"; and Amanda said Marcia gave the board a lot of insight into their workings.

-Administrator Reports:

- Dr. Wemhoff: Handbooks update, new teacher orientation, return to school letters to be sent; plan for south parking lot if the need arises; Mrs. Saalfeld and her students had a successful trip; Joe Doyle earned a National Skill Point Certificate in Atlanta for Firefighting through Skills USA; upcoming events including Administrator Days, new student registration, return to school and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade orientation; and the formal evaluations completed in 22-23.

- Mr. Wagner: Events including maintenance and cleaning, summer school, and preparing back to school letters; handbook updates; System of Care grant, professional development; upcoming events; and looking at the school improvement surveys to highlight challenges and share the results for an action plan.

- Mr. Schleifer: Reported activities are scheduled and published through the winter season; gym floor refinishing; summer camps with athletes and area youths; volleyball and football team camps; all fall sport athletes' parent meeting prior to the individual meetings for teams; Fall Sports Kick off: Junior high fall activities; and that all passes will remain the same price for 2023-24.

-Superintendent Report: Look to develop and revise board goals but Mr. Green said we are in the 3rd year of the technology goal so this one will remain; updates on the track/field project including the storage shed; upcoming Administrator Days for all administrators and David Relihan as there will be NDE personnel there for a "come work on your budget" workshop to help schools with budgets; and the area membership meeting on 9/19. He also thanked Amanda for getting Marcia Herring from NASB here for our retreat.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the president adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.