

August 2023 Board of Education Meeting
Monday, August 14, 2023
7:00 PM High School Media Center

as advertised in the *Enterprise/Pilot-Tribune*
and on fortcalhounschoools.org

ROUTINE BUSINESS

President Schrum called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 4 administrators and 5 visitors present.

-Excused Absences: Moved that the absence of Ted Welchert 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: Yea.

- 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-Absent, Excused.

-Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda be approved as presented. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Shaner, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Participation: Shanna Welch from Fort Calhoun asked when there would be discussion on the budget. She had thought it would be at this meeting. Mr. Green said the board will have a budget workshop on August 28th to discuss and answer questions as we have not received the certified valuations yet. Counties do not have to have them to the entities until on or before August 20th. Our board will have their Budget Hearing on September 11th, there will also be a county-wide budget meeting on September 21st. Our board will be meeting after that on September 25th to approve the budget.

-Approval of Claims: Moved that the claims for August be approved in the amount of \$77,264.10 from the General Fund, and \$191,599.40 from the Building Fund. 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: Mr. Green explained the claim from Electronic Sound to replace the audio systems that were working only sporadically in the high school gyms and Commons area that was approved by the board earlier in the year. The board is also making the final payment from General Funds for Activity/Athletic account support. The accounting for this will be on the August Activity Report.

-Abe's Trash Company: Moved that the claim from Abe's Trash Company be approved in the amount of \$1565.45. This motion, made by Bonacci and seconded by Shaner, Passed. Josh Christensen: Abstain Mike Bonacci: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea

-Consent Agenda: Moved that the Consent Agenda be approved 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. There was a question about the Food Service program and if there is any new information on food waste/inventory etc. as discussed prior to setting the prices. Mr. Green said there will be a report on the operational plans to make sure we can sustain the program after the change in prices.

-Standing Committee Reports: 1 additional visitor arrived. Finance: Josh Christensen reported on the budget update of 22-23 and look ahead to 23-24 with what was available and a possible

carryover balance; adjusting the property tax authority which would increase the lid not taxes; discussing and recommending updating the access/safety system in the buildings; an update on the track; additional special education costs with new students; recommending the District board goals that were formulated at the board retreat; and the various upcoming board meetings.

American Civics: Cassie Kelly reported that this committee too discussed budget updates, property tax authority, upgrading access/safety control, a track update, increased special education costs, board goals and upcoming meeting dates. They also reviewed several more policies they are recommending in order to keep progressing with updating policies.

-Policies 2013-Violation of Board Ethics; 2014-Relationship with District Legal Counsel; 2017-Indemnification and Liability Insurance; and 4012-Staff Internet and Computer Usage Moved that the board of education waive first reading and pass on second reading Policies 2013-Violation of Board Ethics; 2014-Relationship with District Legal Counsel; 2017-Indemnification and Liability Insurance; and 4012-Staff Internet and Computer Usage as discussed and recommended. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Shaner, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea. The policies are updated in progression, however 4012 needs to be accepted by staff so it was done also.

-Board Goals for 2023-24: Moved that the board of education adopt the board goals as presented for 2023-24. 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. The goals were those discussed with Marcia Herring from NASB and developed during and after the board retreat. Mr. Green said they were developed to fit our school. He also said this is the 3rd year of the technology goal, so there will be a total of 4. The goals adopted are:

- Continue to develop and revise a technology philosophy that will drive (guide) the district for the next 3 years (In year 3)
- To sustain effective and efficient use of resources focused on continuous improvement and support of student learning, safe and effective facilities and model fiscal responsibility.
- Commit to investing in hiring, development and retention using sustained measures to ensure a high performing staff.
- Communicate the district vision and sustain ongoing support of the continued improvement and growth of facilities, instruction, and learning needs for the students at Fort Calhoun Community Schools.

-Resolution to Establish a Line of Credit: Moved that the board of education institute a line of credit with WCB in the amount of \$450,000 for 2023-24. 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. This is for cash flow if needed, but it is a safety valve. If we don't use it we pay nothing.

-Prime Communications Upgrade to Access/Security Systems in District Facilities: Moved that the board of education approve the quote from Prime Communications to upgrade the access/security systems for District facilities. 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. Mr. Green gave the amounts on the quote and said it was for fobs, security system, and ADA and is the last big system that needs to be updated. He will get a timeline for completion.

-Fuel Bids for 2023-24: Moved that the board of education accept the bid of Taylor Oil at 5¢ per gallon off the pump price and from Calhoun Oil per past practices which is off road prices and 3 cents off per gallon for fuel for all school vehicles for 2023-24. 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. Mr. Green said we check with our suppliers annually for their bids.

Board Member Reports: Cassie Kelly reported she is excited for school to be starting; Mike Bonacci is glad to see the buildings full and fall activities taking place. He is anxious to get our valuations to finish the budgeting process. Kelli Shaner is anxious for school to be starting; Amanda Schrum was glad to be able to welcome staff back on the first day of preschool workshop, and thought all liked the video the kids made for them.

Administrator Reports:

Mr. Wemhoff attended Administrator Days and said was is good to get caught up with other schools, network with other administrators and learn new things. He thanked the board for the opportunity. He also reported on staff CPR training; the MTSS support training that will continue; 7th grade orientation; and gave an overview of students' first day. He commended the custodial staff as the building looked "phenominal" for the start of school, and he is completing training required by the state for administrators.

Mr. Wagner reported on events around the building including Back to School Night, upcoming testing, an update on the canopy for the preschool playground, that he attended orientation as he now is the parent of a 7th grader, and a new program for mental health support in the 5th and 6th grades. This program will use a universal screener to get a baseline to provide more support. Additionally reported Fort Calhoun elementary was selected to participate in NAEP testing second semester, professional development including HAL and the 6th grade position; upcoming events, and the administration will be working with information given to see what to celebrate and where to give more support from the Frameworks school improvement surveys.

Mr. Schleifer reported on the parents meeting with him and those held with the individual coaches which went well. It will be something that will be done each season. He also reported on the first game which will be at Bennington if our field is not completed, team pictures, posters and Senior banners; the upcoming Fall Sports Kickoff; and when the new scoreboards are coming, being installed and thanking Ted Welchert for his work on this. Homecoming will be October 7th including fireworks after the game on the 6th.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Green reported on board goals, including technology for the 3rd year and adopting the 3 new ones; and gave a track and field update saying there is a good possibility it will get done as extra workers were added. The board is taking a "wait and see" stance if it will waive the penalty if not done on time. We are hoping for the best. Option enrollment guidelines were changed in this past Unicameral session. He reminded the board of the new date to establish openings and how students who are denied must be tracked. He and Mrs. Dougherty will track the applicants and make the determinations. He also called attention to the upcoming calendar for board meetings and deadlines. The board then discussed the 6th grade position, long-term sub options, a timeline for getting answers, and notifying parents.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Schrum declared the meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.