

Regular April 2024 Meeting  
Monday, April 8, 2024 7:00 PM  
High School Media Center

as advertised in the *Pilot-Tribune/Enterprise* and  
on [fortcalhounschools.org](http://fortcalhounschools.org)

## ROUTINE BUSINESS

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. There were 3 administrators and 4 visitors present.
- Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted.
- Excused Absences: None-all present.
- Roll Call: Mike Bonacci-Present; Josh Christensen-Present; Cassie Kelly-Present; Amanda Schrum-Present; Kelli Shaner-Present; Ted Welchert-Present
- Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

## PRESENTATION

Mr. Wilson-Technology Director: Mr. Wilson reported every district is different regarding what this title encompasses. He included everything from core technology to functioning replacement and schedules. All of the systems in our buildings have been either replaced or refreshed. There is a need to put away money to replace systems on a reasonable schedule and not budget just for the physical devices. The non-physical include security systems, our networks, access points and intercoms and phones. A tentative schedule of expenses for all areas was handed out and discussed. E-Rate dollars will cover half of internal networking but there is still a need for budgeting for the future big ticket items. It takes about a year from grant to install so we need to have this in the works. The 7-12 chromebooks were leased at first and in 22-23 we were able to buy as prices went down and monies had been budgeted. The replacement schedule for 7-12 is 3 years with those devices, which have a 6-7 year lifespan, and they will move to the elementary. There are estimates on the sheet and prices are now coming down. Other technology includes copiers, software services for curriculum, Powerschool and our finance systems. We are confident at where we are now. Software and online curriculum will be the next services looking at how they are used. Mr. Green thanked Mr. Wilson and said he is coming up on his 5<sup>th</sup> year. Where we were and are now is a big difference. "Great work Paul".

## REGULAR AGENDA

- Public Participation: There was no one who wished to address the board.
- Approval of Claims: Moved that the claims for April be approved in the amount of \$104,703.04 from the General Fund, \$3,242.50 from QPC and \$48,231.19 from Savings & Depreciation. This motion, made by Shaner and seconded by Bonacci, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Mr. Green said they were nothing out of the ordinary. He and Cassie Kelly went over them and answered any questions. The QPC is our elementary Bond payment. All bills were straight forward.
- 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: Expenditures may show higher because the bulk of purchasing is done in the 9 months with students in the buildings, but are on track to be where we need to be. The large lunch fund balance and state regulations regarding this was discussed, and it was explained that after the state visitation a plan is being put in place to show that this will be used to compensate for the decrease in commodities/donated foods for the coming year.

-Standing Committee Reports: Finance-Josh Christensen reported on personnel matters and hirings; district track at Fort Calhoun and recommending having a no student day; updates to the Wrestling building; recommending Policy 3051 regarding overdose prevention; watching to see what the legislature will do with school finance; issues repairing the micro bus; extending our Science program one year and setting the adoption in 24-25; and kitchen renovation at the high school.

American Civics: Kelli Shaner reported they are recommending policies 3023, 3024 and 3025 for review with no changes. They also discussed the same matters as the Finance Committee.

-Policies:

- 3023 Record Management and Retention; 3024 Booster Clubs and Parent-Teacher Organizations Policy; 3025 Returned and Outstanding Checks. Moved that the board of education waive first reading and affirm on second reading Policies: 3023 Record Management and Retention; 3024 Booster Clubs and Parent-Teacher Organizations Policy; and 3025 Returned and Outstanding Checks. 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, Ted Welchert: Yea. The committee has reviewed these and are recommending them with no changes.

- 3051 Opioid Overdose Prevention and Response: Moved that the board of education waive 1st reading and pass on second reading Policy 3051 Opioid Overdose Prevention and Response. 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. This policy specifically lists Narcan. There were concerns with liability but we now have the go ahead and will do training for all staff. It has been written by our attorneys. Narcan has been available through our SRO, but now it will be stored in the nurses' offices and accessible to all staff. We feel it is a good policy.

-Offering Contracts for 2024-25

- Elementary Music Position: Moved that the board of education extend a contract of employment to Kinsey Knorr as Elementary Vocal Music beginning in 2024-25. This motion, made by Kelly 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 she brought great energy to the interview and we are excited to have her as she will bring "cool" things to the program.

- 5th Grade Teacher: Moved that the board of education extend a contract of employment to Eric Jones for 5th Grade beginning in 2024-25. 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. Green gave information about his previous experience and that he is working on his Middle School certification. He will be another good element for that area.

•High School Special Education: Moved that the board of education offer a contract of employment to Jolene Lengfelder as a high school special education teacher beginning in 2024-25. This motion, made by Shaner and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Dr. Wemhoff said she is currently in Ralston and lives where she passes by us every day. She wants a smaller school closer to home. She has great experience in all levels and her references are great.

•5-6th Grades Special Education: Moved that the board of education offer a contract of employment to Chelsea Ewart for 5-6th Grade Special Education. This motion, made by Shaner and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Mike Bonacci: Yea, Josh Christensen: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Kelli Shaner: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. She had been interviewed in February and we have been working with her and the state to amend her certificate to include special education which has been done. She is in district and has been waiting for the opportunity to be part of our staff. This is where she wants to be. She also has a bus driver permit which Mr. Green said is a big plus.

-Resignation: Moved that the resignation of Elementary Principal Drew Wagner be accepted at the end of his contract period. 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. Mr. Green said its been a pleasure having Drew in our district understanding where we were when he came. The difference is “night and day” with the staff he’s hired and led. He thanked him for his 12 years of service. Mr. Wagner said it is bittersweet and thanked all for their support. The opportunity to go full time military came and for he and his family, he couldn’t say no. “This journey has been special for us.”

-Board Member Reports: Mike Bonacci commented on all the Spring activities and is looking forward to graduation. Kelli Shaner thanked Mr. Wagner for his 12 years in the District and that he gave a fresh look at things. Josh Christensen also thanked him. Amanda Schrum said Prom and Post Prom were great and she is looking forward to all that is coming.

-Administrator Reports:

•Dr. Wemhoff: Reported that Prom and Post Prom were a success with over 150 students-more than in years past and thanked all who volunteered; Honors Night/Athletic Banquet works quite well being together; upcoming testing and information on the seniors’ last day; Midland University’s outstanding leadership awards went to Levi Lasher, Sam Genoways, Lucie Larsen and Anna Taylor earning them \$100,000 in scholarships over 4 years if they choose to go there; and upcoming events noting that not all are listed since there are quite a few and we are “running to the end”.

•Mr. Wagner: Reported on events around the building saying Mrs. Adams did a great job for Career Day; Eclipse Day was a lot of fun for all; upcoming events including Kindergarten Roundup, professional development, concerts, testing, and the Spring carnival, Field Day and the Talent Show. He will be here to help with the transition for school improvement and are now in the process of reviewing the results of the student surveys. Our external review dates have been set for November 5-6, 2024. Anita Saalfeld reported that Allie Schleifer was awarded NSEA's 2024 Community Service Award for her work with FCYSO.

•Mr. Schleifer’s report was noted.

-Superintendent Report and Legislative Update: Mr. Green reported on the board goals having a Tech report a couple of times a year; staff doing a good job and that we have full staff; and communication regarding the district vision. We will host District Track on May 7<sup>th</sup> and this will

be a no student day, with staff reporting to either help at the meet or work in their rooms. The principal position is posted and along with networking will have a slate of candidates. It is the intent to have interviews and extend a contract at the May meeting. He also reported on staff intent letters and the difficulty it will cause if we have any not returning, and gave an update on the legislature saying Governor Pilleen has said he would call them back if important issues were not resolved before they adjourn. There was a question about Fun at the Fort. Mr. Green explained it is a day for our Unified kids to have a fun day of competitions-our "special Olympics". It is held at the high school football field and parents and spectators are welcome to come.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.