

April 2025 Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 14, 2025 7:00 PM
High School Media Center

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

ROUTINE BUSINESS

-Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. There were 3 administrators and 2 visitors present.

∞Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So Noted

-Excused Absences: There were none; all members present

-Roll Call: Josh Christensen-Present; Tony Dowling-Present; Cassie Kelly-Present; Amanda Schrum-Present; Ryan Sevcik-Present; Ted Welchert-Present.

-Approval of Agenda: Moved that the agenda be approved as presented. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Sevcik, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

REGULAR AGENDA

-Public Participation: No one asked to address the board.

-Approval of Claims: Moved that the claims for April be approved in the amount of \$90,306.80 from the General Fund, and \$150,000.00 from the Building Fund . This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. There was nothing out of the ordinary. The bills were gone through and Mr. Green highlighted the quarterly claim from Arbor Family for counselors, ESU #3 for SPED tuition, air filters for all facilities, Renaissance Learning for periodicals and reading materials, and the final payment for the wrestling building. Approval of Claim from Abes Trash: Moved that the claim for Abes Trash be approved in the amount of \$1,692.50. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Sevcik, Passed. Josh Christensen: Abstain, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea.

-Consent Agenda: Moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea.

-Standing Committee Reports: Amanda Schrum reported on the American Civics meeting. Topics discussed were reviewing and recommending policies; a Tax Request Authority; an Interlocal Agreement for OT; personnel recommendations; adding a day to the calendar due to weather-related lost instructional time; drawing up an MOU with the Fort Calhoun Schools Foundation; information and recommendation to purchase a new van; placing the Transportation Director on the classified pay schedule; and an update on the Wrestling Building. The Finance Committee met and discussed the same topics.

-Resolution: Tax Request Authority: This action was tabled by consensus until the May meeting.

-Policies 5055-Enrollment in Kindergarten; 6010-Special Education; 6010.1-Special Education Procedures: Moved that the board of education waive first reading and pass on second reading Policies 5055-Enrollment in Kindergarten; 6010-Special Education; 6010.1-Special Education Procedures. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Sevcik, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Mr. Green explained the small changes including an updated test for early Kindergarten admittance.

-Resignation: Moved that the resignation of TJ O'Connor be accepted at the end of the contract year. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Mr. O'Connor was offered a teaching/coaching job at Wahoo which is a great opportunity for him. He has been great organizing and involving kids in our youth programs and has done all that has been asked of him at school. He will be missed.

-Offering Contracts for 2025-26

•Technology Director: Moved that the board of education extend a contract of employment to Jim Cody as Technology Director. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Dowling, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. He is now handling technology at MCH in Blair and was at North Bend Schools for 14 years before that. He misses education and has been working with all the same systems and is a very good fit for us. We are fortunate to have hired him.

•High School Science: Moved that the board of education extend a contract to Beau Schwenka as a high school Science teacher. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Sevcik, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Not only is Mr. Schwenka certified in science he will be able to take over our head basketball coaching position. He has worked at Westside and DC West teaching science and being assistant basketball coach at both. He is a good fit and already working with Mr. O'Connor in our youth programs. He will "hit the ground running."

-Interlocal Agreement for Occupational Therapist: Moved that the board of education accept the interlocal agreement with Arlington Public Schools for an Occupational Therapist. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Schrum, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. The schools have been contracting with a provider, and it has been good. We had joined with Arlington in the past and this agreement will give us consistency in personnel for our students. The agreement includes a little increase.

-MOU with the Fort Calhoun Community Schools Foundation: Moved that the board of education accept the MOU drawn up with the Fort Calhoun Community Schools Foundation. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Our relationship with the Foundation has always been there but with different personnel it is best to put it in writing. The MOU spells out what our relationship is and what each does in order to understand what the school allows and what they are doing.

Purchase of a New Van: Moved that the board of education approve the purchase of a Ford X9CM T350 MR Pass XL AWD van from Woodhouse Ford for a purchase price of \$71,373.00. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Kelly, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. We have one van that was ordered in October. Mr. Green called and asked where it was and was also told that a 2025 that will be coming available. This is good timing as the school will need it in the coming year. He got more information about timing and the price. The money is in S&D. There is an extended warranty and the current vans are being replaced on schedule.

Board Member Reports: Ryan Sevcik thanked the board and administration for acting quickly on all the "moving parts"; Tony Dowling wished everyone safe travels for the Easter holiday; Amanda Schrum said the Prom was nice and a lot of fun for the kids and that the schools are now on a "race to the end" thanking the board and administration for all they do.

• Dr. Wemhoff reported on the successful Prom and Post Prom and thanked all of those who were involved in planning these events; our on-line testing for PACT and ACT went well and there is only a 1 ½ to 2 week turnaround for results; upcoming NSCAS testing; 3 students selected for the Midland University Outstanding Leadership Award with Midland increasing

their award to \$28,000 per year; Honors Night/Athletic Banquet is May 1st; the Seniors' last day is May 7th with graduation on May 10th; and upcoming events including District Music, and Junior High and Senior High and Jazz Band concerts. He thanked the board for their support.

- Mrs. Horstman reported on the 6th Grade HAL Quiz Bowl competition; upcoming building events including the Spring Concert, testing, Kindergarten Round-up, the carnival and Field Day; continuing professional development; preschool numbers for 2025-26; and the NSCAS/ NWEA testing windows with Pep Rallies planned for the students.

- Mr. Schleifer was supervising an activity, and his report was noted.

-Superintendent Report and Legislative Update: Mr. Green reported on Board Goals; an update to the calendar to keep us in compliance with the instructional hours required by the State; an update on staff for 2025-26 saying all our certified staff has been hired which is a big deal this early; and bills that were introduced in the Unicameral relating to support for “funded mandates”, teaching students the etiquette of folding our American flag and how this would be financed; increasing the count for early childhood programs students from .06 to 1 which would result in an increase to the formula for reimbursement, and that with only 29 days left in the session school finance and property tax will hopefully come to the forefront in the next several weeks. There could be “Christmas Tree” legislation coming putting bills on top of bills which could include on-line gambling. In conclusion he gave Dr. Wemhoff and Mrs. Horstman a big thank you for the great staff building trivia event they spearheaded.

ADJOURNMENT

-There being no further business, the president adjourned the meeting at 7:31PM.