

May 2025 Board of Education Meeting  
Monday, May 12, 2025 7:00 PM  
High School Media Center

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

## ROUTINE BUSINESS

-Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 7:01PM with 3 administrators and 1 visitor present.

-Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted

-Excused Absences: There were none. All members were present.

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

-Approval of Agenda: Moved that the 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

## REGULAR AGENDA

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

-Approval of May Claims: Moved that the claims for May be approved in the amount of \$126,082.24 from the General Fund, \$12,480.04 from Savings and Depreciation, and \$2,620.00 from the QCP Fund. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. Mr. Green explained the Carpenter bill for paper supplies for 2025-26 which is paid ahead as has been in the past, supplies are delivered and discounts are applied; and Imagine Learning which is software licenses for our PLC and some high school curriculum.

-Approval of Claim for Abe's Trash Service: Moved that the claim for Abe's Trash be approved in the amount of \$1,692.50. This motion, made by Kelly and seconded by Schrum, 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: There were none. No committees met.

-Resolution 2025-4: Vote to Increase Base Growth Percentage Used to Determine Property Tax Request Authority: Moved that the board of education pass Resolution 2025-4: Vote to Increase Base Growth Percentage Used to Determine Property Tax Request Authority. 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. This is not an increase but relates to the tax base. This was not necessary when it was introduced 2 year ago. It may be necessary now to keep our property tax authority request where it needs to be to build our budget.

-Resolution-Updating Staff to WCB Accounts: Moved that the board of education pass Resolution #2025-5 to add Jim Cody-Technology Director and Beau Schwenka-Teacher/Coach to the WCB accounts previously held by TJ O'Connor who will be removed. 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. This is required by the bank for new employees to have access.

-Policies 3047-Data Breach Response; 3049-Drones and Unmanned Aircraft; and 3050-Technology in the Classroom: Moved that the board of education waive first reading and pass on second reading Policies 3047-Data Breach Response; 3049-Drones and Unmanned Aircraft; and 3050-Technology in the Classroom. This motion, made by Schrum and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea. 3047 and 3050 have no changes. 3049 was changed to add using drones in buildings as some of our curriculum includes doing this.

-Board Member Reports: Members reported its “a good week to be a Pioneer” with all the student/team accomplishments; congratulated the seniors who graduated and commended the administration for their great job; and that Elementary field day at the high school was “awesome”. Amanda Schrum called attention to the article in the paper about one of our students and inclusion, highlighting how our community/staff/everyone all play a part in this. A second visitor arrived.

-Administrator Reports: Dr. Wemhoff spoke about graduation knowing everyone would make it and thanked the board members for their help in making it awesome. Honors Night and the upcoming Junior High Awards programs are a fun way to celebrate the kids and their hard work. State assessments are completed and our scores are comparable to past years. He thanked the PFE for all they did to make our staff appreciated, and finished saying we are in the final stretch with the last day is coming fast.

Mrs. Horstman reported on the success of the HAL Quiz Bowl team at ESU’s competition and participants’ success at the Battle of the Books. She highlighted upcoming events including the Talent Show and end of the year celebrations; professional development and completing the end of the year testing. There will be a new Buddy Bench on the playground and a new tree planted in front of the school which is being donated by Hagar Outdoor Landscaping Company. She gave a “big thank you” to the PFE for celebrating our staff.

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

-Superintendent Report and Legislative Update: Mr. Green reported on goals, meeting with custodial staff to layout plans for summer projects; the board touring the facilities during the July board retreat; because of conflicts in schedules, the consensus for the board retreat is July 22, 2025 from 1-5 PM; and ground work for the new bleachers will begin this next week with the bleachers being installed likely in June. The legislature has been working on the state budget, debating back and forth on where to make cuts and that ESU’s may have a cap on the amount they can levy which would impact schools; and other impacts on school budgets that could be coming. He received compliments on the great graduation and elementary field day. Amanda Schrum commented on the number of dogs at field day and being on the turf. Mr. Green said signage will be posted and an information push will happen for next year per our policy, which will be enforced. He had family visitors in the building and they commented on our “really good” district: and were impressed with the building.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 7:21.