

Regular August 2025 Meeting
Monday, August 11, 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 7:00PM. There were 4 administrators and 5 visitors.

-Note Nebraska Open Meeting Laws: So noted.

-Excused Absences: There were none-all 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 Christensen, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

PRESENTATION-FINE ARTS BOOSTER CLUB

Mark and Linda Welsher presented information on a Fine Arts Booster Club they and others have been working to establish. It would include, Art, Choir, the musical, Speech, Band, Drama and Show Choir. This is being established under the Fort Calhoun Foundation's 501 program. Sponsors will submit "want sheets" for items they want, don't have but would like to have. They are working hard for a capital campaign to get an auditorium for our students. They will advertise and it will be a great thing for all kids.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

-Approval of Claims: Moved that the claims be approved from the General Fund in the amount of \$83,177.19 and \$68,566.00 from the Building Fund. 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. The bills were gone over prior to the meeting with Mr. Green and Ted Welchert. The noted claims were for our preschool inservice guest speaker, Administrator Days in Kearney, the First National bill being high because of ordering for 25-26; electrical work at the Elementary, 3-year renewal for our security door systems, and the new visitor bleachers.

-Abe's Trash Company: Moved that the claim from Abe's Trash Company be approved in the amount of \$1,692.50. This motion, made by Schrum 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 Christensen, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

-Standing Committee Reports: Neither committee met but the board recognized the members of the American Civics Committee as a state requirement. They are Tony Dowling, Amanda Schrum and Ryan Sevcik.

-Resolution to Establish a Line of Credit: Moved that the board of education pass Resolution 2025-7 to authorize the administration to secure a line of credit in the amount of \$450,000.00. The board passes a resolution which authorizes a line of credit with WCB in the event it is needed during the year. The amount of \$450,000 is what has been secured for several years and dates to when the district had a diminished cash flow. This motion, made by Sevcik and seconded by Christensen, Passed. Josh Christensen: Yea, Tony Dowling: Yea, Cassie Kelly: Yea, Amanda Schrum: Yea, Ryan Sevcik: Yea, Ted Welchert: Yea

-Special Meeting for a Budget Workshop and to Finalize 2024-25: Moved that the board of education schedule a second August 2025 meeting on August 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM as a special meeting for a budget workshop and to finalize 2024-25. This motion, made by Kelly 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 that the valuations should be in by then and they will have the information necessary to make the decisions for the 25-26 budget. The district is in good shape and there could be a motion for monies to be put forward for next year according to what the board discusses. Final bills will be approved and the valuations for 25-26 will be available. Principals have submitted "wish lists" and some of the items have been approved. The board will be able to pinpoint our end-of-the-year excess and how they want to proceed. They will then look at valuations to be able to plug in numbers and decide what the budget will be. Committees will be meeting to go through and discuss the process and information.

Wrestling Building Fire Lane: Moved that the board of education accept the bid from Peitzmeier Demolition and Concrete Cutting, Inc. to install a new fire lane to the Wrestling Building in the amount of \$17,100.00 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. Nick Pane has granted permission to use access to his drive to make a lane for fire/emergency vehicles to the Wrestling building. The board discussed easements, possibly having to extend the culvert under the drive, where it will be located, and how to keep people from parking there. The Fire Marshall and Fort Calhoun Fire have agreed to the plan which will be on the east side. There will be signage and a possible gate on the entrance to deter people from parking there.

-Board Member Reports: Members were excited for the start of the year and the start of Fall sports. It is good to see all the kids in the buildings. Josh Christensen said it was enjoyable to come speak to the staff on their first day.

3.10. Administrator Reports: Dr. Wemhoff thanked Josh for speaking at inservice to the staff; reported on Administrator Days and learning the changes that are coming; the certification of staff for CPR; rotations for students on the first day for all the information sessions they will need; staff professional development and the great resource we have for this through ESU #3; finishing administrator training that the state requires; and meeting with the staff committee working on cheating etc. to finalize the specifics for the handbook and have it ready to go. Mrs. Horstman reported on this year's theme of "Shine Bright" and how the students and staff are celebrating it. She highlighted upcoming events; the new hires at the elementary and professional development.

Mr. Schleifer reported the 2025-26 activities have been scheduled and published, gym floors have been resurfaced, he commended our coaches now that the Summer activities have come to an end, and said a new batting cage is in place for softball. He then highlighted coming dates.

-Superintendent Report: Mr. Green reported on board goals; the administrative calendar which

includes valuations, budget processes and upcoming meetings. He stated that Fort Calhoun might not be included in the joint public budget hearing this year. There were no bids for the old van so it will be advertised for sale. A new federal directive regarding student transportation states that after 25-26 none of our old vans will be usable for students. Vans must have a capacity of no more than 10 when carrying students. We do need the van space for transporting but with a large number of the state's school vans becoming obsolete it may be difficult to get any. Some schools are going with Suburbans or Expeditions. The first day of school went well and he thanked Josh for speaking and said it is important that our staff sees our boardsmanship. Our guest speaker was Ed Servais who spoke about impact teachers have on kids even though not immediate, the impact his teachers had on him, and his on others. He said teaching is important and it is the "first most important job in the world".

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Christensen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33PM.